

Dear Friend of Life

I grieved for our country last year, on the eve of the lockdown, when our government pushed through a radically permissive abortion bill. Nearly one year on, abortion has been so normalised that many women don't even think about alternatives when they have an unplanned pregnancy. It's getting harder to speak on social media about the harm abortion causes, because hearts have become so hardened.

I grieve for all the young girls who have been deceived by this culture, and for the women who will be unspeakably harmed by the choice to end the life growing within them.

You may not have heard that Ashley Bloomfield has signed the directive for babies aborted at 22 weeks+ to receive a lethal injection of potassium chloride into their heart to ensure that they will be born dead.

I don't even want to describe for you what unspeakable suffering this causes to the child. But I have to ask: what kind of nation have we become that treats children as objects to be disposed of?

I am certain that you, too, are horrified by all this. And I want you to know that our team at the John Paul II Centre for Life is working hard to protect vulnerable lives.

*There IS hope.*

*We ARE making a difference.*

*We ARE helping women to choose life.*

Our caring staff are also helping people discover hope and healing after their miscarriage or abortion. We are constantly striving to improve our social media to ensure that we can reach women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. We're extending our networks so that we can support more families who cannot afford to provide for their babies.

*What keeps us going?*

It's those moments when our heartfelt prayer is answered, when we see a heart soften and a woman connects with the child within her.

It's those moments when a mother gazes at her newborn whom she came close to terminating, and says: "Thanks. I love her. I could not have gone through with this pregnancy without your help!"

All of this requires funds. We put our utmost into fundraising and promotion through the raffles last October. Because there were so many disruptions last year, we did not hold an Annual Appeal. Our last one was in December 2019.

*Can you help us today with your donation?*

We need to raise an additional \$30,000 to ensure we can go forward confidently into the next financial year. We are counting on your generosity, and your prayer.

Thank you for partnering with us generously in the defence of life.

With every blessing,

Maria Schmetzer  
Director