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The Need for an Ethics Education for Peace to be Realised

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In this article, Dr Miguel Cano Jiménez discusses the need for an ethics education for peace to be realized and, to this end, a deepening of international dialogue to try to agree on shared ethical principles and values.

1. Frustrated Expectations of Peace at the Beginning of the New Millennium: When the new century and millennium came, a climate of euphoria and collective hope was created on a planetary scale. Finally, the long-awaited peace could be established in the world in a stable and lasting way. However, following the tragic events of September 11, 2001 in New York and Washington, the world was again plunged into a climate of insecurity and fear, with the threat of new large-scale terrorist actions. These events caused

the start of what many call the new 21st century World War, an atypical war against international terrorist organizations and the governments that protect them. Since the terrorist attacks were committed by Islamic extremists, the world remembered the famous thesis of Huntington, formulated years ago, that after the end of the cold war remains a real danger of wars or clashes between civilizations. **Deepening international dialogue to try to agree on shared ethical principles and values:** It is clear that

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“The increasing sexualisation of society, and its impact on our young people”. Recognising the UN Day for Youth. WFPW Women’s Peace Meeting. August 10th 2017. Birmingham [Excerpts]

We began the evening by watching part of a video presentation by Debbie Gullery, a certified Relationship Coach, Counsellor, and Marriage & Relationship Educator in the USA, speaking to a group of young people about the damaging impact of Pornography, a global multi-billion-dollar industry, on their lives and relationships. In addition to it being easily and universally available, Debbie highlighted the addictive, drug-like nature of pornography, the long-term consequences of its influence on human relationships, the unrealistic, illusory expectations it creates, and the brutal impact on, and distortion of love into something which is self-serving, rather than giving and seeking the happiness of the other. She pointed them, and any others who are concerned about the power of the internet to promote Pornography, to an organisation she’s partnered with, Covenant Eyes, found at www.covenanteyes.com/. Debbie suggests that this has the best Internet Accountability and Filtering System, both to block Pornography and to help young people monitor and control their internet usage. We also raised awareness of the aggressive agenda being promoted at the United Nations and around the world, mentioned earlier in this article, under the guise of ‘Comprehensive Sexuality Education’, exposing children at younger and younger ages to sexually explicit and pornographic material. This can be seen at the following sites :<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=687ImATre-o> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnSVaDt5C9E> . We heard, from Kathleen, how one woman’s concern and persistence, led to the teachers at her daughter’s school realising that the material being used for sex education was completely inappropriate for all the children. Perhaps we can consider numbers of us approaching individual schools, and even our elected officials, to express our concerns. At the very least, as mothers, we can make the effort, individually, to check the type of material being used for sex education at our own children’s school, and take appropriate action as we see fit.

Government policy must put parental responsibility before the power of the state

The following letter, signed by Family Education Trust director, Norman Wells, and Family Education Trust trustee, Dr Trevor Stammers, together with several MPs, academics and representatives of various organisations, was published in the Daily

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Telegraph on Tuesday 10 October 2017. *Parents and guardians must retain the fundamental freedom to bring up their children in accordance with their beliefs and values. The role of the state in the nurture of children is strictly ancillary to that of the parents or guardians. The Government's decision to impose Relationships Education on every child in England from the age of five undermines that freedom. Not only will parents be denied the right to withdraw children from Relationships Education, but the Education Secretary has already spoken in favour of introducing very young children to concepts, such as homosexuality and transgenderism, at an age where these cannot be critically assessed. We note that the Secretary of State has made no mention of ensuring that children are taught about the well-established benefits associated with being brought up by married natural parents. Relationships education was voted through parliament on the grounds that it would help protect children from exploitative relationships and internet predators. Instead, will it be used to stigmatise traditional marriage and promote alternative lifestyles to children against the wishes of parents? This would be a coercive and unnecessary measure damaging the position of all parents in England. We demand that the forthcoming consultation on Relationships Education puts the rights of parents ahead of the power of the state.*

Christians and Hindus: Going beyond tolerance [Excerpts] By Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran, President, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Respect for others is an important antidote to intolerance since it entails authentic appreciation for the human person, and his or her inherent dignity. In the light of our responsibility to society, fostering such respect demands showing esteem for different social, cultural and religious customs and practices. It likewise demands the recognition of inalienable rights, such as the right to life and the right to profess and practise the religion of one's choice. The path forward for diverse communities is thus one marked by respect. While tolerance merely protects the other, respect goes further: it favours peaceful coexistence and harmony for all. Respect creates space for every person, and nurtures within us a sense of "feeling at home" with others. Rather than dividing and isolating, respect allows us to see our differences as a sign of the diversity and richness of the one human family. In this way, as Pope Francis has pointed out, "diversity is no longer seen as a threat, but as a source of enrichment" (Address at the International Airport of Colombo, 13 January 2015). On yet another occasion, the Pope urged religious leaders and believers to have "the courage to accept differences, because those who are different, either culturally or religiously, should not be seen or treated as enemies, but rather welcomed as fellow travellers, in the genuine conviction that the good of each resides in the good of all" (Address to the Participants in the International Peace Conference, Al-Azar Conference Centre, Cairo, Egypt, 28 April 2017). We are challenged then to go beyond the confines of tolerance by showing respect to all individuals and communities, for everyone desires and deserves to be valued according to his or her innate dignity. This calls for the building of a true culture of respect, one capable of promoting conflict resolution, peace-making and harmonious living. *This article was published in the December 2017 edition of Westminster Interfaith Newsletter, and is reprinted with thanks.*

Acid Attacks

There has been a huge increase in acid attacks in the UK. 449 were reported in London alone in 2016. Police chiefs have warned that the problem is no longer confined to the big cities. The UK now has one of the highest per capita rates of acid attacks in the world. People in the UK have lost their sight through acid attacks, and some have received life-changing injuries. One man, "killed himself 15 months after being left unable to speak, paralysed from the neck down and all but blinded." One fast food delivery man was left, "fighting for his life with terrible eye injuries." "A woman suffered life-changing burns after acid was sprayed in her face as she walked along the street near Canary Wharf in December, 2017." Indiscriminately throwing acid into people's faces or onto their bodies is a heinous and barbaric crime, and should be punished accordingly. The government's response to acid attacks is similar to their strategy for dealing with knife crime: abysmal, pathetic, and totally unrealistic given the gravity of the offenses: Criminals caught in possession of acid or other corrosive substances **more than once** face an automatic jail sentence of at least six months. Those caught carrying acid on the **first** occasion should go to prison for 5 years, and those that attack other people with acid should face the death penalty, or, a very long prison sentence, depending on the severity of the offence. One person writing to a national newspaper stated: "It is for the courts to sentence offenders and clearly they are not fit for purpose". Acid attacks are yet another stark reminder of our nation coming under judgment for ignoring Almighty God's universal moral and spiritual laws, which has resulted in enormous increases in crimes and social problems, fuelled by anti-Godly policies enacted by successive governments, such as the redefining of marriage, immorality allowed to become rampant, quickie divorce, abortion-on-demand, etc. Please email or write to MPs about the urgent need for a realistic and appropriate sentencing policy, in relation to the perpetrators of heinous crimes such as acid attacks. Houses of Parliament, Westminster, SW1A 0AA

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these new threats to world peace cannot be definitively solved with military campaigns of international coalitions. For military actions to be effective, they would need to be backed by an international rule of law, within the framework of a reinforced United Nations. However, there are serious differences in values and ethics among the new hegemonic powers of the different civilizations that prevent them from reaching an agreement on a universal constitution. This brings us back to the need to deepen international dialogue to try to agree on shared values and ethical principles that serve as a basis for future legislation or global constitution. **2. Towards a Global Ethic:** In this sense, the work of the United Nations, UNESCO and other global institutions in trying to formulate a global ethic is very praiseworthy, as Henri Bouché Peris rightly explains in the following quote : " In the conditions of present coexistence it is necessary to universalize a minimum morality, that is, an ethic of minimums that can contribute to the peaceful bonding of people. A universal code of conduct is therefore essential. This is the project of universal ethics of UNESCO. Global ethics that is based on some principles as the rules necessary for this objective. The principle of universality, solidarity, reciprocity, sustainability and the one that is directed to the establishment of peace, development, democracy and human rights is therefore highlighted".[1] The document "Towards a culture of

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peace”, presented by the United Nations on the occasion of the events held in the year 2000, contains the draft declaration on the culture of peace, that in its first article defines the main values of a good international coexistence. Article 1. A culture of peace is a set of values, attitudes, traditions, behaviours and lifestyles that reflect or inspire: Respect for life and all human rights. The rejection of violence in all its forms and the commitment to prevent violent conflicts by attacking their causes through dialogue and negotiation. The commitment to full participation in the process aimed at equitably attendance of the development and protection needs of the environment of present and future generations. The promotion of equal rights and opportunities for women and men. The recognition of the right of every individual to freedom of expression, opinion and information. Deep respect for the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding among nations, among ethnic, religious, cultural groups and others, and among individuals. [2] **Western values based on human rights are insufficient:** However, Western values that are fundamentally based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, while being very necessary and important, are clearly incomplete because they do not include the duties or responsibilities that individuals have towards their families, communities, nations and the world. The almost exclusive emphasis placed on the legal aspect of individual rights and liberties, and the lack of concrete reference to goals such as moral maturity and family and community harmony, leave the door open to selfish individualism. Proof of this is that democratic societies, where these values are most respected, are infested by a materialistic and hedonistic individualism that causes serious problems of moral corruption at all levels, from the violent and compulsive behaviours in youth, the disintegration of the family and the deterioration of community ties, to corruption at the highest levels of power. This shows that the global ethics of a minimum level of justice, based on respect for human rights, is clearly insufficient to offer a solution to all these internal conflicts and problems affecting democratic societies. **The rejection of Western values by other cultures:** Many non-Western societies adopt a sceptical attitude, if not intense rejection, toward human rights and democratic values, as Huntington explains in the following quote: “The West, and especially the United States, which has always been a missionary nation, believes that non-Western peoples should commit themselves to the Western values of democracy, free markets, limited government, human rights, individualism and the rule of law, and should embody these values in their institutions. Minorities in other civilizations embrace and promote these values, but the dominant attitudes toward them in non-Western cultures range from widespread skepticism to intense opposition. (...) Almost all non-Western civilizations are resistant to this pressure from the West. These include Hindu, Orthodox, Africa and, in some measure, even Latin American countries. The greatest resistance to Western democratization efforts, however, comes from Islam and Asia.” [3] Confucian, Buddhist, Hindu and Islamic societies fear that Western democratic values will destroy their traditional values and customs. For them, the emphasis on human rights is synonymous with selfish and corrosive individualism, generating social conflicts and disorder, and excessive freedom and democratic tolerance is equivalent to moral permissiveness, corruption of youth and destruction of families. These Eastern societies, who find their

identity and sense of life in their traditional beliefs, see Western civilization as a secular culture that is ashamed of its traditional Christian beliefs and has strong antireligious prejudices, where the only meaning people give to life seems to be the pursuit of profit and pleasure, and the only religion that they preach is the cult of money, sex, image and power. For these reasons, many Asian countries now affirm the moral superiority of their traditional Confucian, Buddhist or Hindu values over Western values. **The hostility of Islamic countries:** Islamic countries are the most hostile to Western values, as Huntington explains in the following quote. “Muslims fear and resent Western power and the threat which this poses to their society and beliefs. They see Western culture as materialistic, corrupt, decadent, and immoral. They also see it as seductive and, hence, stress all the more the need to resist its impact on their way of life. Increasingly, Muslims attack the West not for adhering to an imperfect, erroneous religion, which is nonetheless a “religion of the book,” but for not adhering to any religion at all. In Muslim eyes, Western secularism, irreligiosity, and hence immorality are worse evils than the Western Christianity that produced them.” [4] **The West should pay more attention to its internal enemies:** The West should not focus only on outside enemies who threaten its security, as is the case of today’s international terrorism, nor rely excessively on its military and economic power, but should also pay attention to the much more dangerous interior enemies, which are —as Huntington says— “the problems of moral decline, cultural suicide, and political disunity in the West. (...) The central issue for the West is whether, quite apart from any external challenges, it is capable of stopping and reversing the internal processes of decay. Can the West renew itself or will sustained internal rot simply accelerate its end and/or subordination to other economically and demographically more dynamic civilizations?” [5] **Western democratic nations need to be morally renewed:** Western democratic nations would do well to renew themselves morally, moderate their extreme individualism, regain their Christian roots without falling into old fanaticism, and, within the privileged framework of freedom of belief and religious pluralism that exists in democracies, promote dialogue, understanding and ethical consensus among different religions. In this way, Western democratic nations could offer a more attractive model of society to other non-Western cultures and, thus, encourage them to democratize their societies. Moreover, it would also be convenient for Western democratic nations to learn or adopt, from these Eastern societies, family and community values not rooted in Western soil. Thus, cultural and religious barriers could be progressively erased, which would be very beneficial to avoid clashes of civilizations and achieve a stable and lasting world peace.

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Letters and Emails Received

Dear John, Thank you very much for this very informative, facts-based and yet value-oriented newsletter. I like the format. How large is your target group? Who do you reach with it? Best regards, Dominic.

Dear John, Many thanks for the latest edition of "Morality Forum Update". In particular the article on the breakdown of marriage and its knock-on effect for the rest of society was most interesting and needs to be addressed by future governments possibly led by Jacob Rees-Mogg. Ian Kelly, Harrow, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

John once again thanks. I always read your work. Your leading article this time [[Defending Marriage and Family] is telling, as usual. Sincerely, Julian

Hi John, My husband Chris and I saw the programme mentioned in the attached letter and felt moved to write to Lord David Steel. [26th October 2017] We thought you might like a copy for the next Forum Newsletter. Keep up the good work John. Best wishes, Maria Rose - Swadlincote, Derbyshire: Dear Lord Steel. May we add our thoughts and our concerns to those expressed by the participants in the programme, Abortion On Trial broadcast 16th October 2017, in which you took part. At no point during the programme did we hear the word "responsibility" with regard to any thought given to the possibility of starting a life when embarking on a course of intimacy. Let us look at two opposites which we find equal. Anyone could walk down the street with a loaded gun or a knife, the means to end life. Should they then get into an argument and kill someone and end a life, they would face condemnation and a just, severe punishment. Men and women in unison have the means to create life. Clearly the killer in the street has singular responsibility for their actions. A couple engaging in sex must similarly take collective responsibility for their actions in potentially starting a life. The rights of the unborn child are paramount. At the moment of conception, a human being starts, a human being with potential. They could become a world leader, scientist or a leading statesman. Of course, the opposite could be true. Who knows, but they have the right from that magical moment of conception to follow and enjoy that right. There are, nevertheless, circumstances through rape or incest where a woman could find herself with an unwanted pregnancy. Clearly the question is, should a woman be forced by the state to take the child to full term, so that it can be put forward for adoption, or should the woman have the right to end the life of that innocent child because it would be the product of an illegal sex act? We grow weary of women who say, "it is their body" and they have a right to do with it as they please. They speak of their child inside them as an uninvited parasite that needs to be expelled. We would argue that in most cases they invited that child in, welcomed it with love, in the act of love, or was it merely an irresponsible act of self-gratification, the result of which is an inconvenience to be disposed of. We heard in the programme as to when a child can or cannot be terminated. We contend that as medical science advances the viability argument may fail as it eventually becomes possible to remove a child from the womb as a fertilised egg and grow it to full term invitro. Science fiction maybe. However, it would put an end to the notion that only at birth does a person come into existence. Just because the child is undeveloped and still in the womb takes nothing away from its rights, whatever the stage of gestation. The comments that, "it is only a cluster of cells, a zygote, embryo or foetus" etc, does not follow. It is a life from the moment of conception. In truth no one can know in each case when that moment occurs. We maintain that never the less it is the very moment life is created. We understand that you are probably

going to take part in a forum to consider reforming the Abortion Act. We would ask that you consider carefully the points we have made above. Yours sincerely, Chris and Maria Rose

Dear John, Thank you for sending me the latest Morality Forum Update. Just before the anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act, I happened to find this Gaelic poem, The Voice from Mother's Womb, by Donald John MacDonald from South Uist, a Catholic island in the Western Isles. He wrote it in 1967, or sometime after, when the abuse of the abortion act was becoming obvious. He was captured along with the Highland Division at St Valery at the time of Dunkirk, and spent five years in German prisoner-of-war camps. He was not inactive, however, escaping two or three times. He passed away in 1986. He was an extensive Gaelic poet. Best wishes, Hamish: An Guth à Broinn na Màthar (Voice from the Womb) (Donald John MacDonald, Peninerine, South Uist): Gather near and hear my plea. All you who have both life and health Hear my cry and grant me pity As I'm by you condemned to death: I am here, a precious child, Curled up in my mother's womb, And the murderer stands close by, With state approval for my doom. He fears no sentence from the court Of rope or fine or prison; Though he should kill thousands The law grants to him permission: He will murder me tomorrow - So requests my mother mild Is she not also murderer Of her poor helpless child? I have harmed no living creature Beneath the sun on earth; My wish was but to join with you All growing up in health: When my mother first conceived me "She will give me love", I thought, But she sought only carnal pleasure - No care for infant ill-begot. I'll never see on summer's day Young calves frolic in the field; Neither the primrose by the brook Nor flowers that glen and garden yield; I'll never hear at dawn in May The sweet chorus of the trees; I'll never run nor jump with joy With other children - as they please. My share had been allotted in the world When I was conceived, soft and weak, And if people loved one another No mouth on earth would suffer need; But too many store up wealth, Eating and drinking to excess, While their brothers lack the food That might allow them life's success. O mother - will you not have pity On this child within your womb? Listen to me - hear my weeping, Denied a mother's love so soon: As you conceived me of your free will So bring me to the world with love, Lest my anger demand you suffer When God in judgement sits above. You who wait there with the knife, Ready poised, this child to kill, Though I cannot see your face - Forget you - no I never will! When at last your soul is called for, "Lord have mercy," you will cry, But I'll demand you roast in hell While I sit crowned in glory high. Our Lord said, "Thou shalt not kill" In the tablets cast in stone; He said, "You must all love me - And your neighbour as your own"; All you who drafted this law That murders thousands never born, If justice is to be supreme - My pity when your death day dawns.

Morality Forum Action

John O'Neill has received very positive feedback after speaking at different Christian churches, and, also speaking to the Administrator of Luton Central Mosque, about the LGBT agenda in schools regarding the indoctrination and sexualisation of children. John also highlighted the issue of buffer zones being introduced outside abortion clinics.

On September 23rd, together with other members of the Harrow branch of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, John O'Neill delivered abortion leaflets door-to-door in Harrow. Printed items from the SPUC such as newsletters, petition forms etc., continue to be widely distributed.



True Family Values

Love for the World and God

A. Love for humanity: the way of the saint.

1. *Sainthood is expansion of filial piety from loving one's parents to loving the world as God loves the world.*

- We received protection, security and sustenance from the world. Therefore, we have a debt to the world.
- We should pay back this debt by serving the world with gratitude and love.
- Paying back the debt creates a deeper bond of love with all humankind. This makes the base for an ever-developing relationship, energy, prosperity and happiness.
- As a result, we gain much more, including good fortune in the future.
- The Chinese character for saint depicts the king who hears the voice of God and teaches His word.
- The saint experiences God's love and knows God as a parent who cares for the entire world.
- God calls the saint to live for the sake of the world.
- The saint fights evil and struggles to save individual people and the whole world.

2. *A saint is not limited by social convention, race or nation.*

- Socrates preached uncompromising goodness in the face of the social conventions of Athens.
- Jesus ministered to social outcasts; so did many saints.
- St. Paul shattered religious barriers by preaching to the Gentiles.
- Martin Luther King broke the colour line and brought blacks and whites together.

3. *Saints are motivated by love and compassion. They care about the real, physical suffering of the individual and guide the world with that heart (for example, Mother Teresa).*

4. *As fighters to establish God's will, saints often make substantial, spirit-based developments in society: Martin Luther, Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King.*

B. Love for the cosmos: the way of a child of God.

1. *We receive protection, security and sustenance from God.*

2. *Therefore, we have a debt to God.*

3. *We should pay back this debt by serving God with gratitude and love.*

4. *Paying back the debt creates a deeper bond of love with God. This makes the base for an ever-developing relationship, energy, prosperity and happiness.*

5. *As a result, we gain much more, including good fortune in the future.*

6. *Through vertical love, beginning with filial piety, we reach toward God's love.*

- Our parents represent God, the origin of our life. Therefore, filial piety teaches the vertical relationship to God: we received everything from God (our parents); therefore we commit everything back to God (our parents).
- Filial piety is the standard for the relationship between God and humankind.
- Religious faith means to show filial piety towards God, who is our Creator and Parent.

7. *Most people are partial in their love. They get along with some and can't stand to be around others. To be a holy son or daughter means to be able to harmonize with all personality types.*

- There are twelve personality types. Note that there are twelve signs of the zodiac, and a cycle of twelve years in the Chinese calendar. This amounts to twelve types of men and twelve types of women, a total of twenty-four types.
- We are naturally compatible with some personalities and have difficulty with others. We naturally relate with the personality of people like our parents. We may find a few close friends and expand our inventory of compatible types. But if we fight with a brother or sister, he represents a whole class of people, 1/12 of the human race with that personality type. When we shun a schoolmate because he is "weird," we are shunning 1/12 of the human race with that personality type.
- For such immature people, when it comes to their spouse, personality conflicts are likely to develop, once the heat of passion has cooled.
- In preparation for marriage, children should grow their hearts to be able to encompass all twelve types of people. Education in love means lessons in learning to love all different types of people. As a child, we must be educated in love to grow our hearts to this extent.
- There are twelve gates to the Kingdom of Heaven. True people should be able to enter through any of them. They fit in everywhere on earth and in heaven.

8. *Filial piety means having absolute faith and practicing absolute love and absolute obedience, centering on our parents. Thereby we naturally come to know God's heart, which prepares us to be God's children.*

- God is our Parent, and God's heart is revealed in parental heart.
 - By filial piety, God will reveal to us our parents' heart. We learn this by practicing absolute faith, love and obedience.
 - God at the time of Creation had absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.
- Faith in the future of His children.
Love for His children: total investment of Himself to make us in His image (male and female).
Obedience to the Principle of Creation: God never violates the laws and principles which He established.

(to be continued...) (from the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak <http://www.hsabooks.com/books>)

Soccer for Peace



San Marino—An Arab-Jewish soccer team comprised of sixteen children (8 Arab, 8 Jewish) from Israel visited San Marino from August 30 to September 4, 2017 to participate in a Soccer for Peace project. The delegation

was accompanied by two coaches: Israeli parliamentarian Hon. Esawi Frej and UPF-Israel president, Mr. Hod Ben Zvi. This is the third Soccer for Peace project that has been held since the start of the initiative in 2015. That year, the initiative, which was inspired by UPF-San Marino president, Mr. Giorgio Gasperoni, organized its first program in Torino, Italy. The objective of the project is to foster friendship among Arab, Jewish and Sammarinese young people, through soccer matches and training together. In Israel, opportunities are rare for children to meet and build friendships with one another. Through the project, participants can expand their understanding of the situation in and the cultural treasures of other countries, as well as share their experiences. In addition, Soccer for Peace seeks to provide youth, especially those from conflict-ridden areas, an opportunity to develop as future leaders of their nations. Through the education of true values of sports, young people can learn how to cooperate within a group and learn fair play. In addition, playing sports promotes good health and the unity of the mind and body, as well as offers young people the chance to channel their energy towards positive goals, and experience joy and be inspired. On the first day of the project, August 31, the delegation attended a reception at the parliament of San Marino, hosted by the Captains Regent, the two heads of state of San Marino. In the days that followed, the children enjoyed a variety of activities, including professional training by the coaches of San Marino's national soccer teams, visits to historic areas, fun at an adventure park, ice breaker games and more. One of the highlights of the delegation's visit was accompanying the national soccer teams of Northern Ireland and San Marino to a European qualifiers game. Local media, including RTV San Marino, a television channel, and the newspaper *La Serenissima – Il Giornale dei Sammarinesi* covered the project. The sponsors were the San Marino Football Federation (FSGC) and the San Marino and Israel chapters of UPF. The Israeli delegation was organized by Mrs. Adi Sasaki, president of the Israel chapter of Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), an affiliated organization. The educational component of the project and care for the children was overseen by Mr. Gasperoni and Mr. Andrea Valogoi.

40 Days for Life saves more than 500 unborn babies from abortion



BRYAN, Texas, November 8, 2017 (LifeSiteNews) – A worldwide 40-day vigil outside abortion clinics has directly saved the lives of 546 children and potentially the souls of 546 mothers and fathers. “The largest 40 Days for Life campaign so far has ended – and here’s a huge thank you for helping save so many lives!” Shawn Carney wrote on the organization’s website. A global tally from 375 vigil locations showed 546 women who have changed their mind toward giving life. “In many cases, all it took was the simple act of showing up to pray on the sidewalk,” Carney said. Wonderful stories keep coming in from across the globe. In Rochester, New York, a 14-year-old girl and her mother were entering Planned Parenthood when a vigil participant gave them pro-life literature to peruse. “A few minutes later,” Rick shared, “they came out and asked the volunteer where else they can go for help.” And they were off to a pro-life pregnancy center. In Tallahassee, Florida, vigil counselors urged a pregnant woman to take a free ultrasound. “The new mom decided not to have the abortion after seeing the reality of the living child within her,” 40 Days for Life Toni excitedly related. Another older woman came up to pro-lifers in Tallahassee simply to thank them for talking her daughter out of getting an abortion. Volunteers spoke with a woman toting two children in Providence, Rhode Island. They assured the overwhelmed woman that there were many people willing to help. The woman changed direction and went into a pro-life mobile unit, where she agreed to view a live ultrasound of her baby. Her three-year-old exclaimed, “Is THAT our baby?!” And the woman chose life. Planned Parenthood told a San Antonio woman that she would have to pay for her pregnancy test. She hesitated and left, encountering 40 Days for Lifers outside. “She teared up when she explained that she had two children at home and needed to go back to work,” a volunteer said. She, too, got a free, immediate ultrasound. After seeing her child, the woman confirmed she chose “life for her baby.” Archbishop Charles Chaput led 30 volunteers in prayer at a Philadelphia Planned Parenthood in front of the intimidating presence of four clinic escorts. An obviously burdened woman came up to volunteers in Greensboro, North Carolina. “She told me she needed prayers,” Salvador said. “I asked if she was there for an abortion and she said ‘yes,’ so we started praying with her.” After they prayed, the woman left without going into Planned Parenthood. From Medellin, Colombia, to Vukovar, Croatia, to La Paz, Bolivia, to England to Canada, and from Manhattan to El Paso, women responded to 40 Days for Life prayers and counseling to choose life. One new mother in Birmingham, England, told vigil participants, “No one else knows I’m pregnant and I didn’t know what to do.” She had been walking all day, just praying that God would direct her, “but there was no sign,” she said. Keeping her abortion appointment, the young woman encountered volunteers outside. “As I came to the entrance ... I saw that lady holding a cross, and I knew that was my sign to keep my baby.” A woman in Riyon, Nigeria, became pregnant as a result of rape, and she faces extreme poverty. Nevertheless, she chose life, and 40 Days for Life volunteers are helping her get proper medical care. The amazing stories of God’s intervention through 40 Days for Life go on and on. In Flint, Michigan, an abortion worker quit. As she drove away, she explained that seeing the pro-lifers peacefully praying was the impetus for her leaving the industry. The life-saving campaigns continue. Next spring, 40-day prayer vigils will begin again and pro-lifers will re-enter the trenches, praying throughout Lent.

WHEN THE NATION PRAYED... THE PROVIDENTIAL HAND OF GOD IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Dunkirk 1940: 27th May. The German High Command announced: "The British army is encircled and our troops are proceeding to its annihilation." Churchill said: "I thought - and some good judges agreed with me - that perhaps 20,000 or 30,000 men might be re-embarked ... The whole root and core and brain of the British army ... seemed about to perish upon the field or to be led into captivity." But, the previous day, Sunday, 26th May, at the request of His Majesty King George VI, was observed as National Day of Prayer. In a stirring broadcast, the King called the people of Britain and the Empire to commit their cause to God. The whole nation was at prayer. Three miracles then happened: Hitler stopped his general advance. A storm of extraordinary fury grounded the German Air Force on 28th May. A great calm settled over the English Channel for several days. 335,000 MEN OF THE BRITISH ARMY WERE EVACUATED FROM DUNKIRK! THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN - ANOTHER MIRACLE: Hitler did not follow on after Dunkirk to cross the Channel and invade Britain whose army had lost all its weapons. He continued to hesitate all through June, 1940, giving Britain a breathing space. Air Chief Sir Hugh Dowding, Commander-in-Chief of Fighter Command, was asked: "What are your plans for defeating an overwhelming number of the German Air Force?" He replied: "I believe in God. And then there is radar." Field-Marshal Goering told his Air Commander that the way ahead for launching an invasion was to destroy the Royal Air Force. On 30th August, 800 enemy aircraft darkened the skies of Southern England, flying in to put key airfields out of action. By 6th September, Fighter Command was in serious trouble. Aircraft and pilots were being lost at a rate far in excess of replacements. Defeat in the air appeared inevitable, and this would open the way to invasion. Hitler suddenly ordered the Luftwaffe to switch its attack to London, and this saved Fighter Command. For the Germans it was a catastrophic blunder. Fighter Command built up its strength. Dowding later said: "By mid to late September we were all right for aircraft. I think it was because we had faith." The King, as if gifted with some foreknowledge, had expressed the wish that Sunday, 8th September, should be fixed as a National Day of Prayer. There was a tremendous response. At a crowded service in Westminster Abbey, the final prayer began: "Remember, O God for good, these watchmen, who by day and by night climb into the air. Let thy hand lead them, we beseech thee, and thy right hand hold them." Germany had massed barges in ports from Ostend to Le Havre, sufficient to carry 50,000 men and much of their equipment. But by 10th September, the RAF had still not been destroyed and abnormally bad weather for the time of year caused Hitler to postpone his invasion plans. Douglas Bader, DFC, later said: "The 15th September 1940 was the day that the battle was won". It was a Sunday. By the time Sunday worshippers were leaving their churches, the routed German air armada was in full flight. In the afternoon, Air Vice-Marshal Keith Park commanding 11 Group was asked what fighter reserves were available. Park replied: "There are none." Ten minutes later, the action ended. The Germans had cracked. The miracle had happened. On 17th September, a tele-type message clacked out from the German Supreme Command postponing the invasion of Britain, "until further notice." MALTA: There were later divine overruling's in the Mediterranean, the outstanding example being Malta, which lay in the path of Italy's vital supply lines to North Africa. With the fall of France and the entry of Italy into the war, Malta was hemmed in by enemy powers. The island was virtually unarmed, having only 16 anti-aircraft guns and 4 Fleet Air Arm Gloster Gladiators in crates in store! General Dobbie was appointed as Governor of Malta. He was a Christian, a man of faith who testified to the power of prayer. He issued an Order of the Day to the garrison which included the following: "I know that the courage and determination of all ranks will not falter, and that with God's help we will maintain the security of the fortress." General

Ironsides sent General Dobbie a personal telegram containing the Bible reference, Deuteronomy, chapter 3, verse 22. Looking up the text, Dobbie read: "Ye shall not fear them, for the Lord your God, he shall fight for you." MIRACLES FOLLOWED ONE ANOTHER DURING THE TWO FOLLOWING YEARS. Remarkably, Italy did not attempt invasion. God sustained all on the Island through the devastating 2,000 aerial bombardments. Remarkably, the German General Rommel, on arrival in the Western Desert in 1941, did not invade either, in spite of the Island hindering the supply route. Brigadier Desmond Young noted later that the Germans were strangely blind in failing to see until it was too late that the key to all supply problems and indeed the key to the control of the Mediterranean, was the capture of Malta. Rommel later wrote in his official 'Papers': "It had actually been intended that Malta should be taken by Italian and German parachute landing forces early in 1942...but for some unaccountable reason our High Command abandoned the scheme." Surely this was a sign of the restraining hand of God resting on the German High Command. At the end of 1942, Brigadier Young recorded Hitler gave permission for a surprise attack on Malta - Operation Hercules. It was twice put off and finally postponed "until after the conquest of Egypt", which never happened. General Dobbie later wrote: "the very fact that in spite of all her disadvantages, Malta has remained in British hands...that surely is a miracle which cannot be gainsaid. It is God who works such miracles." *To be continued....*

Abortion and Transgender Controversies

By John O'Neill

Rupa Huq the Labour MP for Ealing Central and Acton, and some local Ealing Councillors, have accused the Good Counsel Network of harassing and intimidating women who are entering the premises of the Abortion Clinic in Ealing. The GCN hold daily vigils near to the Clinic. Other Councils are following Ealing's example and, like Ealing Council, want to see buffer zones introduced outside the Abortion Clinics, which would mean that the vigils could no longer continue, and, that hundreds of babies would be killed which could have been saved. I have participated in the GCN vigils, including twice recently. There is no harassment or intimidation at all. It is a blatant lie. There are, usually, half a dozen or so people praying continuously, and one person, sensitively, prayerfully, politely, offers a leaflet to women entering the premises of the Clinic. There are numerous women willing to testify as to how they kept their baby because of the work of the GCN and other pro-life groups. It is well known that the Abortion Clinics are operating a conveyor belt system, which offers no counselling or other alternatives for the pregnant women, such as adoption, or, putting them in touch with pro-life groups such as the GCN, which would help the women financially and through counselling etc. Also, it is well documented about the tragic and appalling suffering many post-abortive women will experience, such as: suicidal thoughts, self-harming, depression, anxiety etc. Rupa Huq and the relevant Councillors refuse to speak with the numerous women who kept their babies through the wonderful work of the GCN and other like-minded organisations. By not speaking to these mothers, it only exposes Rupa Huq and the relevant Councillors to the fact that they are dogmatic, blatantly biased and seriously misusing their positions, with their ideologically driven, humanistic, secular thinking.

There was a recent case in the Isle of Wight where the parents of a six-year-old boy have removed him from his primary school in a row over whether another pupil should be allowed

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to wear a dress. Nigel and Sally Rowe said their son was confused as to why the child at the Church of England School on the Isle of Wight dressed as both a boy and a girl. The Diocese of Portsmouth, under which the school falls, said it was required to “respect diversity of all kinds”. The couple believe the school should have consulted all parents. Mrs Rowe said that when they spoke with the school, which is not being identified, they were told, “if a child wants to do that then we just have to accept it”. The couple said, under the school’s bullying policy their son faced being disciplined for misidentifying the gender of the six-year-old pupil. Two years ago they removed their eldest son from the same school in a separate row about a different child with gender identity issues. The Rowes say the suggestion that gender is fluid conflicts with their Christian beliefs and they are seeking a legal challenge against the school’s actions. The Christian Legal Centre, which is supporting Mr and Mrs Rowe, said the couple were being accused of “transphobic behaviour” because of their “refusal to acknowledge a transgender person’s true gender”. Mr Rowe said: “I am shocked by the suggestion, especially from a church school, that just because we question the notion that a six-year-old boy can really become a girl, we are transphobic.” The American College of Pediatricians state that: “it is biologically impossible to change your sex; that such children are suffering from a problem that lies in the mind, gender dysphoria; and, that it is child abuse to condition children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal. Rates of suicide are 20 times greater among adults who use cross-sex hormones and undergo sex reassignment surgery.” Concerning the recent Government Consultation on, “Changes to the teaching of Sex and Relationship Education and PSHE.” It is well known that many of the sex education programmes in schools are amoral, and that children are being sexualised and also indoctrinated with homosexual and transgender ideologies. Parental rights are in danger of being swept aside by, “The Children and Social Work Act 2017”, which made Relationship Education a compulsory school subject in all primary schools, and Relationships and Sex Education a compulsory subject in all secondary schools. Tragically, the government fully support the LGBT agenda, in relation to the Equality Act 2010. Clearly, we are in a spiritual/moral war at the present time. Almighty God is looking to all religious people to play their part, as religious people are meant to act as the conscience of the nation. For those religious people who look down on people of different faiths it is time to put aside such narrow-minded thinking, which only hampers our Creator’s plans for helping to eradicate the various issues afflicting our nation, such as the buffer zone controversy and the LGBT agenda. Mark 12:31 “Love your neighbour as yourself.” Previous government guidance has stated that no materials should be used in schools which would be in conflict with the cultural and religious beliefs of the parents of the children. Also, U.N. Declaration of Human Rights: The State shall respect the right of parents to ensure such education and teaching in conformity with their own religious and philosophical convictions. This is why it is vitally important to contact MPs about these key issues, and also to support the various moral/family organisations which are campaigning to defend these sacred values. MassResistance UK

is now fully operational under the leadership of Dr. Lisa Noland, who is an expert on the subject of the LGBT agenda. www.massresistance.org. There are other moral/family organisations in the UK, such as the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, and Family and Youth Concern, and others, who are all doing wonderful work in defending traditional moral and family values. May each one of us through our prayers and actions do our best to fulfil our calling as the conscience of the nation. Every action we take in this noble cause has truly sacred and holy value. Isaiah 41:10 (ASV) “Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

The Role of Christianity - Past, Present and Future

By Reverend Robin Marsh

We have an amazing history of Christianity, a great legacy that we can inherit. It is very good and important to pray for our nation. There is a Conservative Christian Fellowship. It is very important for politics and religion to meet. 1 Thess. 5; 17-18. “Give thanks in all circumstances.” A prophet can change the destiny of the nation. We need politics suffused with God’s spirit. Prayer without ceasing. Godly people can guide politicians. John 15: 12-13. “Love one another.” “One Family Under God.” The Great Commission: nobody should be left out. Matt. 28:16-20, Acts: 1-8. Be my witnesses to the end of the earth.

How our nation affects other nations affects our own nation. Christians will fall from 64% in 2010 to 45% by 2050. There were 12,000 British Missionaries across the globe around 1900. Accumulation of power, wealth and trade. The real purpose of the Empire was to witness. When you do not do the right things, sins are passed on. Charitable giving in the UK: £9.7 billion was donated by Britons in 2016. 61% give to charity, 25% every month. Religious organisations receive the largest share of donations by monetary value. 20% of older people give more money. Middle income nations are the happiest. Family breakdown - Low birth rate – loss of blessing. Consumerism: God and religious values pushed to the periphery. “The God Slot” on Radio 4. 3 minutes, absolute minimum. The LGBT agenda is attacking Christian values. There needs to be respect from the government for Christian opinions, Sunday worship and marriage. Alastair Campbell: “We don’t do God.” He wrote some porn novels. Christian values are relevant to green issues, human rights, health and youth, and women’s empowerment. Love others the way Christ loved us: Matt. 6:14. “blessed are the peacemakers...” We need awareness of the sins of commission and omission. What values do we want UK to promote? Respect for our traditions and values. Respected for charity and caring – partnership with other nations soft power - to help them to overcome their problems. Bigger thinking, promotion of family values. The danger done to children gets passed on. We are called to follow. Give and you receive. We gain and grow when we live for others; blessing will always come. If we hurt others we hurt God. Challenge our politicians and others. *This article is based on notes taken at a meeting of the Association of British Clergy, at Lancaster Gate, London, W2, on January 6th, 2018*