

2018 in review and 2019 the year ahead

This year has been a very challenging year to say the least. We began the year getting used to the idea that a majority of our fellow Australians thought that redefining Marriage to include the immoral fiction, that same sex couples are the same as a man and woman, was a matter of equality and that there would be no other consequences. Of course as we progress in time we are seeing that there are many consequences. Not least that **Catholic and other religious schools will not be able to protect their identity** and will be forced to accept any student claiming minority and protected status irrespective of the reason they may be denied enrolment and of course they will be forced to employ anyone and everyone despite any conflict in beliefs.

We were coming to terms with this massive blow to the moral sanity of our society when we were further thrown back to pagan times with the denial of freedom of speech and religious expression with the advent of so called “**safe access zones**” around **abortion mills in NSW and then in Queensland**, which also introduced similar totalitarian laws to Victoria and Tasmania, legalising abortion effectively up to term with very few restrictions. We can rest assured that despite defeating a similar Bill in 2017 in NSW that we will be next especially as we are now the only State with laws criminalising abortion.

To add to the impetus for decriminalisation and legalisation in NSW for those pushing death, we add a renewed push to pass Zoe’s Law. A Bill which on the face of it appears supportive of Life by criminalising any act which results in the death of an unborn baby, whether it be careless, reckless or malicious and allowing for penalties including gaol for offenders. However, there is an exception to prosecution when the mother seeks an abortion! **This kind of thinking is at best imprudent and at worst reckless.** It would introduce into law de facto legalisation of abortion and make redundant the 3 sections of the Crimes Act criminalising abortion, S 82, 83, and 84.

We have also had numerous Parliamentary initiatives to the legalisation of Euthanasia. The Restoring Territories Rights Bill in the Federal Parliament was narrowly defeated which was an attempt to sanction euthanasia in the Northern Territory and ACT as the “thin edge of the wedge” to having it legalised more widely. It was defeated in NSW last year but **the death pedlars have vowed to reintroduce similar Bills after the next State election.** In Queensland and Western Australia there are Parliamentary committees “investigating” possible options for the elimination of those who they say have passed their use by dates!

We have addressed these issues in greater detail previously of course and outlined some of our engagement with them. These issues often involve submissions to senate/parliamentary committees and engaging our allies on strategies and campaign initiatives and supporting such initiatives. These are time consuming and challenging but **it is important that the Catholic pro-life, pro-family perspective be constantly promoted** if we are to have any success.

On top of all these crimes against humanity being pushed around our country we have a very dysfunctional Federal Parliament continuously devouring itself and the leader/Prime Minister of the day. The most recent victor Scott Morrison used calumny and lies to get into the Federal Parliament at the 2007 election when he was unceremoniously dumped by the local Liberal Party pre-selectors of the Cook Federal electorate gaining just 8 votes of 160 and being eliminated in the first Ballot! **He used his particularly Machiavellian skills**

again to see off the anti conservative, socialist Malcolm Turnbull who immediately went to war on those who had aggrieved him costing the Liberal National Coalition its very thin majority. The enemies of Tradition and Conservatism (Labor, Greens and independent allies) are now scheming furiously to push their agenda and drag us further into the abyss!

On the positive front (At Last I hear you say) I was asked to speak at a conference in Zagreb Croatia on the 24th November by Vice Batarelo who spoke at our 2016 conference in Albury. He had led the campaign to save Marriage there and they are currently campaigning to overthrow the old Communist era abortion laws. **At the conference and private meetings before and after I was able to meet with many pro-life, pro-family leaders and establish some excellent relationships.** There are many positive things going on in Eastern European countries such as Poland, Croatia, Hungary and others. There were representatives from 7 European countries I met in fact, as well as another good contact from the USA. I am not in a position to disclose much at this stage but I am looking forward to working with some of these great advocates for Life, Faith and Family in the very near future!

Family Life International will be well placed to take up some very effective campaigns and programs with the help of these people and with the ongoing continued support of our many long term faithful supporters who have made it possible for FLI to be here in the fight 30 years now and counting. We are still giving support to some of those we have helped in the past such as the young Iranian mother who needs help with her rental bond and other necessities.

Your most urgent support is drastically needed to keep FLI going and to continue to be an effective voice in the public domain.

We need your support urgently to remain a viable and effective bulwark against the vicious attacks we know will come following all these assaults from the culture of death!. **We need to be the voice “as one in the wilderness” but strong and firm. Can you help us with your most generous donation now?** Are you in the fortunate position to be able to give us **\$10,000 or even \$5,000** towards the defence of the Family, Faith and Life? Can you afford perhaps **\$1,000 or \$500?** Can you afford even **\$100 or \$50?** It all helps and whatever it is we would be most grateful. Perhaps you can give us **\$20 or \$50 or even \$100 per week** which is most helpful for our cash flow. Remember if we could find **just 1,000 people in all of Australia** who could afford **just \$20 per week** we would have revenues of over **\$1 Million p.a!** Please give now and **keep FLI on our feet and in the fight.**

Please be assured of our prayers for all you our faithful supporters and your families. May the Almighty Lord protect you all and keep you in His Loving embrace. **We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.**