

Trivializing abortion hides the real facts

To the editor:

I recently had occasion to view one of the posters the anti-abortion people displayed outside local high schools.

What I saw was the recognizable body of an infant cruelly ripped apart, mangled and dismembered, its short life terminated. What appalled me was the thought of the evil incarnate lurking within us that makes such a horrendous act possible.

Have we sunk so low that decency and respect for human life no longer appeals to us?

Has the sharpness of our sensibility been so bludgeoned that we've lost any sense of evil? That this kind of violence no longer perturbs? That body after body of the unborn dead can be piled up without so much as a compassionate glance?

What do those responsible say to this butchery? They trivialize it. To them, it's no more significant than having a tooth pulled. It's coldly referred to as "a termination of pregnancy."

Abortion, like all evil, seeks darkness and concealment, shunning the light of day. It's no surprise the police are called (to protests) in the hope that what goes on behind closed doors can be legally suppressed when exposed to public view. The crime, it seems, isn't the atrocity but rather is revealing its naked ugliness to the community at large.

The abortionists, whenever they can bring the law to their support, do so, enabling them to carry out their killing in peace without their consciences being disturbed by being reminded they are stealing the life of an unborn baby.

Abortion is a business that degrades a mother who, with the basest of motives, kills her own child. It degrades the doctor who prostitutes his training to become, in the truest meaning of the term, a professional killer. It degrades the community which stands by indifferently while one of its own — a child who shares its humanity — is cruelly butchered and treated as expendable garbage.

The message the abortionists don't want us to hear is, in their world, we are all expendable and the only reason we are here is we were lucky to have mothers who were more loving than those who, upon pregnancy, head for the abortion clinic.

We have learned, in the last century, that our capacity for evil, and our ingenuity in justifying it, knows no limit and recognizes no boundaries.

Unless we struggle against these tendencies, we truly become the devil's apprentices, calling down upon us the wrath of God while Satan laughs in hell. He has won his victory.

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