

If you care about the EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN

you care about it no matter who does the exploiting...

My daughter, Marla, was only 18 years-old when she reluctantly decided to have an abortion at a prestigious women's hospital. Originally, she had planned to put her baby up for adoption, but a medical-social worker at the hospital pressured Marla to have an abortion, because allegedly Marla had damaged her baby because of anti-depressant medication she had taken.

At about 1:00 PM on the day of the abortion, a nurse walked Marla to an exam room where they inserted laminaria into her cervix and did the "Instillation of urea" to induce the abortion. At 11:00 PM, the abortion still had not been completed. I wanted to stay with Marla, but she insisted that I go home because it was getting so late. I kissed her good-night, saying "I love you...see you in the morning." That was the last time I saw her alive.

At 9:15 the next morning, I received a call from the intensive care unit. The nurse said, "Something went wrong. It's very serious."

I raced to the hospital and, twice, a doctor came out to ask me questions about Marla. Each time I asked to see her, but I was turned away. Then the room suddenly became filled with white coats. A doctor sat in front of me and held my hands. "My daughter is dead, isn't she?" I asked. He nodded his head, "Yes."

Ultimately, I discovered that Marla died from a botched abortion that caused her body to be invaded by a fast-acting blood infection called septicemia. It killed her within 24 hours. We also learned that the hospital social worker never saw Marla's sonogram or discussed the results with her concerning her baby's condition, which would have changed everything. The sonogram report read, "No abnormalities detected." Had Marla been told this, she never would have had the abortion.

I've often wondered why "pro-choice" women's groups like the National Organization of Women (N.O.W.) have never expressed any sympathy or concern over Marla's death. Why aren't they demanding justice for this young dead "sister"? Why aren't they concerned that proper treatment was delayed because Marla was misdiagnosed by a "resident" who was only two months out of medical school? Why are they so quiet?

-- Deborah Cardamone (Marla's mother)



Marla before her abortion

ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES, women have been severely hurt — physically, psychologically and emotionally — and many have died from so-called "safe and legal" abortion.

Abortion is one of the most UNREGULATED surgical procedures in the nation. At the same time, it's the most frequently performed surgery. So why isn't it subject to the same medical standards as other legal procedures, many of which are far less dangerous?

We call on NOW, Planned Parenthood, and NARAL to join with Priests for Life and other pro-life groups in calling for an end to this violence towards women, and for a full investigation of the abortion industry. If the pro-choice movement wants to show concern for women, it could start by saying something about the women listed here.

In May 2001, an abortion doctor from Scottsdale, Arizona was sentenced to five years in prison for the death of one of his patients.

"Dr. John Biskind, 75, was found guilty of manslaughter in February in the 1998 death of LouAnne Herron, whose uterus was ruptured during a late-term abortion at the now-closed A-Z Women's Center... Prosecutors said Biskind...did not care for Herron adequately as she bled heavily following the abortion."
Arizona Republic, 05/04/01

"No doctors or registered nurses remained at the clinic following the abortion, and Biskind testified that he went on to a tailor shop after being notified of Herron's condition, deferring treatment to a nearby hospital."
(Arizona Republic, 03/20/01)

"Jurors concluded that Biskind's patient, LouAnne Herron, would still be alive if not for her botched abortion... Evidence showed that Herron, 33, bled to death after Biskind punctured her uterus... In 1995, a New York doctor was found guilty of murder and sentenced 25 years to life. The case is similar to Biskind's. A woman went to Dr. David Benjamin for a late-term abortion. He lacerated her uterus and did not return when his staff called saying that she was in danger."
(Arizona Republic, 02/21/01)



Christi before her abortion

My daughter Christi went in for an abortion in July of 1993, a day after her 18th birthday. We were told by the clinic staff that the only possible risks was heavy bleeding, and that the clinic had everything on hand to deal with that situation should it arise... later we found out that the way they take care of hemorrhaging is to put you in a car to the hospital, and that if you died between the clinic and the hospital, they were not liable. In Christi's case, she went into full cardiac and respiratory arrest and slipped into a coma. They had to put her on a respirator, they had to put her on a heart monitor, I.V.'s, tubes down her throat.

Today, eight years later, my daughter, Christi, is still in a coma. She is in a permanent vegetative state. Her brain waves are absolutely flat, as in a dead person...she does not think, she does not feel, and she does not hear. She is at risk of having other complications like pneumonia or infections and dying from them. Realistically speaking, from a medical standpoint, she is never going to improve.

It angers me to hear people say that legalized abortion profits women. It doesn't profit women... When the government and the state made abortion legal, they were supposed to make it safer. They didn't. These young women and these young girls put their lives on the line every day that they walk into a clinic to have an abortion. They think that they are going to walk in and be just fine and just walk out. What they don't know is that they may never walk again... like my daughter.

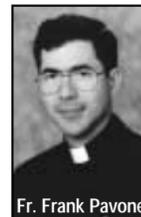
-- Kay Stile (Christi's mother)

The above testimonies represent only a small portion of the hundreds of women who have died from legal abortion, based on documented evidence from death certificates, autopsies, medical examiner reports, secular newspaper accounts, and/or independent medical journal articles. A list of women who have died from legal abortion is included with the information you can receive by sending in the attached coupon.

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Yes, Fr. Frank, please send me the hard evidence that women are being hurt and are dying from "safe and legal" abortions, and what I can do about it.



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