

FROM OUR PASTOR

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Warm Sabbath Greetings to Everyone,

She never had an abortion, in fact she was the mother of three healthy daughters.

In 1970, Norma McCorvey was a self-proclaimed “very confused” 21-year-old mother of one, with a second child on the way. Three years later, she would take on the pseudonym “Jane Roe,” and become the prominent plaintiff in the history-making Supreme Court case, *Roe v. Wade*.

In one of the most criticized and divisive court decisions in history, the 1973 decision, written by Justice Harry A. Blackmun after a 7-2 ruling by the court, established the constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy as guaranteed under the “right to privacy.” People have asked ever since if James Madison and John Adams—the primary authors of our Constitution—would agree in any way that they intended killing innocent babies. Also, the US Constitution contains no express right to privacy. The Bill of Rights protects aspects of privacy such as: privacy of beliefs (1st amendment), privacy of the home against forced housing of soldiers (3rd), protection against unreasonable searches (4th), and privilege against self-incrimination (5th).

Over 40 years later, *Roe v. Wade* still faces challenges. Norma McCovey died February 18th at the age of 69. In the years since the court decision in her favor, over 60 million innocent babies in the USA have been killed. Some by chemical burning with salt solution, some by being cut into pieces while still alive in their mother’s womb, some by having their soft skulls crushed by a doctor. No one has yet explained why a person should get the death penalty as a result of the circumstances of their conception.

Not only did Norma never have an abortion, but later in life she strongly supported the pro-life movement. In 1995, McCorvey became a born-again Christian and was received by the Catholic Church in 1998. In an open letter published on Priests for Life, she wrote: “I am privileged to talk on the phone with women tempted to abort their children, with those who need healing from the pain of abortion, and with pro-life people across the country who want encouragement and information.”

She called her involvement with the Texas Justice Foundation and other groups to reverse the decision in *Roe v. Wade* as “one of my most important activities.” McCorvey described the future she wanted to see: “I am confident that we are moving toward the day when legal abortion will be no more than a painful memory, just as I have come to the day in my life when the evils I was once enmeshed in are no more than a painful memory.”

Legal scholars for years have described Justice Blackmun’s written decision on behalf of the court as a scattergun, wondering, mixed bag approach. Lifenews.com has posted: “As Villanova law professor Joseph W. Dellapenna writes, “The opinion [in *Roe*]

is replete with irrelevancies, non-sequiturs, and unsubstantiated assertions. The Court decides matters it disavows any intention of deciding—thereby avoiding any need to defend its conclusion. In the process the opinion simply fails to convince.”

Modern biology has come a long way since 1973. It is now possible to document brain waves in a growing fetus as early as six weeks after conception. Brain waves are a sure sign of a viable human life. For Christians, the Bible is clear that the growing child in its mother’s womb is a person. One clear scripture is, Luke 1:41 “And it happened as Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb.” The word for “babe” always means a baby, a person, not something inferior.

Much of modern society has lost comprehension of a great truth.

“Children are a gift from the LORD, a reward from a mother's womb.” Psalm 127:3

When Jesus Christ returns the carnage will cease. The earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD and there will be no more hurting or destroying. Isaiah_11:9 tells us wonderful news—for all children born and yet to be born. “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.

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