

Fr. Martin's Reflection: 01-16-22

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Friday, January 21 the National March for Life will take place in Washington, DC. Thousands of people from across the United States and beyond will gather in Washington, DC to state their opposition to abortion by their presence and with their voices, to highlight the dignity of all human life. In my 55 years of living, I have heard many arguments for abortion, but none that has convinced me that abortion is the best solution to an unplanned pregnancy, no matter how the child was conceived.

If abortion is the best solution we can offer to an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy, then we are failing miserably as Christians in particular, and as human beings in general. We need to look at how do we care for and provide support women who find themselves with an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. There is no point in saying to a mother you must give birth to this child, when she has poor or no access to health care; let us provide proper health care for all. There is no point in saying to a mother you must raise this child, when her job doesn't pay enough to cover the cost of education; let us provide jobs that pay a living wage, not the minimum wage. It is so difficult for a mother to have her child when she fears losing her job once her employer finds out; lets make laws covering all job types that protect the employment of a mother and provide proper maternity leave guaranteeing her job will be there on her return.

As I write this, Jesus words are ringing in my ears:

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Mt 25:35-36

Friends, let us march on Washington, let us ban abortion, not just by changing laws to restrict abortion, but by creating laws that will protect the child and the child's mother, where the mother won't have to worry about proper health care, or worry about job protection, or worry about her child's education.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

God's grace, love, and protection for you and all your family in this coming week.

Fr. Martin

Check out the Knights of Columbus ad in our bulletin to book your seat for the bus to Washington, DC.