



From the Desk of the Director of Post Abortion and Pregnancy Loss Ministry

Men suffer from many of the emotion's women suffer after an abortion but have a much more difficult time discussing their feelings.

The Life Center of Long Island has been working with post abortive women and men since 1986. The "Entering Canaan" abortion ministry is a program to reach these men and women. I have been blessed to experience the return of countless women and men to the sacraments, some after over 60 years away due to a past abortion. These women and men become as Saint John Paul II stated in the Gospel of Life, "eloquent defenders" of human life.

Not unlike women, men whose children have been aborted experience feelings of grief, guilt, anger, depression, anxiety, helplessness, powerless feelings, similar to post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and they tend to repress these feelings rather than express them.

The following are some facts related to men and abortion:

- **1 in 5 men will experience an abortion by the age of 45**
- **1 in 5 men will experience abuse by the age of 18**
- **1 in 7 men experience sexual abuse by age 18**
- **71% of teen pregnancies happen in fatherless homes**

I believe, for far too long the pro-life movement has ignored men in the abortion decision.

At the Life Center we do everything possible to include men in the abortion decision and in our post abortion recovery program.

Men play critical roles in crisis pregnancy and parenting. They may do so actively by accepting responsibility and offering help to their partners or passively by deferring all decisions to their partners. Some men coerce their partners into terminating pregnancy while others vigorously seek to protect the lives of their unborn children. In any case, men may exert significant influence that affects the outcome of pregnancy as well as the quality of their relationships.

The inclusion of male clients enlarges the Life Center ministry context to embrace the entire family unit. Inclusion of male partners contribute to improved relationship quality, better parenting and family stability. This is beneficial to all members of the family (i.e. children, mothers, and fathers) and society in general, affirming the value of each and every life.

I have often heard it said that once aborted women, and men, obtain healing from their abortion, their testimony of the emotional and physical pain they have suffered will change the way our society sees abortion and eventually change hearts for life, making abortion unthinkable.

Should you or someone you know, suffer from the pain of a past abortion, Hope and Healing are possible through our Entering Canaan Program.

Experience God's mercy and forgiveness.

Call Lorraine at 631-463-4399

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Entering Canaan

A Woman's Retreat Day of Prayer & Healing

Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 9-5pm on Long Island



For those suffering
from a past abortion

Come begin your
healing journey!

His mercy and peace
are waiting for you!

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