Dear Pro-Life Partners, August 1, 2026

Subtle Societal Shifts

I was going through old files the other day and I stumbled across this writing, author unknown.

Abortion has saved us from looking at a lot of childish art.

Choose Abortion and you can prepare a perfect dinner with a salad that hasn't been picked to death, and a cake with no finger traces in the icing. You will say, "Now, there's a meal for company!" Then you'll eat alone.

Choose Abortion. And you can have privacy on the phone…No dancing around, no pantomimes, no demolition crews. Silence…you'll have it!

Choose Abortion. And you'll have no tablecloths stained with spaghetti. No gates to stumble over at the top of the basement steps. No toys under the sofa. No playpens to arrange a room around.

Choose Abortion. And you can have lipstick with a point on it. No baby sitter on New Year's Eve. Washing only once a week. Eating a steak that isn't ground. No PTA meetings. No car pools.

Think about it! No Christmas presents made out of toothpicks and glue. No sloppy oatmeal kisses. No Tooth Fairy. No giggles in the dark. No knees to heal…No responsibility!

Only a voice crying "Why didn't you let me grow up?" and a heartache within saying, "I wish I had."

This poignant assessment is true now more than ever. According to Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the average number of children per family in the U.S. has dropped to 1.57 (from 1.6), well below the 2.1 replacement rate needed to keep population numbers stable.

In a recent interview, A Gen-Z expert stated that young women are increasingly leaning left and postponing marriage and motherhood in favor of careers. Sadly, conservative, Christian women may not be far behind. At my niece's wedding last year, I had a conversation with three lovely young single women in which I asked if portrayals in movies and on TV accurately depicted their female generation's mindset towards marriage and family vs. career. Their collective answer boiled down to, "Well of course we wouldn't let a man hold us back."

The assumption being that if they had to choose, then obviously the man in question is not being supportive, so they'll choose themselves. And here I was thinking that women were amazing enough to have it all!

My nephew sitting next to me looked crestfallen. This tracks with what the aforementioned Gen-Z expert asserted about young men—they are increasingly shifting right and prioritizing marriage and family. Alas, gender dissonance continues and widens, while cultural shifts no longer run simply in straight lines, but now seem to crossover and intersect. (Oh how the Devil loves to create subtle chaos and confusion.)

Charlie Kirk advised young women to marry young, have lots of babies, and focus on their career later. For those who would disregard Charlies's view because he is, after all, a man (gasp), Dr. Laura used to preach the same thing. I do know this, and I know many who would agree—no matter what I have accomplished or would ever accomplish in my life, being a mom is the best, most fulfilling thing I have ever done.

Partnering with You for Life!

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