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Recent Happenings!

There has been a lot going on in the last few months. Thursday 17th May, a Bill was tabled before NSW state parliament, titled the "Public Health Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2018" which would make praying and offering support to women going into an abortion mill an illegal activity.

Just yesterday Channel 9 interviewed Paul Hanrahan, Executive Director of Family Life International about the Bill and the activities of the Helpers' of God's Precious Infants. Unfortunately and not to our surprise Channel 9 had an ulterior motive in airing this story. A lot of

you may be aware they showed footage of a man being punched by another man who was with the prayer group outside a Surry Hills abortion clinic. Paul received an email from a supporter of ours asking for more details on what happened. Here is his reply:

"Yes. Channel Nine came and interviewed me today ostensibly about the Sharpe/Kahn Bill however, all he wanted to do was justify it by highlighting the scuffle back in January 2016 where one of our people was involved and was charged with assault, but the case was thrown out by the Court. The other protagonist was a young man who was certainly after trouble and has a long rap sheet. He didn't bother coming to Court in fact which pretty well destroyed the case for the Police."

The point I made to the journalist was this Bill is meant to be about protecting women and there was no woman involved at all. His girlfriend was inside the whole time. Police had been called and attended and spoke to him before this incident but he totally ignored them. They said everything will be ok despite our protestations and left. None of this is justification for John hitting him but it certainly gives perspective.

Channel Nine obviously got this footage, probably anyway, from the Private Clinic whose manager Paul Natrass appeared on the news item. I said to the reporter that in 24 years of doing this, that this one incident is all he could find. Our supporter is right though and it is damaging. The 600 women we've helped and the stories of harassment and assault against us was of no interest to them it appears.

That particular "Helper" no longer attends. The guy was saying he'd f**k his wife and daughters who were over the road. John said he thought he was going to hit him so he hit first."

Of course we do not condone hitting people, but there is a whole backdrop to this particular incident which the media wanted nothing to do with. This just highlights how far the media in general has fallen. They are run by ideologues who will only push their views onto society.

Paul Hanrahan, after doing the interview spoke to Chris O'Keefe the Channel 9 reporter, this is what

he said to Chris "I told him he lacked integrity and challenged him to report both sides of the issue. I told him about assaults against us but he says well you should expect that because of what you do! So much for an unbiased and professional media."

This says it all. No wonder that people in today's world are so blind, because all they get fed is lies or at best manipulation of the truth in someway. This is the fight we are engaged in today, a fight against the secular world.

As a direct result of this so-called news report, we have received hate mail in the last 12 hours, which goes back to my earlier point about how easily people are led by the mainstream media.

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Here is just one example of the kind of emails we have been receiving. "You\'re in no position to criticize anyone, you worthless Jesus-loving kiddef****s. Just crawl on back to your filthy, childraping families and your filthy, child-raping friends at you filthy child-raping church, you sick little c***s. Order kill yourselves. Both are good."(sic) This is just flat out hate mail and harassment. But according to Chris O'Keefe "well you should expect that because of what you do!" The hypocrisy of the leftist media knows no bounds. Here is a "reputable" journalist claiming that what we do is harassment but in the same breath can claim that any harassment we receive we deserve because of what we do. How blind is society to not be able to see that what they are watching each and every night is not news but concocted stories that push an ideology onto the viewer.

Also something that people should be aware of. Channel Nine portrayed the man attending the abortion mill to kill his baby as "an innocent young man waiting for his girlfriend inside." Nothing could be further from the truth. He was outside smoking when we arrived and his girlfriend was already inside. He immediately commenced a calculating and persistent stream of abuse, harassment, intimidation and vulgarity against the Helpers especially me. He made threats which prompted me to call the police who attended and spoke too him and told him not to come outside the place and not to engage with us further. They told us he would be ok now and that he was just upset by what was happening inside. We told them he had said to one of our members whose fiance was across the road, "what if I f**k her and stuff her

up?" and many other "unpleasant" things. They assured us he would be ok now that they had spoken to him. They hadn't even driven off when he was out again and haranguing me with the same unpleasantries. The incident shown by Channel Nine grew from that. If the police had done their job in the first place, that would have been the end of it. Our guy did the wrong thing for sure. But he was arrested and charged and it went to Court. In other words they didn't need "safe access zone" laws to act!

It is very unfortunate footage but whilst it was shown with commentary which seemed to suggest that it supported the proposed new laws to establish exclusion zones preventing a very broad range of behaviour near abortion clinics in NSW, it is noteworthy that it does nothing of the sort. The video shows an altercation between a group of men. As there is no sound – or at least none was broadcast – we have no context for how or why the altercation took place. One thing that the video definitely does not show is any harassment, intimidation, abuse, interference, anxiety or distress caused by anyone to any woman seeking to enter or leave the premises. If protecting women is what the legislation is about video of an altercation between a group of men does not justify the proposed legislation in a particular part of Sydney. Unfortunately such altercations take place all over the State of NSW and we have existing laws to deal with such matters wherever they might occur.

Vigils

Join us in person, or by prayer as the Helpers of God's Precious Infants step up to the front lines in the battle for Life.

Sydney:

Tuesday 8:00am - 10:00am, Friday 8:00am - 10.00am, Saturday 8:00am - 10:00am. 120 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills.

Albury:

Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm. 586 Englehardt St, Albury.

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