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It May Not Be Too Late by Kristen Andersen

SAN DIEGO, January 23, 2013 (LifeSiteNews.com) – There is hope for women who have started a chemical abortion but then changed their minds and decided to keep their babies, according to a case study of six women.

The study, the first of its kind, was published in the December 2012 issue of the Journal of Pharmacotherapy.

RU-486, commonly known as the “abortion pill,” is actually a series of two drugs: a dose of between 200 to 600 mg of mifepristone, followed 48 hours later by 400 µg of oral misoprostol.

Doctors George Delgado and Mary Davenport reported that six U.S. doctors trained in NaProTECHNOLOGY protocols at the Pope Paul VI Institute gave progesterone as an antidote to mifepristone to seven patients seeking to halt abortions already in progress. Of the seven women, four carried healthy infants to term, two lost their babies, and one failed to follow up with the doctor, leaving the fate of her infant unknown.

“The 2-day gap between the ingestion of mifepristone and misoprostol in the typical abortion regimen potentially affords an opportunity to intervene and reverse the effects of the mifepristone,” wrote the study authors.

They concluded, “Health care professionals should be aware of the possible use of progesterone to reverse ... the medical abortion process.”

Dr. Delgado, who participated in and co-authored the study, [recounted his experience](#) with one patient on a website promoting the life-saving treatment.

“Rhonda and Gary were both 18, in love, and in college,” wrote Delgado. “Like many in our society, they did not think that having sex prior to marriage carried any consequences or could hurt them in any way. Although they used contraception, they conceived a child. Suddenly, all the plans for college and a bright future were in disarray. They were confused and frightened and did not know where to turn.”

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**Help for Pregnant
Women and their
Babies**



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Walk for Babies 2013
Murphy Park, Milpitas**

Effective Love by Fr. Joseph Homick, chaplain, St. Juan Diego Women's Center

Editor's Note: This article beautifully defines what love truly means, not the distortion of love that we see in a society that devalues relationships and human life. It is not merely an emotion, but a generous self-giving that leads to true and lasting happiness.

The First Great Commandment is that we are to love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. But what does it mean to love God? Is it to *feel* loving toward Him or to be ravished by the outpourings of his divine mercy and goodness? Is it to find satisfaction and joy in the contemplation of God's perfections and mysteries? Is love for God at the basis of our gratitude for his gifts?

There is truth in all the above, but an essential element is missing. For it may often be the case that we are not always (or ever) aflame with loving emotion or gushing with sweet pious sentiments toward the Lord. It may be, for example, that knowing we have to render an account of our lives to One who will pronounce the verdict on our eternal destiny, and who also happens to dwell in blindingly brilliant divine majesty that makes even the highest angels shield their faces, might make us just a bit hesitant to snuggle up to Him, at least on an emotional level. Yet I think we do feel a mysterious attraction to God, such that He is never far from our consciousness and our longing for happiness, and, as St Augustine famously said, our hearts are restless until they rest in God. We are called to love Him, and our lives are ultimately meaningless if we don't.

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The following considerations are taken from the book, *Spiritual Combat Revisited*, by Fr Jonathan Robinson of the Oratory. Philosophically seen, “if we are moved positively by something, then we are said to love it; if we experience it as repellent, then we are said to hate it.” So love has something to do with appropriating the object of our desires, and hate is about rejecting what interferes with obtaining what we desire. At this level, to love is first knowing or being aware that the object of our desire exists, and then beginning a movement toward it. Or it can be said that one finds a certain object attractive, moves toward it with the purpose of experiencing or possessing it, in order finally to rest in joy in the attainment of the desired object.

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Now this may seem rather stiff and formal when talking about God, yet it helps us understand something about the approach to, and relationship with, the One who calls us to love Him wholeheartedly. “In a mysterious and profound way we are moved to love God. We hardly know what the words mean, and there are any number of ways that this love first impresses itself upon us. But love, once awakened in us, leads to the desire for God, and the desire for God will not be satisfied until we are united with him.”

Up to this point, though, it seems like nothing more is required of us than to believe God exists, to experience his attracting power, to move willingly toward Him and then be united with Him in joy. But the Lord puts the brakes on our rapture with a little reality check. He never says in the Bible that we have to gush with loving feelings for Him or whisper sweet nothings into his ear. Jesus says this: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments... He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me... Do you love me? ... Feed my sheep” (Jn. 14:15, 21; 21:17). He won’t ask us on Judgment Day how we felt about Him, but whether or not we did the Father’s will (see Mt. 7:21; 25:31-46).

Fr Robinson, offering an analogy, remarks: “We look with some suspicion on a man who says he loves his wife but makes no effort to help her or who is consistently unfaithful...” Love involves a genuine and unrelenting effort to serve and to please the beloved. St Francis de Sales says that the two principal means of loving God are affective love and effective love. Affective love means being drawn to God and being pleased with Him and all his goodness (if there is an emotional component, it will be found here). Effective love leads us simply to do his will. This is both practical and indispensable. “To develop effective love,” says Fr Robinson, “we have to learn how to operate in the real world in a way more conformable to the will of God... If we are going to be united with God, then we must first of all subject ourselves to the law of Christ in action as well as in intention.”

In order to do this we need to renounce our own will in favor of God’s, which means, in part, not “determining for ourselves the moral standards and the goals by which we are to live.” Effective love of God therefore “means a determined effort to live a Christian life by Christian standards in every circumstance of our lives.” There are many “alternative lifestyles” offered by the world, which do not express the truth of the Gospel of Christ. But if we really do love God, we will follow his commandments, for these are designed to enable us to live the good, beautiful, true, and fruitful life that keeps us on the path to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Finally, we have to willingly accept God’s providence, and to try to actually will what God wills for us, to choose to do all for the glory of God, and to act in such a way as to do the things He has told us are pleasing to Him, recognizing that God is infinitely worthy of any and all labors and sacrifices we can offer, even that of our very lives.

So let us not delude ourselves into thinking that we love God merely because we feel or say that we do, and, on the other hand, let us not be discouraged if there’s not much emotional content to our love for Him. What He is looking for is our fidelity, our hearing his word and keeping it. If we believe in Him, recognize his infinite goodness, move toward Him by means of our wills for the sake of uniting with Him who is our ultimate and eternal joy and fulfillment; if we accept his providence (and his paternal discipline) and seek to please and glorify Him, not sparing ourselves in his service, but renouncing ourselves for his sake, striving to keep ourselves pure and charitable in thought, word, and deed; and if we live our lives in faithful obedience to his commandments—then behold, we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength!

This is what God asks of us. This is what pleases Him. This is effective love.

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A Banquet Benefitting the Guadalupe Hope Society. Saturday, April 27th, 6:30-9:30 PM

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To inquire, please contact us at: guadalupehopesoc@gmail.com or www.ghswomenscenter.com or call Marissa (408)207-5396

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I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all who prayed and offered sacrifices for my speedy recovery. God in His mercy has answered your prayers. Together, with all of you, Our Lord and His Mother were constantly by my bedside giving me comfort and courage to carry on. There was one point, I truly believed that my time on earth was coming to a close. The doctors were unsure early in my diagnosis whether treatment would be an option at all with such extensive damage to my heart.

My recovery from the quadruple bypass and valve replacement has been phenomenal, almost miraculous. The doctors tell me that my recovery was way “ahead of the curve”. They were predicting my recovery to take anywhere from six weeks to six months, but I was back at my desk just two weeks after my surgery. I felt like I was home again.

My confinement at the hospital gave me much to contemplate on. I began to reflect on how fleeting life is; one can be at work one day, at death’s door the next. We often think about how much we need to accomplish and how much more time we need to get it done. But in reality, it is God that decides when our work on earth is complete. I considered that fact that I may be making an account of my life in those moments and find it wanting. Preparation takes a lifetime and it is so important at the end of each day that we express our gratitude to a loving God and ask that He may bless and complete the job we have left undone.

It was also a remarkable opportunity to think about how much we can continue to do even in the confines of our sick bed. There were moments it was impossible for me to find the energy to pray, but instinctively knew from the years of my Catholic upbringing that I could offer up all my trials and suffering for the good of souls.

I look to the time of my illness as a great gift. God has given me the opportunity to reflect on my life and what is most important to me. Knowing that I may have had only a few hours to live, I came to the conclusion that what is most important is love. How much did I love my family and friends? Do I really know how to love without conditions? Do I know how to accept and cherish the love given to me? Is my love for others a pale reflection of God’s love for me? A man can be summed up by the encompassing quality of the love he has to offer.

The question Jesus will ask us on our last day will be, “*Did you love as I have loved you?*”

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“Rhonda decided she should have an abortion as that seemed to be the best ‘solution’ to her ‘problem,” the doctor wrote. “Gary did not agree with her, but he felt he should not try to dissuade her.”

When the couple told Rhonda’s mother, she begged them to choose life for their baby, but after several arguments, Rhonda prevailed and her mother agreed to help her get an abortion.

At less than seven weeks along, Rhonda chose to take mifepristone, or RU-486. After the first dose, her mother was filled with regret and sought the counsel of her priest, who offered to speak to Rhonda. At first, Rhonda wanted nothing to do with the priest, but later that day, she changed her mind and went to see him. As they spoke, she started having second thoughts about the abortion. The priest put her in touch with Dr. Delgado.

Soon after, Rhonda and her family met Dr. Delgado in his office. He performed an ultrasound to see if the baby was still alive.

“When Rhonda, her mother, and Gary saw the embryo in her uterus with a beating heart, they began to cry,” recounted Delgado.

“These were tears of joy that the baby was still alive but also tears of remorse, for each of them, individually, regretted the decisions they had made.”

“They wanted to know what they could do to reverse the mifepristone,” wrote Delgado. “I explained to Rhonda the risks of the situation and offered her progesterone therapy since mifepristone functions as a progesterone antagonist. She agreed to proceed, hoping and praying for the best.”

The treatment worked. Delgado continued to see Rhonda throughout the first trimester of her pregnancy. He described the “transformation” he saw in the family as they “recommitted to their faith” and developed a “beautiful love, joy and peace” about the pregnancy.

By the end of the first trimester, Delgado was able to refer Rhonda to an obstetrician. At the time of his report, she was nearing the midpoint of her pregnancy. Wrote Delgado, “[A]ll of her ultrasounds indicate that all is well with her baby and her. Rhonda feels blessed to have been given a second chance; a second chance she feels was by the grace of God.”

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Where: Murphy Park
1645 Yellowstone Park
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Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish at 8:30 AM
Registration starts at 9:30 AM
Walk Starts from 10 AM to 12 Noon

FEE: \$10/person \$50 /Family

Picnic tables are available for groups and/or families after the walk.



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Baby Michael born August, 2012



Hope gave my mother the strength to choose life.