

# Lifespan

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you.” Jeremiah 1:5

## 2018 Third Quarter

### Worldwide News... [Source: SPUC]

**Africa**—Thanks to President Trump’s reinstatement of the Mexico City policy by executive order at the outset of his presidency, two of the world’s most prolific abortion performers have been forced to partially shut down their operations in the continent. The UK-based Marie Stopes International (MSI) has closed 22 of its 62 Madagascar-based outreach teams, 17 of its 35 in Uganda, and 600 of its 1,200 in Zimbabwe according to sources. The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) has closed 22 programs in sub-Saharan Africa. Both groups will also be canceling programs in Togo, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, and Burkina Faso.

**Argentina**—By a vote of 129–123, the lower chamber of the nation’s Congress approved a bill that would legalize abortion up to the 14th week of pregnancy, as well as later term abortions for fetal abnormalities and cases where the “psychological” health of the woman is negatively affected. The latter is the Trojan horse to allow for abortion on demand at any gestational age. Pro-abortion forces have unsuccessfully tried five times in the past to get legislation through the Congress. The measure is expected to fail in the Senate; however, there is no guarantee as is evidenced by the capitulation of one Catholic nation after another that has moved to embrace abortion. President Macri, who claims to be pro-life, has indicated that he will not veto the bill if it passes the Senate.

**Australia**—A new law in Australia requires Catholic priests in Canberra to break the sacred seal of confession to report a child-sex abuser. The law, which has drawn fierce opposition from Archbishop Christopher Prowse of Canberra, could result in faithful priests being jailed who refuse to comply. The Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) passed the bill that extends mandatory reporting of child abuse to cover churches and church activities, including the Catholic confessional. All the political parties in the Assembly supported the measure. However well intentioned the bill may be, it is a crippling blow to religious freedom and the separation of church and state.

**Britain**—The parents of Alfie Evans have begun to publicly speak about the state execution of their son and the grave injustice that was done. After a hospital determined that Alfie should be removed from a ventilator, his parents began a battle to take their son to an Italian hospital that had agreed to treat him. Despite worldwide public support and the gesture of citizenship granted by the Italian government to expedite the process, the British courts refused to allow the child to be released to his own parents’ custody, holding fast to the idea that it was *in the best interest of Alfie for him to die*. After the child unex-

pectedly continued to breathe on his own, the hospital refused food and fluids and administered various drugs by injection, thereby ensuring his death. This farce was perpetuated when the coroner ruled that Alfie died of “natural causes” and as such no autopsy was required. Interestingly, another couple that had faced a situation similar to the Evans’ did in fact “abduct” their son from a British hospital in 2014 to seek trailblazing cancer treatment elsewhere in Europe. Brett and Nagemeh King set off an international manhunt after they removed Ashya, then 5 years old, from Southampton General Hospital against medical advice and fled the country according to the UK Daily Mail. After two days on the run, the Kings were arrested in Spain at the request of British authorities, and held for 72 hours in Madrid on charges of child cruelty. Ashya was placed under guard in a Spanish hospital, “where he howled with despair and confusion,” according to witnesses. Efforts to extradite the couple back to Britain failed when prosecutors concluded the risk to Ashya King’s life “was not as great or immediate as . . . originally thought.” Since receiving treatment, Ashya has been cancer free for three years. One can only wonder what would have happened to Ashya had his parents not risked all to save him.

**Canada**—In a 7-2 decision, the Canadian Supreme Court has destroyed religious liberty and imposed upon its citizens a totalitarian state religion of secularism. In the ruling, the Court essentially told Trinity Western University Law School (TWU) that its biblical standards are incompatible with accreditation. In other words, *Christianity and higher education are not compatible*. TWU is a Christian university that requires its students and faculty to live by basic Christian standards; those standards would preclude fornication, adultery and homosexual relationships. The world-view the school advocates is the antithesis of secularism and as a result the Canadian government made sure to silence their students by prohibiting them from practicing law. Is this a glimpse into our future in the U.S. if the progressive left is left unchecked?

**European Union (EU)**—In a recent decision, the European Court of Justice ruled that all EU member states must welcome same-sex spouses of EU citizens, even when they are not EU nationals. This ruling falls just short of imposing an obligation to recognize homosexual marriage on all EU member states, even where it is not legal.

**Ireland**—The Republic of Ireland has fallen. A coalition of the powerful—Irish politicians who ran on pro-life platforms a few short years ago who abruptly betrayed their supporters, the international abortion industry, the media, much of academia, a gaggle of celebrities, and the European elites—have finally prevailed in their relentless efforts to persuade the Irish people to become the first to bring in abortion on demand by popular vote. They voted for abortion in wide margins, and many, if not most, did so with their eyes wide open. There was scarcely a lamppost in the country that did not feature a sign warning them that nearly all abortions would be perpetrated against healthy children, and that Ireland’s abortion regime would permit feticide up until six months, and that voting “Yes” would be granting the abortion industry a license to kill. Exit polls showed that approximately 87% of 18-24 year olds voted to legalize abortion. Almost four decades ago, in 1983, the

Irish voted by **67% to add the 8th Amendment to their constitution, protecting the sanctity of unborn life.** Silence from the Catholic bishops and the Vatican did not help the demise of the cause for life and the faith of the people of Ireland in their slow march to embrace policies of death and destruction. Within days of the legalization of abortion, Ireland's homosexual prime minister, Leo Varadkar, announced that when the new liberalization laws come into effect, all hospitals in the country will be obliged to perform abortions, including Catholic institutions. So now, the persecution of the faithful begins as the nation reaps what it has sown.

### **National News... [Source: SPUC]**

**Alabama**—A child who was declared brain dead by doctors suddenly regained consciousness one day before physicians were to harvest his organs for donation. The boy, 13-year-old Trenton McKinley, suffered multiple skull fractures in a dune buggy accident. At the hospital, Trenton died several times while the doctors treated his injuries, leaving him clinically dead for a total of 15 minutes. Consequently, the doctors informed his mother, Jennifer Reindl, that her son would not regain consciousness and that his case was “hopeless”. Reindl later told reporters that she only accepted the organ donation plan in order to buy more time for her son, as the doctors would only extend life support if the donation plan were in place. The medical community's rush to judge a life hopeless nearly cost Trenton his own life, a story that is sadly becoming commonplace in our society.

**California**—In a victory for the cause of life, a California judge overturned the state's assisted suicide law, ruling that the legislature acted outside the scope of its authority when it enacted the End of Life Option Act. The Act's sponsors introduced the bill in a special session of the legislature convened by Governor Jerry Brown to address Medicaid funding shortfalls, services for the disabled, and in-home health support services. Pro-life attorneys argued that the End of Life Option Act, which decriminalizes physician-assisted suicide, is not related or even incidental to the stated purpose of the special session. Suicide is not health care. Riverside Superior Court Judge Daniel Ottolia agreed, holding that “the End of Life Option Act does not fall within the scope of access to healthcare services,” and that it “is not a matter of health care funding.”

**California**—Gay rights groups, as predicted, are out of control in the state. In Sacramento, the California Assembly passed legislation broad enough to ban the sale of books that address helping people overcome unwanted same-sex attractions. AB 2943 cleared the chamber by a “bipartisan” vote of 50-14, according to CBS Sacramento. The measure adds advertising, offering to engage in, or engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual to the state's list of illegal “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result or that results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer.” Other states have conversion therapy bans in place, but these apply only to minors. California is the first state that would ban adults from voluntarily obtaining the treatment. In Orange County, the progressive left has targeted its children in the form of new abortion and homosexuality—promoting sex

education lessons. In OC, parents were told that these lessons are mandatory. California enacted the California Healthy Youth Act in 2015, but only now are its controversial provisions starting to take effect in classrooms. Under the auspices of health, the law says it will equip students to develop “healthy attitudes” on “gender [and] sexual orientation,” among other things. It also says it will inform students about the “effectiveness and safety of all FDA-approved contraceptive methods,” and facilitate “objective discussion” about “parenting, adoption, and abortion.”

**District of Columbia**—A federal judge has ruled that the federal government must notify underage illegal immigrants in its custody that they have a legal right to obtain abortions. U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan, an Obama appointee, ruled that, starting “immediately,” the Trump administration must distribute written notices of the “right” to abortion “to all unaccompanied minors,” the *Washington Times* reports.

**Iowa**—As anticipated, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Planned Parenthood have filed suit to prevent the implementation of the state's new Heartbeat Law that was scheduled to go into effect on July 1st. The new law, signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds on May 4th, would prevent abortions on babies with detectable heartbeats, which would stop most abortions in the 6-8 week range as the fetus' heart begins to beat at about 21 days gestational age. The law allowed exceptions for babies conceived in rape if reported within 45 days, babies conceived in incest if the incest is reported within 140 days, or fetal abnormalities deemed “incompatible with life,” and for physical threats to the mother's life.

**Maryland**—The state of Maryland has become the 11th state to ban conversion therapy for minors. The Youth Mental Health Protection Act passed the state Senate in March by a vote of 34-12 and the House by a 95-27 margin. Starting in October, it will be illegal to perform on a minor “any effort to change the behavioral expression of an individual's sexual orientation, change gender expression, or eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.” Violators will be deemed to have “engaged in unprofessional conduct” and risk a suspension or revocation of their health or childcare licenses. The problem with these laws is that they completely trample on the freedom of parents and minors who do not subscribe to the “born gay” theory and those who hold a Christian worldview of God's plan for sexuality.

**New York**—In May, the Met held its major fundraising benefit that serves as an opening celebration for the Institute's annual fashion exhibit. Following the event, the exhibition runs for several months. This year's theme was: “**Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination.**” Its innocuous title did not hint at the true nature of the event which was borderline sacrilegious. Worse yet, it seems that the Vatican gave its “imprimatur” to the event by loaning sacred vestments to the Met. The Met used these vestments as a base for designers to create contemporary costumes and gowns. The issue was the nature of the designs: a dalmatic of Pope Pius IX is presented with Coco Chanel and Versace's, a bizarre cross-studded bondage mask, low cut revealing gowns, etc. In the words of Raymond Arroyo, EWTN anchor: “*The juxtaposition and*

proximity is borderline sacrilege. To Catholics, these liturgical items point to a sacred reality: mainly, to Jesus Christ, truly present on the altar, which is the place these religious garments were meant to inhabit.” Cardinal Timothy Dolan defended the Met Gala event as a “a celebration of what we call the evangelization of culture . . . I did not find the spirit of the evening to be offensive or blasphemous at all.”

**Ohio**—According to a federal judge, the state of Ohio cannot defund Planned Parenthood, despite legally enacted legislation to the effect. A three-judge panel of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the state couldn’t enforce a 2016 law forbidding the distribution of federal health subsidies to any entity that commits or promotes elective abortions. The law stood to defund 28 Planned Parenthood facilities and deprive Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and Southwest Ohio of almost \$1.5 million.

**Pennsylvania**—Children with Down syndrome and their families achieved an astounding victory as the Pennsylvania House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed legislation designed to protect preborn babies who have been diagnosed with an extra chromosome. House Bill 2050, the Down Syndrome Protection Act, achieved passage by an incredible vote of 139-56. The bill passed with a veto-proof majority—extremely important in a Commonwealth led by a pro-abortion Governor, Tom Wolf.

**Nationwide**—The importance of Constitutionalist justices has never been more evident than in the recent rulings of the Court:

1. On June 26th, the Court struck down a California law that required pregnancy centers to provide written information advertising how to obtain abortions in the state at taxpayer expense, and requiring those without medical licenses to post disclaimers that they do not offer medical services. Justice Clarence Thomas penned the majority 5-4 opinion in *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra* stating that the law violated 1st Amendment free speech guarantees.
2. On June 4th, the Court ruled by a 7-2 majority that the state of Colorado discriminated against the Masterpiece Cakeshop owner’s religious beliefs while trying to force him to provide a cake for a same-sex “wedding.”

### Did You Know...

- **Did you know that** pro-homosexual websites and social media users are promoting the story of a three-year-old child who is supposedly “openly gay?” The LGBT website Pride shared a series of tweets from a woman named Caren, who says her three-year-old nephew/godchild “proudly admits that he is gay.” According to Caren, the boy’s interests include braiding hair, putting makeup on dolls, and pretending to be a beauty queen.
- **Did you know that** an investigative report has revealed that for years Facebook (FB) allowed the existence of a group page where older gay men negotiated the trading of sex for shelter for young homeless men? The Facebook group is called “Gay Houseboys and those who hire them” and describes itself as a “group for gay men seeking gay boys to work for them as houseboys, and for gay house-

boys seeking employment.” Despite adding “No nude pics” and “no ‘hookup’ posts,” its members did post ads enticing young men to exchange sex for a place to stay.

- **Did you know that** a gathering of scouts slated for next summer would include condoms that must be “readily and easily accessible for all participants” of any age? The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) has announced that its 24th World Scout Jamboree will be held from Sunday, July 21, 2019 to Thursday, August 1, 2019. It will be the first to be jointly hosted by all three umbrella organizations covering North America: Scouts Canada, the Boy Scouts of America, and Asociación de Scouts de México.
- **Did you know that** a school board in an elite suburb of Washington, DC attracted national attention when it was disclosed that it intended to remove “Clergy” from its list of trusted adults? A parental uproar ensued in Virginia’s Fairfax County when Catholic Bishop Michael Burbidge penned a letter to the editor of a local paper, saying, “*What a great insult to our clergy who give their lives in service to God’s people, to God’s young people (helping) them to do what is good and right.*”
- **Did you know that** a Newfoundland judge has declared a polyamorous trio of one woman and two men all legal parents of the child the woman gave birth to last year? The decision is the first of its kind in Canada. None of the partners in this relationship is married and, while the identity of the mother is clear, the biological father of the child is unknown. The judge did not seem aware of the existence of paternity tests.
- **Did you know that** Netflix has released a brief preview for a cross-dressing themed superhero cartoon? It will debut later this year on the popular streaming platform. Netflix has also promised more gay superheroes in the future.
- **Did you know that** Picasso promiscuously pursued women and brutally discarded them with such frequency that there are mysterious women who appear in his work that we know virtually nothing about? One of these women is Madeleine—historians are clueless as to her last name—which Picasso immortalized in his *Madeleine, Summer 1904* and several other works. She is also probably the melancholic, deathly-pink girl in *Girl in a Chemise*—and as Picasso admitted years later when the painting surfaced again, she’d just had an abortion. She hadn’t wanted to—Picasso had to pressure her into disposing of the child they’d created together.
- **Did you know that** more of our youth are engaging in risky homosexual behavior as a result of society’s push to indoctrinate kids in school? A major Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study details the stats. In 2017, almost 15% (14.6%) of teens labeled themselves “gay, lesbian, bisexual or unsure.” In 2015, that figure was 11.2%. The “bisexual” label is rising fast, especially among girls. In 2015, 9.8% of girls called themselves bisexual. In 2017, that number rose to 13.1%. And sexual experimentation is sharply higher between the “GLB” and “unsure” teens than among their heterosexual peers.

➤ **Did you know that** the World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that it no longer considers gender dysphoria to be a mental disorder, choosing instead to classify it as “gender incongruence?” The revision is made in the latest International Classification of Diseases (ICD) that establishes standardized diagnosis coding for medical professionals. The same exact declassification was made for homosexuality, simply on the basis of political pressure and not scientific fact.

### **Catholic Watch...**

The Archdiocese of Albuquerque is currently hosting a conference run by a dissident priest organization with the full support of Santa Fe Archbishop John Wester.

The conference, put on by the Association of United States Catholic Priests (AUSCP), is in full swing until June 28. It features Archbishop Wester as its Episcopal Moderator.

AUSCP has advocated for homosexuals to be admitted to the priesthood contrary to Church teaching, championed the ordination of married men, and pressed for the ordination of women to the diaconate.

The AUSCP is part of an “international coalition of heretical ‘church reform’ organizations called the International Church Reform Network,” reports Michael Hichborn, president of the Lepanto Institute, who is at the event. Hichborn says that Wester is “playing host for heretics.”

In other news, another high-profile liberal U.S. cardinal has been removed from public ministry for credible and substantiated allegations of abuse of a minor.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, a former priest of the Archdiocese of New York and cardinal emeritus of Washington D.C., “is no longer to exercise publicly his priestly ministry,” says a news release from New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

“The review board found the allegations credible and substantiated,” Dolan’s statement said.

### **Notable Quotables...**

The Pope’s biographer and one of his most ardent defenders in a tweet unwittingly revealed an indication of the true state of the Catholic Church under the Francis pontificate:

*“One time, the fringe at big Catholic events was made up of LGBT groups, women’s ordination & ‘Church of the poor’ advocates, complete with their friendly bishops,” observed Catholic journalist and papal biographer Austen Ivereigh in a June 18, 2018 Tweet. “Now the fringe is occupied by traditionalists (inc. bishops) pushing a 1930 encyclical as a way out of ‘confusion’.”*

**Austen Ivereigh**@austeni

The best response to those who wish to remake the Church in their own image:

*“Voce Ecclesiae Loquor (I speak with the voice of the Church)” (Serm. 129, 4) and, therefore with the voice of Jesus Christ; thus, with subtlety and efficacy, he should take upon himself the full responsibility of pastor and guide. Every priest, every bishop will keep in mind that on the terrible Day of Judgment he himself will have to answer before God for the*

*sins of those whom he was unable to reform because of his own negligence . . .*

*“The glory of this age passes; on Judgment Day all these honors will be good for nothing. It is not my intention to waste my life on the vanity of ecclesiastical honors. I think of the day when I will have to render an accounting for the flock that has been entrusted to me by the Prince of pastors. Understand my fears, because my fears are great.”*

**St. Augustine, on the duty of the priesthood**

### **Say What?**

*“Choosing when to parent is an act of love. For my patients that were already parenting, I feel the deep love they had both for the children they had and for the pregnancies they were ending. Choosing an abortion is an act of love.”*

—@dr\_moayedi <http://bit.ly/2rBzWjt>

*“You can’t impose, really, obligations on people who are only two weeks old and you can’t say to them at seven or eight or 14 or 19 ‘here is what you contracted, here is what you signed up to’ because the truth is they didn’t.”*

Mary McAleese, May 2018, Former Irish President (1997-2011)

Quote from a statement in which McAleese claimed that Catholic infant baptism breaches fundamental human rights, calling babies baptized into the Catholic Church “infant conscripts who are held to lifelong obligations of obedience.”

“Conscripts” is a term normally reserved to describe those who are drafted for compulsory military service. McAleese is an outspoken critic of Catholic moral teaching.

### **Political Action Corner...**

#### **Issue**

Netflix and Suicide:

#### **Details**

Netflix original series “13 Reasons Why” has been directly linked to teen suicides. Several teens who have viewed this show have mimicked the suicide scene in taking their own lives, yet Netflix plans to release the second season with thirteen new episodes. They have added a disclaimer and the number to a suicide prevention hotline, but this is NOT enough!

Here’s the disclaimer in full:

*“13 Reasons Why is a fictional series that tackles tough, real-world issues, taking a look at sexual assault, substance abuse, suicide, and more. By shedding a light on these difficult topics, we hope our show can help viewers start a conversation. But if you are struggling with these issues yourself, this series may not be right for you or you may want to watch it with a trusted adult. And if you ever feel you need someone to talk with, reach out to a parent, a friend, a school counselor, or an adult you trust, call a local helpline, or go to 13ReasonsWhy.info. Because the minute you start talking about it, it gets easier.”*

Will teens listen to the warning or be further drawn into viewing the show that is popular with their peers?

#### **Action Steps**

Contact Netflix and express your concerns. Ask them to pull both season 1 and season 2. Their number is 1-866-579-7172 or you can contact them via Live Chat on their website <https://help.netflix.com/en/contactus>.

## **Issue**

Chief Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his resignation from the Supreme Court at the end of June, paving the way for President Trump to nominate a conservative, constitutionalist judge that will uphold life and liberty.

## **Action**

Please contact your Senators and ask them to support President Trump's nomination at this critical juncture in our nation's history!

Find senator at: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/index.htm>

## **Food For Thought...**

In June, a Michigan judge sentenced two pro-life advocates to 45 days in jail.

Monica Migliorino Miller, executive director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, and Will Goodman were arrested June 1st outside the Women's Center of Michigan, run by abortionist Jacob Kalo.

They were charged with breaching 48th District Court Judge Marc Barron's probation order to not go within 500 feet of any abortion center in the United States.

Barron told the two Thursday they were "anarchists" who followed their own laws, and referred to Goodman, a full-time pro-life activist, as "a danger to society," according to Lynn Mills of Pro-Life Michigan, who was at the hearing.

Miller and Goodman countered that they followed God's laws. Barron sentenced the five in March to eight hours of community service and a \$500 fine each, as well as one year's reporting probation with the conditions to stay 500 feet away from every abortion center in the U.S., and not contact each other.

The sentence is unprecedented in its scope and severity.

Will Goodman, accused of being an anarchist felt compelled to write a public letter defending himself from the Judge's bias. Here is his letter in full:

*Dear Editor:*

*My name is Will Goodman, and I am a prisoner of conscience at the Oakland County Jail, serving a 45-day sentence for non-violent direct action to protect innocent lives at an abortion facility, and for civil disobedience in response to my probation, which took away my constitutional right of free speech. I was arrested holding a sign on a public sidewalk. The sign read, "Peace Begins in the Womb."*

*On June 14, Judge Marc Barron (48th District Court) pronounced the sentence and, before a large crowd gathered at the courtroom, offered his opinion that my actions made me an "anarchist" and thus a "threat or danger to the community." Due to the public nature of his comments, I wish respectfully to provide a public response.*

*I am personally and philosophically opposed to all forms of anarchism, as it traffics in secrecy and violence, without respect for organized government or human dignity. I chose the path of nonviolence, after the example of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a means of fostering a true commitment to democracy, authentic justice, and the objective rule of law.*

*I love the U.S.A. and the legal tradition which protects the rights of the innocent. If anyone might be called "anarchist," it would be the justices of Roe v. Wade, who threw away nearly two centuries of state law from virtually every state in the Union (including Michigan) that protected innocent human life in the womb.*

*Furthermore, it is very difficult to comprehend how one who understands the self-evident natural law truth, "thou shalt not kill," constitutes a threat to the common good of the people of Michigan. The real danger to society is found in the unchecked violence against innocent human beings, and the unjust courts who offer their juridical blessing to those committing the violence.*

*I respect Judge Barron as a person, but I am truly heartbroken by his handling of this case. A case which has at its heart the "self-evident truth that all human beings are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," the chief among these being the fundamental right to life.*

*Sincerely a voice for the voiceless,*

*Will Goodman*

*ID #423110)*

*Oakland County Jail, Annex-2E*

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*Pontiac, MI 48343*

***Please feel free to write to Mr. Goodman as a show of your support and Christian fellowship. Please keep him and the others in your prayers!***

## **Reflections...**

*Under her Wings*

*By: Anne Marie DiCarlo*

I came upon this story back in 1998 and to this day, it still resonates. As society has become less loving and less sacrificing, it is the children that pay the ultimate price, from those who are aborted before birth because they are inconvenient, those who are neglected and abused because their parents are more interested in their own selfish pleasures and those who are viewed as commodities, to be designed and disposed of if perfection is not attained.

The story, from *National Geographic*, is as follows:

*"After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of a tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had singed her small body, the mother had remained steadfast."*

Let us pray that women who conceive children they hadn't planned for, understand the beauty of the divine creation within them and the gift of motherhood and choose to protect those "under their wings."

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