

A Nation in Need Of Healing

She was 45 and had been attending our healing workshop for several weeks.

She rarely spoke. But then one night the dam broke. She poured out her heart in tears of pain, mourning like Rachel of old for her lost child.

For 30 years, she had been unable to tell anyone about her buried pain over an abortion her mother had forced her to have at 15. Now she was surrounded by caring friends who reassured her of God's love and forgiveness.

Slowly her tears of pain turned to tears of joy. To those with her, it seemed like a miracle.

She left the workshop that night smiling as her friends had never seen her smile before. The weight of her buried pain had been lifted.

Millions of other women with similar stories don't get that chance. Estimates range from as few as 10 per cent who suffer major post-abortion trauma to as many as 70 per cent with lesser long-term effects.

Just how much harm abortion does to women is one of abortion's dirty little secrets.

Young men experience losses, too — like the 20-year-old man whose girlfriend wanted to keep their baby and to marry him, until friends and family members talked her into an abortion.

Suddenly, he had two losses to contend with: the young woman he thought he loved with all his heart and the child he never got to see.

For young men like him, there are no shoulders to cry on. It's just chin up and don't ever let yourself get in this same situation again.

On college campuses all over America, crisis counselors tell us that half of all the young woman having abortions come from religious homes, and 90% of the time their parents never even hear about it.

Now with RU-486 and the morning after pill, thousands of young women are having their own abortions, far from the friends and families who love them. But the shame that goes with every abortion guarantees that many of them will bury their pain for a lifetime.

It's easy to tally up the economic losses involved in 54.3 million abortions, but there is no way to calculate the spiritual pain.

That's why America needs a change of heart and mind about abortion, and why all of us need to work to help make America a more caring and compassionate society.

Meanwhile, we've reserved a free copy of "A Nation in Need of Healing" just for you. It's our inspiring interview with the late John Cardinal O'Connor, and it's yours for the asking.

You can help by carrying this message to others and by sending your gift today to help sustain our mission of pro-life education. Your gift is your share in our work of preventing future abortions and healing those already wounded.

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing" — Edmund Burke

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