

Manifesto in defense of life, women and maternity

We call on all citizens to demonstrate their support of this manifesto in a march in Madrid, SPAIN on 17th October 2009 or send us their adherence to this manifesto.

Through what is known as the “New law on abortion”, the Spanish Government intends to modify current legislation on abortion, to make it legal and to recognize it as a right. The new law will leave in a state of complete vulnerability the victims of abortion – the unborn child, who will lack any kind of legal protection, and the mother, who is offered no other alternatives to abortion.

The new law will deprive women of their right to maternity; it will do nothing to avoid abortion and will cause the number of abortions to increase enormously. The new law on abortion also seeks to coercively impose gender ideology and its conception of sexuality on health and education services.

The intended new law makes it necessary for all those who value human life and maternity to publicly demonstrate their commitment to life and their defense of pregnant women, and to avoid a further degradation of the already precarious and insufficient defense of the basic right to life afforded by Spanish legislation.

Because EVERY SINGLE LIFE IS IMPORTANT, we wish to alert public opinion and all political parties to the following:

1. Any political or legal focus of this issue which takes no account either of the unborn child or of the problems which an unexpected pregnancy can cause for the mother, will only give rise to situations of injustice which are incompatible with the balance of rights in this matter which simple humanism demands.



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2. In the face of this new law which contradicts the dignity of the human being and aware that we must all stand together on public policies to prevent women having to face the terrible drama of abortion, we demand of the Government and of each and every political party:

a) that the proposed law of abortion be withdrawn.

b) that a support network for pregnant women be established and promoted, so that no woman should be condemned to abortion through lack of information and viable alternatives to face the problems which are at the root of the decision to have an abortion; this support network should also provide help and assistance to women who have been the victims of abortion in overcoming its consequences.

c) that adoption in Spain be fostered and adoption procedures be speeded up; that a protocol be established to inform women of this alternative in cases of unexpected pregnancies.

d) that public health policies be committed to the only progressive and humanistic solution to the question of abortion: that is, to protect the unborn life like that of any other human being and to give women enough protection to prevent their having recourse to abortion.

e) that a campaign in favor of life be promoted, which recognizes and values the dignity of the human being from the moment of conception to that of natural death, and which places sexuality in a context of love, respect, responsibility and openness to life; and, as a result, which informs women of the real consequences of abortion.

f) that the right to maternity be protected and that the immense failure of abortion be avoided by active social support policies for women.

3. We ask the public authorities, social groups and individuals to responsibly and actively respect this manifesto.

4. We call on all citizens to demonstrate their support of this manifesto in a march from Plaza Colón to Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid, on 17th October 2009.

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