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Editors Note

This letter was sent to the Daily Telegraph in November 1963 "Lest we forget"
2nd November, 1963
The Editor
Daily Telegraph

Dear Sir

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mssrs. Cullen and Husler seem to deplore the solemnity of remembrance Sunday, which was instituted to remind the nation of the sacrifice of 1,000,000 lives, many of them volunteers, who gave themselves to their country in the Holocaust of 1914/1918.

As one who served at the front in that war I cannot forget the fields covered with the dead, the cries of wounded men imploring their comrades to shoot them to end their agony. A South African with his skull shattered and his brains protruding, the burned out tanks in which men suffered the supreme torture. Nor can I forget the million women who lost sons and husbands, or lost the chance of having them.

I was spared the horrors of the Salient and the Somme, but the heroism and devotion of the men who went to almost certain death in their senseless, repeated and hopeless attacks, is perhaps the finest saga in the story of British manhood. Surely we can spare one hour in the year in recognition of their Calvary, and to remember those women who still mourn. To an old soldier, rejoicing, Reville and extraneous issues brought into the Remembrance Services seem singularly out of place.

Let the million have their day

Yours faithfully
Guy Curtis

REPORTS

NEWCASTLE BRANCH



The Newcastle branch of the Catholic Medical Association (UK) held its latest meeting on Wednesday 24th October 2018. The meeting was held at the University Catholic Chaplaincy, newly located at St Andrew's Church on Worswick Street in the centre of Newcastle. The topic for discussion was "Offering a Second Chance: Abortion Pill Reversal" with an opening presentation given by Dr Dermot Kearney.

The paper describing this meeting is published on page 11 of this issue.

EVENTS

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, HULL, 4TH MAY 2019 SEE PAGE 6

MARCH FOR LIFE LONDON UK LIFEFEST 19 SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2019

The March itself will run from 2pm - 4.30pm starting from the back entrance of Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BN. It will end with Christian prayer and keynote speeches. Book your place at www.marchforlife.co.uk

March for Life UK have suggested the following 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP MARCH FOR LIFE UK

1) Could you pray for our work?

2) Could you give out some leaflets?

Leaflets and posters for this year's event on Sat 11th May are now ready to distribute. It might seem early but we need to get the message out so people keep the date in their diaries and other events aren't arranged on the same day as so often happens.

Could you share some leaflets at your local church or prayer group? Are you a member of another pro-life group or do you help out with youth who might be interested? Would you be allowed to leave some in your workplace? One leaflet given personally with a friendly word of invitation is worth many more left on a table where they might get covered up the following day by other literature. We can send you posters or leaflets if you get in contact - please help with this.

3) Could you consider becoming a coach leader for your area in 2019?

This might seem daunting but it really needn't. Feedback from people who have taken on this role in previous years has shown it can be so fruitful and worthwhile. We have a coach-pack which highlights step by step how you can go about this and provides you with all the tools you need including personalised

posters for your own local area. We are happy to talk things through with you on the phone if you have any concerns or drop us an email. You could be the one to bring a sense of pro-life community to your town. Help encourage those who maybe aren't so well formed in their pro-life beliefs or those who might feel nervous about taking the journey alone - this is a great way to make new pro-life friends. Our coach packs can be downloaded from our website or we can post one out to you (this doesn't commit you to organising a coach so you've nothing to lose).

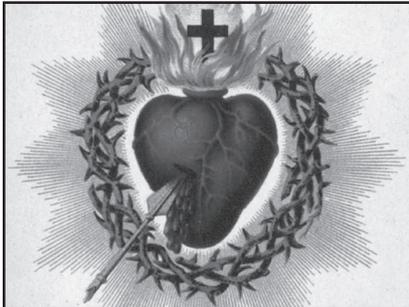
4) Could you share our emails and social media posts with friends/family?

Sometimes we chastise ourselves or criticise others for overusing social media but here is a way to use it for good. I know personally of people who have changed their mind on abortion simply by reading their friend's social media posts. You don't have to get into lengthy debates, start by reposting/retweeting details of our event in May and let others know you intend to go. Pass one or two of our emails to a friend as a way of encouraging them to join you on 11th May in London.

5) Could you donate to this cause?

This is always a hard one to ask of people who are often giving very generously to various pro-life and other charitable causes anyway but could you give just a little bit more? We promise to spend it wisely. Running an event like this takes a lot of money - over £55,000 to be frank! London venues don't come cheaply (and we are hiring two of them this year), then there's an outdoor stage and sound equipment, travel & accommodation costs for our speakers, security to ensure everything runs smoothly, fees for road closures, advertising and promotion costs and much, much more. Don't underestimate the impact a public event like this has on the media, the public and on us as a pro-life community. We need to unite - no matter what the cost. Please help us fund this work if you possibly can - we are truly grateful for every penny we receive.

CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF FIAMC MEMBERS OPEN TO ALL CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS WORLDWIDE



Our President Dermot Kearney writes
“This will be a wonderful occasion and it appears that those present will have a private audience with Pope Francis on the occasion - although it is likely that there will be several hundred doctors and their spouses and families present so it may not be a very personal or private encounter.

It would be lovely to have a representation from the CMA (UK) present if possible and Rome will be lovely in June. I may be able to travel - I'm not sure yet - but I would like to encourage some of you to consider this once in a lifetime opportunity”.

Although Fr Suaudeau says that the Consecration extends to all those present, my understanding is that the Consecration can apply to all Catholic Physicians worldwide, whether present in Rome or not and also not necessarily depending on membership of a Catholic Medical Association or equivalent.

INAUGURAL BRANCH MEETING OF CMA IN DURHAM

The next Catholic Medical Association Newcastle branch meeting will take place in Durham - at the

Catholic Chaplaincy,
 St Cuthbert's Catholic Church,
 Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HL
 on Thursday 21st
 March 2019 at 7.15pm.

The topic for discussion will be
"Challenges Facing Catholics in Healthcare in 2019".

Provisional programme

Location: Urbaniana or Domus Romana Sacerdotalis or Maria Bambina depending on the number of participants

Start: Friday, June 21, 2019, AM 9

Closure: Saturday, June 22 6 PM

Friday 21 June

Morning: 9.30 AM, lecture on conscientious objection by Mr Étienne Monterro, lawyer;

in English, with simultaneous translation,

10.30am, presentation of the consecration to the Sacred Heart

11am, reflection and meditation in the chapel, on commitment.

11.30-12.30: silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and blessing

13: lunch

Afternoon:

15h: second meditation

16h30: intervention by Bishop Duffé

17.00: Holy Mass during which the consecration will be done.

Saturday 22 June:

Morning: Audience with the Holy Father

Lunch around 13.30

Parking is free after 6.30pm and there are good parking facilities on the streets close to the Chaplaincy, although not in the Church grounds. As usual, light refreshments will be available at no charge. All are welcome to attend.

Contact Dr Dermot Kearney

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for details of further meetings.