

Regarding the *Abortion Kills Children* Life Chain Sign

Dear Coordinator:

As you know, Life Chain has always asked that one-half of all signs used (on *National Life Sunday*) be *Abortion Kills Children*. We do so because we believe that message softens substantially more hearts and saves more children than any other Life Chain sign.

Why do I say that? 1) The human heart knows the sign message is true, and the Bible assures us that "the truth will set you free." 2) *Abortion Kills Children* defines what abortion is and does. Consider the worth of Scripture if it addressed only forgiveness of sin without ever defining sin. 3) As noted below, God graced *Abortion Kills Children* to me when He gave me the entire concept of Life Chain.

Permit me to explain further the importance of that sign message. I may have received more rage calls than other pro-life leaders due to the distribution of about 11 million copies of *America Must Decide* (a pamphlet I wrote years ago and is viewable at www.NationalLifeChain.org). Answering rage calls is time well spent because the callers are not raging in the end and are often weeping. After their initial outbursts, and their occasional threats, I thank them sincerely for calling and for not hanging up. Then I say to them: "I understand your firm support for abortion, but I have confidence in you. I do not believe your heart will permit you to form your lips and tongue to tell me you support the 'killing' of preborn children." Their customary response is silence, which I break quickly to prevent their embarrassment, and that usually leads to rewarding talk. Yes, millions of Americans and Canadians support abortion, but try to find three who will tell you they support "killing" preborn humanity. Try to find even one person. People will not tell you that, save for the most hardened abortion advocates; and that helps explain why Coordinators should use *Abortion Kills Children* signs freely. As noted above, we have always asked that *Abortion Kills Children* represent 50% of the signs, with the remaining messages to be chosen by the Coordinator and local committee.

In 1985, six friends and I founded **Please Let Me Live** to confront six active abortionists in our bi-county area. We prayed for "creative ideas" that would help us to gain traction. The local daily called us a "handful of fundamentalists." Then one morning in 1987, while I was showering, the concept of Life Chain suddenly consumed my mind, including a sign message, *Abortion Kills Children*. Soon thereafter, PLML planned America's first Life Chain and used only that sign. We did not foresee God growing our small ministry as He did, having no budget or paid staff, yet in 2013 about 1550 cities and towns held Chains in the U.S. and Canada, and little opposition to *Abortion Kills Children* was reported. God provided our first sign message, and He has sustained Life Chain for 26 years. As for the six abortionists referenced above, four ended their abortion practices, two moved to other cities—and no longer does the local daily call us "a handful of fundamentalists." To God be the glory.

Regarding God's "forgiveness," *Abortion Kills Children* prompts convicted hearts to seek repentance, which leads to forgiveness. *God does not forgive sin. He forgives repentant hearts*, and we in the church should not be more tolerant of abortion than of other sins. If a sign read *Alcoholism Destroys Families*, would we think that message too negative or unmerciful? Thus why does a mother or father's decision to have their child killed earn greater leniency? If God hates abortion and intends to separate from Himself eternally all who do not repent of killing another human being, is

Abortion Kills Children too strong? Or is it a truthful warning and thereby a blessing to all who heed it?

Over 50 million preborn American citizens have been killed through surgery alone by hired fellow Americans, and most of the children have died within earshot of multiple church steeples. Would the church respond differently today if government permitted parents to kill their unwanted children up to the age of two or three? Are Preborns less deserving? Until we are sufficiently grieved about child killing, an end to legalized abortion is unlikely. And if we are to hope for a solution led by repentance, the church must respond resolutely to the profound certainty that *Abortion Kills Children*.

I welcome further discussion by phone or email, and I deeply appreciate serving with you in the prolife.

In Christ's marvelous grace,

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