



MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE

Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.

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You did it! You did it!

Kudos to the Missouri Legislature for a successful pro-life session!

Kudos to you for helping make that happen!

Missouri Right to Life applauds the Missouri Legislature for passing several pieces of legislation during the 2013 session that protect innocent human life. And we thank *you* for your part in the passage of these pro-life measures! They include:

- A ban on web-cam abortions (House Bill 400);
- Giving protection to pharmacy owners not to be forced to stock any drug or device, including abortion drugs (Senate Bill 126);
- Restoration of tax credits for people donating to agencies offering alternatives to abortion (Senate Bill 20);
- Extending the safe place for newborn drop-off from 5 days to 45 days and expanding the list of places for drop off to include maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers (Senate Bill 256);
- Pro-life protective language on “Missouri Works” economic development program (Senate Substitute for House Bill 184);
- Renewal of funding for alternative-to-abortion agencies (House Bill 5, Office of Administration Budget);
- Pro-life protective language on House Bill 7, which funds the Dept. of Economic Development, ensuring that the Missouri Technology Corporation will not be able to use these public funds on human cloning and research that destroys human life.

The Missouri Legislature has recognized the will of the people to protect innocent human life. Many thanks to House Speaker Tim Jones and to Senate President Pro Tem Tom Dempsey along with the individual sponsors of these bills.



Missouri Right to Life Legislative Liaison Susan Klein joins Speaker of the House Tim Jones (center) and Don Hinkle, Editor of the *Missouri Baptist Pathway*, at the ceremonial signing of the ban on web-cam abortions. At press time, the bill awaits the governor's signature.



Sen. Wayne Wallingford, primary Senate sponsor of the ban on web-cam abortions, visits with MRL Legislative Liaison Susan Klein.



Rep. Jeanie Riddle, primary House sponsor of the ban on web-cam abortions, alongside MRL Legislative Liaison Susan Klein.

Generous friends like you underwrite pro-life activities that *save lives*. Without you, none of these accomplishments would have been possible! To make a donation that will save lives, use the enclosed envelope or make a donation at our website, www.missourilife.org.

**Thought
you'd
like to
know...**



Baby born weighing just 15 ozs. is home

The smallest surviving baby ever born at a Vancouver, Washington hospital is now home after spending her first five months struggling for life in the neonatal intensive care unit of the Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center.

When Harley Gulliksen was born on Dec. 20 by emergency Caesarean section at 27 weeks gestation, she weighed just 15 ounces and was only 10 inches in length.

At 27 weeks, a baby usually weighs about 2 pounds, 8 ounces, said Dr. Bret Freitag, medical director of Legacy Salmon Creek's neonatal intensive care unit. He said Harley's size was closer to a baby of 22 or 23 weeks.

At birth Harley's arms were smaller than an adult's little finger, and her feet were each about the size of a quarter.

During her 149 days in the hospital, the little girl spent 33 days on a ventilator while she fought an infection and a collapsed lung, and she had a feeding tube in her belly button for 47 days while she was still too small to nurse. Yet she not only defied the odds by surviving, but set new records at the medical center because of her will to live.

Dr. Freitag said Harley's was the longest stay in the hospital's NICU, she spent the most time on the ventilator of any baby cared for at Salmon Creek, and is the smallest baby ever delivered at Legacy to survive, thrive, and be sent home.

Harley was given the okay to go home on Friday, May 17. Now, at nearly 5 months old, she weighs 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and measures 17 1/2 inches.

Tiffany Burril, Harley's mom, said that once her daughter was able to nurse she felt more confident that her baby would survive.

"It's been difficult," Burril told The Columbian. "But it's been fun too, watching her get bigger and stronger and prove all the doctors wrong."

Dr. Freitag said that Harley's small size is due to a condition called skeletal dysplasia, possibly compounded by her mother's previously undiagnosed medical condition that resulted in a very difficult pregnancy.

"Her arms and legs and, really, her whole body are shorter than normal proportions," he said. "She will always be smaller than other children her age."

Though the little girl still has obstacles to overcome – she will need supplemental oxygen and medication to help her lungs for the next six to 12 months, and doctors have yet to determine if any developmental difficulties will arise as she grows older – Dr. Freitag said he believes that she will do well

because she shows all the normal reactions, such as eye contact, smiles, and being able to firmly grip a finger, that a child about her age should make.

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Leading pro-life lawyer tells Fox he 'can't help but think' IRS harassment was deliberate

As lawmakers investigate the IRS harassment of Tea Party, conservative, evangelical, Catholic, and other political organizations, a leading pro-life lawyer told Fox News that he "can't help but think" someone ordered the intense scrutiny his clients have experienced.

Peter Breen, executive director of the Thomas More Society, appeared on Megyn Kelly's program to detail how the tax agency began subjecting pro-life groups to an unconstitutional and illegal level of scrutiny during the Obama administration.

"We can't help but think it's related" to the 44th president's ascension to power, Breen said. "All of this happened after President Obama took office."

"We weren't having these troubles under the prior administrations," he said. "Someone did something."

The IRS asked one of the Society's clients, the Coalition of Life for Iowa, "Please detail the content of the members of your organization's prayers." Agents asked pro-life groups about their activities protesting outside Planned Parenthood clinics, including the messages on signs they might hold.

"If your concern is keeping 501(c)3 charities from doing political work, well then why do you care about what they're doing at their prayer meetings or what they're doing outside a Planned Parenthood?" Breen asked. "They're not canvassing voters there."

"It's obvious what they're doing there," he said, calling their work "perfectly appropriate for 501(c)3 public charities."

Another tax agent asked a client if a pro-life ministry would "educate on both sides" of the abortion debate, outlining the argument in favor of abortion alongside their own deeply held beliefs that life begins at the moment of conception.

"Would you ask the NAACP if they're going to see what the white supremacists do and they're going to present both sides of the issue?" he asked. "This is crazy."

Congressman Aaron Schock, R-IL, grilled the former IRS commissioner, Steven Miller, over the allegations, which the society made public after it delivered 150 pages of evidence that the IRS harassed pro-life groups.

On its website the Thomas More Society notes that it "has assisted thousands of clients including some of the nation's most renowned pro-life and religious leaders: David Bereit and 40 Days for Life, Lila Rose and Live Action, Joe, Ann, and Eric Scheidler and Pro-Life Action League, Troy Newman and Operation Rescue, former Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline, Catholic Bishops, the Notre Dame Protestors ("ND88") and many more."

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From the President ~

This Must End

I don't like horror shows. They give me nightmares and seer disturbing and haunting images in my brain. I turn away. I can't look.

Such was the case with the Kermit Gosnell story. Kermit Gosnell ran an abortion clinic in Philadelphia that could best be described as a "house of horrors" - filthy conditions, rusty medical instruments, blood and urine-soaked tables and floors, jars of severed babies' feet, and bodies of aborted babies in the freezer - unspeakable depravity.

Most of the media turned its head and barely covered the story. And yet in spite of the empty media chairs at the Gosnell trial, there were those who did attend, those who did not turn away, and they were changed by the images they saw and the testimony they heard.

Gosnell was convicted on three counts of murder for severing the spines of three babies who survived late-term abortions and one count of manslaughter in the death of a mother.

In spite of Planned Parenthood's best efforts to spin the Gosnell story as an aberration, he is not alone.

Three former abortion clinic employees of Houston abortionist Douglas Karpen have come forward with eyewitness accounts and pictures. Karpen also killed babies born alive after botched abortions - some with his bare hands by twisting their necks. These former employees have pictures of Karpen's handiwork - pictures of babies torn apart, dismembered, faces of children experiencing unimaginable pain - pictures that make you want to turn away.

There are other stories, other abortionists, other murdered children - more than we will ever know.

And while there is outrage over the actions of these abortionists, where is the admission that had these children been torn apart or stabbed to death in-utero just inches before their birth, their deaths would have been just another medical procedure and protected by law.

These "after-birth abortions" are the consequences of the breathtaking disregard for human life that is legalized abortion, now enshrined in our culture and laws and celebrated by many political leaders including the President of the United States.

Missouri Right to Life is working tirelessly and passionately to protect unborn children and their mothers from the horror of abortion. Our pro-life legislators have worked hand-in-hand with us to pass meaningful abortion regulations including restrictions on late-term abortions, women's right-to-know legislation, and restrictions on dispensing dangerous chemical abortifacients. National Right to Life is supporting legislation at the federal level to end late-term abortions.

We cannot turn away. We must not hide our eyes. The horror of legalized abortion must be seen - and it must be ended. With God's help, we will end it.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." Matthew 18:10



A precious baby girl aborted by Kermit Gosnell at 26-weeks gestation.

*Blessings,
Dann Fichter*

GIRL SCOUTS JOIN PLANNED PARENTHOOD AT HUGE PRO-ABORTION CONFERENCE

by Sydney Volanski

The Feb./Mar. 2013 Missouri Right to Life News featured an article by Ann Saladin about the Girl Scouts. It also included the recent policy statement of Missouri Right to Life concerning the organization. That newsletter is available at www.missourilife.org. This article offers more information about the sad saga of Girl Scouts USA and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Tell me who you hang out with and I'll tell you who you are.

Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA), offers this pithy saying as her favorite quote. In order to figure out who the Girl Scouts are, I suppose we must follow Ms. Chávez' logic and look at the organizations that GSUSA associate with.

A good place to start would be the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). WAGGGS has member organizations across the globe, the largest of which is GSUSA, constituting about a quarter of the ten million members that belong to WAGGGS. GSUSA is a co-founder of WAGGGS and one of WAGGGS' largest financial supporters, paying over \$1 million each year in membership fees which are triggered by each girl and adult member's annual GSUSA registration.

The global organization is a well-known advocate for sexual and reproductive rights, including abortion, for youth and claims to speak for all of its 10 million members.

In May 2013, WAGGGS participated in Women Deliver, a global conference with the purpose of "call[ing] for action to improve the health and well-being of girls and women."

The conference featured speakers such as late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart, philosopher Peter Singer, who supports infanticide and euthanasia, and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Some of the breakout sessions were entitled "Outing and Addressing Abortion Stigma" and "Why

I Perform Abortions." Exhibitors included many abortion and population control advocates such as Amnesty International, Guttmacher Institute, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Marie Stopes International, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, United Nations Population Fund, and WAGGGS.

Equally concerning is WAGGGS' participation, along with International Planned Parenthood Federation and Planned Parenthood Global (PPFA global), in the Youth Advisory Group for the Women Deliver Conference. It seems to me that the Girl Scouts have some interesting -- you might even say radical -- friends.

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Sexual and reproductive rights advocacy is nothing new for WAGGGS. In June 2012, WAGGGS Board Chair Nadine El Achy boasted that WAGGGS "represented each one of our WAGGGS members – YOU" as they pushed for sexual and reproductive rights at the Rio+20 conference. In December 2012, WAGGGS and International Planned Parenthood Federation worked together to create the Bali Youth Declaration, a document which called for abortion rights for youth, comprehensive sex education, and the "decriminalization of sex work." WAGGGS appears to be advocating for the legalization of prostitution. I, for one, fail to see how this relates to scouting.

Putting WAGGGS aside, GSUSA has many other concerning friends. Together with global abortion provider Marie Stopes and other abortion advocates,

GSUSA maintains membership in The Coalition for Adolescent Girls.

The Coalition promotes comprehensive sex education and abortion related care for girls. Additionally, the GSUSA curriculum, the Journey series, used and promoted by every Girl Scout council, was revised for problematic content in 2012. Some corrections were made, but many concerns remain. For example, through Journeys, GSUSA still encourages girls to work with or research many pro-abortion groups such as the ACLU, Amnesty International, Population Council, Sierra Club, WAGGGS and others. Despite this promotion of many pro-abortion groups, I couldn't find one pro-life organization recommended by GSUSA in their books for girls. It seems that the organization has taken a decided stand on this controversial moral issue. Again, how does this relate to scouting?

I imagine many people will be upset when learning of this association. I know I was. "What?" they'll say, incredulous at first, "Girl Scouts couldn't possibly be involved in something like this."

After a while, though, the surprise fades. That's when reactions start to diverge. I became mad. At only fourteen, I learned of WAGGGS' advocacy for abortion. I was angry that I had been deceived by an organization I had mistakenly come to trust. My sister became sad. She felt hurt and betrayed when she realized that GSUSA simply is not what it says it is. Instead of remaining neutral on issues like abortion, as they promised, the Girl Scouts fund and hang out with aggressive abortion rights advocates.

Given all of this, who the Girl Scouts have become is clear to me. And, unfortunately, they certainly are not the positive influence on girls they once were.

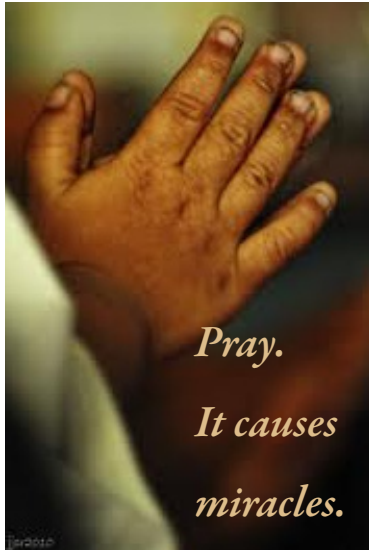
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U. S. HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE APPROVES BILL TO PROVIDE NATIONWIDE PROTECTION FOR PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILDREN

Bill co-sponsored by six Missouri members of Congress

On June 12, the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives approved landmark legislation to provide nationwide protection for unborn children who are capable of feeling pain, beginning at 20 weeks fetal age. At press time, action by the full House is expected the week of June 17.

“Because of publicity surrounding the trial of Kermit Gosnell and subsequent revelations about other abortionists, many Americans are becoming aware for the first time that abortions are frequently performed late in pregnancy on babies who are capable of being born alive, and on babies who will experience great pain while being killed,” said NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson. “This bill



Pro-Life State Representative Jason Smith Wins Special Election for 8th District Congressional Seat Southeast Missouri seat formerly held by Jo Ann Emerson

The Missouri Right to Life Federal Political Action Committee would like to congratulate Jason Smith for his June 4 victory in the Special Election for the Eighth District Congressional seat, which was formerly held by Jo Ann Emerson.

As a State Representative, most recently as Speaker Pro Tem of the Missouri House, Jason Smith has held firm to his pro-life convictions since his election in 2005. He withstood pressure to compromise those beliefs, especially in the battle to protect innocent human life from the threat of destruction using biotechnology. He has consistently affirmed life in his voting record and has a solid commitment to helping the unborn, their mothers, and their families. Protecting the sanctity of life is not just a political position to Jason; it's part of his core values.

MRL PAC is proud to count Jason Smith among those who fight for life, and we look forward to working with him as he represents pro-life Missourians in the U.S. Congress.

is the most significant piece of pro-life legislation to come before the House since the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, which the U.S. Supreme Court upheld in 2007.”

The bill is sponsored by Congressman Trent Franks (R-Az.). Included among the co-sponsors are six Missouri Congress members, Ann Wagner (R-2), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-3), Vicky Hartzler (R-4), Sam Graves (R-6), Billy Long (R-7), and Jason Smith (R-8).

The legislation, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 1797), is strongly supported by the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life organizations. It is based on an NRLC model bill that has already been enacted in nine states. The Judiciary Committee approved the bill by a vote of 20 to 12. Republicans on the committee were united in support, and were joined by one Democrat.

In a nationwide poll of 1,003 registered voters in March, The Polling Company found that 64% would support a law such as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act prohibiting abortion after 20 weeks -- when an unborn baby can feel pain -- unless the life of the mother is in danger. Only 30% opposed such legislation. Women voters split 63%-31% in support of such a law, and 63% of independent voters supported it.

H.R. 1797 contains congressional findings of fact regarding the medical evidence that unborn children experience pain at least by 20 weeks “post-fertilization age,” or the start of the sixth month. The bill generally bars abortion after that point, with an exception that applies when an acute physical condition endangers the life of the mother. Note: 20 weeks post-fertilization age (“fetal age”) is equivalent to “22 weeks of pregnancy” in the widely employed “LMP” (Last Menstrual Period) dating system. Journalists who wish to translate into the “weeks of pregnancy” or “weeks of gestation” (LMP) dating system are free to do so, of course, but if they write that the bill would “ban abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy,” they are in error by two weeks. In the “weeks of pregnancy” system, the bill applies at 22 weeks.

Some of the extensive evidence that unborn children have the capacity to experience pain, at least by 20 weeks fetal age, is available on the NRLC website at http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/Fetal_Pain/index.html and also at <http://www.doctorsonfetalpain.com/>.

Missouri Right to Life introduces you to our new Director of Development Bill Zobrist joins our pro-life team!



Greetings to the membership and supporters of Missouri Right to Life,

I am honored and humbled to have been selected to fill this new and important position as Director of Development. It is exciting to have the opportunity to work with the Missouri Right to Life team of experienced and dedicated warriors of the pro-life movement. Missouri Right to Life is clearly the watchdog standing guard in Missouri on your behalf and I look forward to doing my part to support this most important and unselfish responsibility. I want to thank the board for their confidence.

I am married to Debbie and have been for 37 years. We have two sons, Bill and Eric, with two remarkable daughters-in-law, Elaine and Tara, and four equally remarkable grand children, Victoria, William, Stella, and Hannah. We reside in Oakville, in south St. Louis County and are members of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church. We are very active in our church as I currently serve on the Parish Council, the Liturgy Committee, and we are both on the Pro-life committee. For the last 34 years I have specialized in insuring churches in the commercial insurance business as an independent agent. I consider my previous work and life experiences ideally suited to the demands of the Director of Development position.

I became more impassioned about abortion when we went to the Planned Parenthood facility in St. Louis one very cold Saturday morning to pray and silently protest. I was shocked and stunned by the volume of traffic, and the experience has never left me. If you have never done so I would encourage you to consider it as it gives you a new and sobering understanding.

I am 100% pro-life. Not just abortion but all the life issues. Abortion is certainly the forefront issue for most of us, but all the issues are equally centered in intrinsic evil. The proponents of cloning, eugenics, euthanasia, abortifacients, etc. never stop and are always chipping away at our most sacred Constitutional right to life as they promote their ideological agenda. We cannot soften our stance nor let our guard down.

I wish to thank all of you for your past support of MRL and look forward to your continued support. I hope if you ever have the chance, please take a moment to introduce yourself, as I hope to meet and greet all of you in the near future.



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... by giving beyond a lifetime! Invest in your vision – a world in which every human life is protected and respected.

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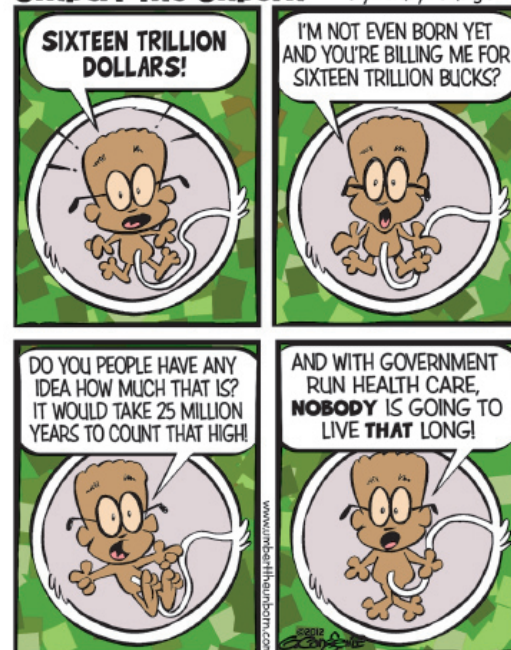
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**“One life,
a little
gleam
between
two
eternities.”**

~ Thomas Carlyle

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Missouri State Fair
Sedalia

If visiting the state fair, be sure to stop by our Missouri Right to Life booth. It is staffed by MRL-Sedalia Chapter members. They'd love to see you!

Sept 25 - Nov. 3



Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign -
Columbia, Springfield, St. Louis.
Additional information at website
40daysforlife.com.

March 11, 2014



MRL Pro-Life Action Day
State Capitol, Jefferson City
Plan ahead!

Hannibal Chapter's Yard Sale For Life



The 33rd Annual Right to Life Yard Sale at Hannibal LaGrange University raises funds and provides pro-life companionship-while-we-work! A great success again this year!

Pro-life voting records for the 2013

Missouri Legislative Session are

available on the Missouri Right to Life

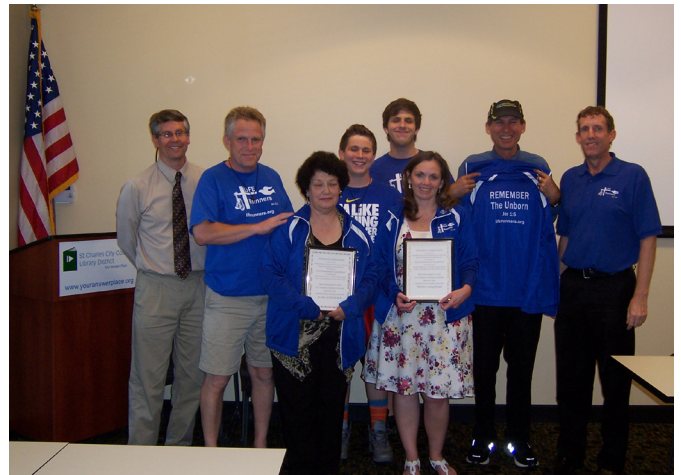
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Life is good at Western Region's Golf Tournament



Left to right - Mary Kay Clue, Mary Ann Grelinger, and Deanna Grelinger enjoy a beautiful day at MRL-Western Region's 10th Annual Spring Golf Tournament.

LIFE Runners visit St. Charles Chapter meeting



LIFE Runners, a national group, pray, fund raise, and run/walk as a Team in events all across the country. Jerry Nieters (far left), MRL-St. Charles Chapter Chairman, is shown with local representatives from LIFE Runners who visited the May MRL-St. Charles Chapter meeting. At the gathering, two chapter members who are also LIFE Runners were honored for their participation in the 2013 Life Across America Relay.

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"In admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees"

***Celebrating Mothers and Fathers.
And all of those who serve as Moms and Dads.***

***Thoughts inspired by the reflection "Invisible Mother,"
and surely it could be entitled "Invisible Father" too:***

A legend in a book told of a rich man who came to visit a cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, "Why are you spending so much time carving that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof -- no one will ever see it." And the workman replied, "Because God sees."

And that is the essence of raising Godly children into Godly men and women. It is almost as if God whispers to us, "I see you. I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does."

"No act of kindness you've done, no sequin you've sewn, no cupcake you've baked, no bike you've repaired, no last-minute errand is too small for me to notice and smile over. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become."

As parents, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. One day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices that were made.

God's blessing on you, master builders of life and love!