



MOTHER OF THE UNBORN

Miss Tidwell, an American artist, was inspired to paint a beautiful depiction of our Blessed Mother grieving over the millions of aborted babies. Normally a picture like this would

take months for her to finish. She completed this within two hours.

The stars around Mary's head represent the crown of the Woman of the Apocalypse: "A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with twelve stars on her head for a crown." The large star is the "Star of Bethlehem". The rose colored ball in the lower left corner is the earth in turmoil. The glow of her most Immaculate Heart is an evident sign of tremendous love for all her children, especially the most helpless of all.

The incessant weeping over this horrible evil has blackened her lovely eyes. The baby's Guardian Angel seems to be saddened over the death of his charge and grateful for the Blessed Mother's care and concern.

The baby bears the five wounds of our precious Savior. Note, both baby and Angel are weeping and the baby's hands are clasped in prayer.

The reason the Blessed Mother's hand and fingernails are dirty is because she has to scoop and dig out these precious souls from trash bins, garbage dumps, and as in Wichita, Kansas, from a pile ready to be burned with dead animals at their dog pound.

***MOTHER OF ALL THE LIVING
PRAY FOR US***

At the moment of conception, an unrepeatable human being comes into existence, complete with his or her own DNA. Although they are only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the height they will grow to be, color of hair - everything! They will play a unique role in their family and community. Nothing is added after conception, all they need to exist is nourishment, a safe warm environment and most of all - love. Their parents don't even know that they exists yet. Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so they can fulfill the mission God has for them.



The Loving and Caring Option

In the U.S., there are approximately two million couples waiting to adopt.

Clearly, this is absolutely tragic. Many good, loving families are waiting throughout our nation for a baby whom they want to cherish, value, and raise for the rest of that baby's life. Instead of babies going to these families, they go into a trash heap or down a garbage disposal, victims of abortion.

Adoption - especially the adoption of a newborn baby - almost always involves a loving, excited couple who have dreamed for years of holding and caring for their own special treasure.

Do mothers considering abortion realize that families actually go on waiting lists to adopt newborn babies? Do they realize that some couples wait years to adopt the baby they've desperately waited to hold in their arms? Do mothers realize how many experienced parents with wisdom, resources, and plenty of love are reaching out to adopt another child -- no matter his or her race, gender, or disability?

We need to let mothers know that they can handpick their babies' adoptive families. They can choose an open adoption, where they see their babies at certain times throughout the year. They can choose a partially open adoption, where they receive photos and updates about their children's lives. Or they can choose a closed adoption and give their babies completely over to their adoptive families. We must let expectant mothers know that adoption is the loving, caring option.

Common Myths about domestic violence

- She must have done something to deserve it or provoke it.
- It can't be that bad or she'd leave.
- It's just the odd lovers' tiff. Everybody has arguments.
- It's all caused by alcohol.
- Abusers must be mentally ill.
- They must have come from a violent family.
- She should stay for the sake of the children.
- Domestic violence only happens in working class families.
- Abusers just can't control themselves.
- If there are no bruises, it can't be domestic violence.
- Domestic violence has no impact on children.
- What goes on behind closed doors should stay behind closed doors.
- Domestic violence is a new problem.
- If it only happens once, it isn't domestic violence.

The reality is, however, that it is caused by a misuse of power by one person over another. Behaviour is always a choice and those who perpetrate domestic violence do so to get what they want and to gain control, they may:

Use Intimidation

Making someone feel afraid by using looks, actions, and gestures, smashing things, destroying their property, abusing pets or displaying weapons.

Use Emotional Abuse

Putting them down, making them feel bad about themselves, calling them names, making them think they are crazy, playing mind games, humiliating them, making them feel guilty.

Use Isolation

Controlling what they do, who they see and talk to, what they read, where they go, limit their outside involvement, use jealousy to justify actions.

Minimize by Denying and Blaming

Making light of the abuse, saying the abuse didn't happen, shifting responsibility for abusive behavior.

Use the Children

Using the children to relay messages, using visitation to harass, threaten to take children away.

Use Coercion and Threats

Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt them, threaten to leave them, commit suicide, make them drop charges, make them do illegal things.

Why They Don't Leave

Leaving an abusive relationship is a very long and difficult process. This is made difficult for a range of reasons. If someone is experiencing domestic violence, they may:

- feel frightened and uncertain about what the future will hold
- feel frightened for the children
- feel it is in the children's best interests to stay in the family home
- feel ashamed and reluctant to tell or seek help
- have such low confidence and self-esteem that making decisions is a confusing and difficult task
- be isolated from family and friends and feel they have no one to turn to
- be worried about financial security if they leave
- not have information on services available
- have received a negative response, when they reached out to someone for support in the past
- be too exhausted to take on any life changes or major decisions
- still have feelings of love for their partner and fond memories of how things used to be
- hope and believe that things will get better.

It is important to remember, leaving is a process and not an event. Society has a responsibility to support women who make that difficult decision. All agencies can play a role in providing support during a woman and children's help seeking process. A positive initial response is crucial. Women and children need to be believed, supported and encouraged to take positive steps for their own safety and well-being.

Unfortunately leaving does not always stop the violence and many women are still exposed to abuse when they leave the relationship. Research has shown that women can be at higher risk during this time.



**Break the silence
Speak out
Survive**