

# Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion

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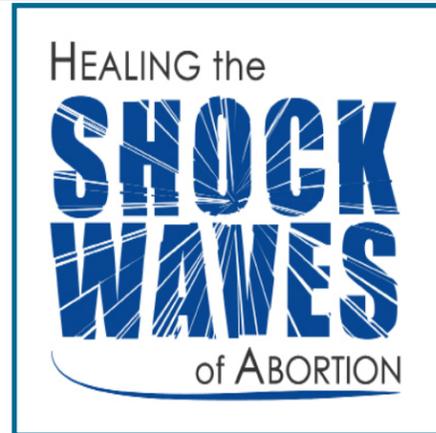
# Uniting for Life

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In 2015, the *Silent No More Awareness Campaign* will embark on a nationwide project called *Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion*.

When most people think of abortion, it is often as a contentious social or political issue or a closely-guarded secret best left alone. We may struggle with the moral dilemma, but we tend to think of abortion as a private, personal decision. It's none of our business, right?

But in reality, many of us have been impacted by the premeditated death of an unborn child.

You may be the mother or father who was part of an abortion decision, or felt powerless to stop it.

You may be a grandparent who tried to prevent the death of your grandchild, or you were active in pushing your son or daughter toward abortion.

You may have lost a sibling to abortion.

Perhaps you are an ultrasound technician who reveals the child in the womb to a pregnant mother, hoping she will choose life, but she decides to abort instead.

Some of you may have been active accessories in a child's death, like those who drove a sister or paid for a friend's procedure, or those who said nothing to friends they knew were considering abortion. Even health-care professionals, counselors, teachers or ministers who were in some direct way part of an abortion decision or procedure experience the aftershocks, which can lead to depression and anxiety, anger issues, addictions and relationship difficulties.

What we are hoping with our shockwaves project is that, as people gain greater clarity and understanding, they will see the blessing of reconciliation and healing for themselves and their loved ones.

The gentle but powerful waves of forgiveness and healing are stronger than the destructive shockwaves of abortion.

Every month, we will focus on a group that has been directly impacted by abortion loss, and offer information, resources, and most importantly, abortion-recovery programs.

In January, we will focus on "Healing through the Church." In February, we will take advantage of Black History Month to offer "Healing the Black Family." March will put the focus on grandparents, while April will take a look at how the shockwaves have impacted the siblings. Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June give us opportunities to focus on those at the epicenter: the parents who lost children to abortion.

"Healing the Survivors and Friends" will be the theme for July, followed by "Healing the Abortion Providers" in August. Family will be the theme for September, with a focus on Hispanic families in October.

"Healing Pro-Lifers" will be the theme for November. Pro-lifers are part of a counter-cultural movement that faces ridicule, derision and sometimes even violence as we insist on civil rights for the unborn. In November, when the hopeful season of Advent begins, we offer healing resources for those with us on the front lines.

In December, we honor our motivating and life-giving force, Jesus Christ, without whom there can be no healing.

To find out more and to access our monthly resources, visit [www.abortionshockwaves.com](http://www.abortionshockwaves.com)

## Associate Membership Application

Yes, I would like to become an Associate Member of the National Pro-Life Religious Council, Inc.

Enclosed is my fee of \$25.00 for membership as:  
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I would like to make a tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help NPRC with its important work.

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## The National Pro-Life Religious Council

The National Pro-Life Religious Council (NPRC) is a Christian coalition which acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and works to encourage every Christian denomination to affirm and witness to the biblical standard of the value, dignity and sanctity of human life, and to foster ministry to those vulnerable to the violence of abortion or euthanasia.

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## Pro-Lifers Score Huge Gains in 2014 Election 75% of Endorsed Candidates in Key Races Won

**Washington** - With the help of the National Right to Life Political Action Committee and the National Right to Life Victory Fund, the 2014 midterm elections produced tremendous pro-life gains in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

The 2014 election ended the Democrat Party's control of the Senate with the Republicans earning a respectable majority.

This pro-life winning trend also resulted in significant pro-life gains in numerous state legislatures.

The NRL PAC and the NRL Victory Fund were actively involved in 74 federal races. In those races, 55 (75%) pro-life candidates prevailed, including pro-life Senate candidates in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, North Carolina, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

Pro-life Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky was strongly supported by the NRL PAC and the NRL Victory Fund in his re-election bid against pro-abortion Alison Lundergan Grimes. Sen. McConnell was reelected by a wide margin and was chosen unanimously to serve as the majority leader of what will be a pro-life Senate majority in January.

"National Right to Life looks forward to continuing our work with Sen. McConnell to advance the right-to-life cause in the U.S. Senate," said Carol Tobias, National Right to Life president, on November 4. "We know that when pro-life voters are engaged in the political process, pro-life candidates enjoy a significant advantage over their pro-abortion opponents. That held true in Kentucky tonight." A new post-election poll of actual voters conducted by The Polling Company/WomanTrend

found that the issue of abortion once again played a key role in the mid-term elections, and that National Right to Life's political committees and its state affiliates were key to getting out the pro-life vote for pro-life candidates.

In fact, during this midterm election, the "war on women" mantra failed to produce results for the pro-abortion camp. The concentrated focus with abortion and "reproductive health" boomeranged most spectacularly in Colorado where pro-abortion Sen. Mark Udall (D) was so focused on this single issue that reliably pro-abortion newspapers such as the *Denver Post* threw their support to pro-life Cory Gardner. The NRL PAC and the NRL Victory Fund contacted more than 445,000 identified pro-life households in Colorado in support of Cory Gardner.

In Louisiana, Bill Cassidy defeated incumbent Mary Landrieu in a runoff election on December 6. Rep. Bill Cassidy has been a strong pro-life advocate, who co-sponsored the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" and the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act."

In Texas, state Senator Wendy Davis, who became famous for her hours-long filibuster of a monumental pro-life bill, suffered a decisive defeat. Davis was running against pro-life Attorney General Greg Abbot. Sen. Davis received a decisively low 38.9% of the vote.

Despite being vastly outspent by pro-abortion organizations such as Planned Parenthood and EMILY's List, pro-life candidates won Tuesday by significant margins. There were 26 races in which a candidate supported by NRLC PAC and NRLC Victory Fund was running against a candidate supported by the PAC EMILY's List. Nineteen (73%) of the National Right to Life-supported candidates won.

## Begin Your 2015 March for Life With Scripture, Hymns, and Inspirational Sermons at Historic Constitutional Hall

Join Thousands of Committed Pro-Life Pastors and Marchers from Across the Nation in an Interdenominational Prayer Service



## Plan to Attend the National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers

-- the morning of the March for Life --

Thursday, January 22, 2015 DAR Constitution Hall  
1776 D Street, NW (18th and D St.)

Washington, DC 20006

Doors open - 7:00AM

Mass - 7:30AM

Service begins 8:30AM and concludes at 10:30AM

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Matthew Ward  
will sing



Matthew Ward

**Busses Welcome: No Reservation Required**

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## Be Humble in Advocating for Life

Donald DeMarco

I was moved recently by a pro-life activist's account of the emotional difficulties she experiences in supporting life. One of her principal tasks as a lawyer is to become better acquainted with issues such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and reproductive technologies. Understandably, her preoccupation with these issues, in her words, "Leaves me sick, and my heart that much more broken."

Her plight is aggravated by the fact that she is six months pregnant and, as she writes about her distress, her child in the womb makes her sweeter "ripple and bunch with his activity." How can people destroy human life in the womb, she asks, while convincing themselves that this desperate action is merely a "choice?"

### A Supernatural Solution

Dealing with pro-abortion advocates, either directly or indirectly, can be a daunting task. The emotional distress described by the writer mentioned above is something to which any number of pro-life people can easily relate. It is a problem that exists on a vast scale and begs for some kind of resolution. Yet, it seems clear to me that the immensity of the problem requires something more than a tactical solution. It requires a solution that is supernatural.

In such matters, St. Thomas Aquinas, an eminent doctor of the Church, provides, as he usually does, some valuable light. In his "Commentary on the Gospel of St. Matthew," he makes the following remark: "The whole New Law consists of two things: gentleness and humility. Through gentleness man is rightly related to his neighbor. Through humility, he is rightly related to himself and God." St. Thomas, himself, was known for his unfailing gentleness and his readiness to lend his services to anyone who sought them.

Humility rests on the truth about ourselves. We are all handicapped by the temptation to inflate or deflate ourselves. Pride or despair are the two hungry lions that

await us when we veer from who we really are. But who are we?

### 'Know thyself'

Nothing is more elusive to a person than correct knowledge about himself. Yet the virtue of humility is not out of reach. God knows us in our truth. Therefore, as we get closer to God, we get closer to a more realistic and proper understanding of who we are in our own truth. By establishing a relationship with God, we gain the humility to see ourselves rightly. The first order of business, then, in setting relationships right lies in our union with God.

The virtue of humility enables a person to relate to others with gentleness. Humility drives out pride. It also reduces anger. Being hot-headed is usually not an effective way of relating to others; it tends to alienate and not help them. We find it easier to be gentle when we realize that, in defending life, we are doing God's work.

God loves everyone, and his strategy is not one of force but of gentleness. We can find much consolation in the fact that we are working for God, and his way demands a gentle approach. We can easily get sick, irritable, angry and even furious when we think that the battle is between ourselves and our enemy. Gentleness is the way God wants us to operate. It looks at the battlefield from a higher perspective.

### Closer to God

St. Thomas refers to humility as the greatest of all virtues insofar that it removes obstacles that separate people from each other and from receiving God's grace. God rejects the proud and gives grace to the humble: "God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble" (1 Pt 5:5).

Our proper relationship with our neighbor is rooted in our proper relationship with God. Gentleness is based on humility. And our success in promoting life depends largely on how well we have embodied these two critical virtues.

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Sing (a little) louder.

## New Pro-Life Video Inspired by Witnesses to the Holocaust

From the creators of the viral smash *Test of Fire* Inspired by the true story of an elderly man who in his youth witnessed the horrors of the Jewish Holocaust from the pews of his Church, the movie provides a stunning message for the twenty-first century and a revelation of another genocide that exists today.

Tragically, our society is slowly losing respect for all of human life.

This video suggest we take time and reflect on

the recent history. Many people in Europe witnessed the Holocaust and did nothing. They simply watched and let it happen in front of their eyes.

*Sing a Little Louder* suggests that we are facing the same loss of global civility: abortion is common place, doctor-prescribed suicide is expanding, and soon health care rationing will be implemented and then the "government" and insurance companies will be in total control of OUR health care. [www.singloudermovie.com](http://www.singloudermovie.com)