

The Ultimate Magistrate

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Who is the ultimate magistrate in respect to abortion ? Is it the Supreme Court, the Congress, the State Legislature ? It is none of these. Rather, it is the abortion bound woman herself who will decide whether or not her baby lives or dies.

Even in states like Texas, where there are now laws against abortion, there is nothing to prevent this woman from getting hold of abortion pills and taking them. The *abolitionists* have failed to pass a law any where which makes abortion a crime for which the woman herself is liable.

And it is unlikely that they ever will. Even in the anti Vietnam War movement, most people would not blame the soldiers themselves. They regarded them as victims also. Lieutenant Calley was the only soldier found guilty and sent to prison for the My Lai massacre. He was soon given house arrest on an army base instead of prison. Then President Nixon pardoned him. It was tacitly recognized that these soldiers, who committed such terrible crimes, were pushed into doing it by Americans generally.

That is the prevailing attitude towards women who have had abortions. There is the same tacit recognition that most of us are complicit in the life style which pushes women to have abortions. So we have to depend upon the woman herself to recognize the law which says *Thou Shalt Not Kill* and the special variant of that law, written on the hearts of most women, that putting your own son or daughter into the trash is also a terrible crime against yourself and your family.

The Texas *abolitionist* Bradley Pierce notes that even though abortion in Texas is outlawed and the abortuaries have been closed, stores that promote mail order abortion pills still operate openly. And that is what we are up against. In fact, even where abortion is still 100 % legal as it is here in Colorado, most abortions are now done with the abortion pill and many of these women get the pills delivered to their homes after a *telehealth* consultation on line. So they never go to the *clinic* and the **Sidewalk Counsellors** never get the chance to talk to them. Which means that the only effective way to witness to many abortion bound women is to hand out pro life leaflets or pictures, like the Nilsson **22 week** fiber optic photo, wherever these women are to be found--wherever they and their boy friends and their parents are to be found. Which means that, instead of handing out flyers for these hopeless or hopelessly compromised candidates for political office, you should **print 100 copies of that photo and hand them out. Person to person.** It is properly called *Bearing Witness to the Truth* and we are called to do it and empowered to do it by John 18.37 and John 20.21-22.

The Supreme Court is now deciding a case from Texas, a ruling by Judge Kacsmaryk, which negates telehealth consultations and mail order abortion pills. If the SC agrees with him, it might cause pill customers to come back to the *clinic* where the Sidewalk Counsellors have a chance to talk to them. But it won't have that effect where the *clinics* are already closed. And it makes good sense to give women this information before they even make an abortion appointment and before they discover that they are pregnant.

The main thing which keeps us from doing it now is the cowardly conformity of the average so-called *pro life Christian* who lacks the Courage to **Bear Witness**. Who lacks the Spirit of Courage that Christians are supposed to have. But that is just why you have to do it. That is how you catch up to the **Spirit of Courage** or give him the chance to find you, after you have come out of your hiding place. So make 100 copies of this picture and hand them out--

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