

Welcome to Week 3 of The 2017 Lenten Positive Acts Challenge!

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***"Whatsoever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did for me" - Matthew 25:40***

Dear Bill,

Welcome to the 3rd week of Lent... and the 3rd week of the Lenten Positive Acts Challenge!

We're so glad you decided to take this Lenten Journey with us!  
These 47 days could improve the rest of your year.

If you haven't visited the website recently, please do so every now and then. You can even visit on your phone or tablet.

There are now 1,477 people performing Lenten Positive Acts in 30 Countries, and

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in 46 States of the U.S.!!

Such a diverse group of people and locations...all with something powerful in common: *The desire to praise God...help people...and make the world a little bit better.* All at the same time!

If you've completed your recommended number of daily Lenten Positive Acts, you have at least 19 so far. As a group, we've performed over **20,000!**

Starting Monday, March 13th, we increased the daily requirement to 3.

If you need some help with ideas for Positive Acts, please visit "[I Need Ideas](#)".

If you'd like additional help in identifying opportunities for Positive Acts, or if you have any questions, please send us an email at [info@LentenPositiveActs.com](mailto:info@LentenPositiveActs.com) - we'll be happy to help you.

Please visit the "[Track My Positive Acts](#)" page - to download a chart for tracking your Positive Acts. You can print it, or use it on your computer or phone.



Thanks for the comments you've been giving us. We appreciate your thoughts, and love to hear how The Challenge is going for you.

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If you have comments, please let us know - post them on the website, or send them to [info@LentenPositiveActs.com](mailto:info@LentenPositiveActs.com)

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We had a request to bring back one of our original stories this week. The number of people participating in the Challenge has more than doubled since it was posted... so, for most of you - it's new.

Today we're going to discover one of the most powerful Positive Acts you can be involved in.

Over the last few weeks, we've been intentionally looking for opportunities to help others. And, in the process, adjusting our vision - and seeing things a little differently...especially people.

We grow up being told "*Don't judge a book by it's cover... you never know what's on the inside*". Yet, people are judged by their covers all the time. When we judge people by their "*covers*"... we, and the world, are missing out on their *full value*.

We'll discuss this topic more in the coming weeks. For today, we have two short stories - that relate to this concept... in a powerful way.

In 1920, Emelia Wojtyla had just recovered from rheumatic fever, and was pregnant with her third child. She was still suffering from the after-effects of the fever.

Her Doctor advised her to abort her baby, because the fever would damage the baby's heart valves.

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This is a *life-changing* decision for anyone...

Considering that Emelia already lost a daughter before this...and that, 8 years after this, she would die during childbirth...this was an especially serious decision for her.

However, Emelia's faith **was strong**, and she decided *against* the advice of the Doctors.

Her son Karol was not only born healthy, but he...

We'll come back to him in a minute.

For our second story:

In the Homily of a *Right to Life* Mass held in New Jersey in 2014, the Priest spoke about a woman in a similar situation to Emelia Wojtyla. During a pregnancy later in life than the average woman, Doctors told her she was a *high risk*...and that her baby would *probably not be healthy*.

As in Emelia's situation, she was advised to consider an abortion.

Also similar to Emelia, this woman had **strong faith**...and also decided *against* the Doctor's recommendation.

She gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

The Priest then mentioned how happy he was that she had such strong faith...and that she allowed her baby to live...

Because if she didn't...

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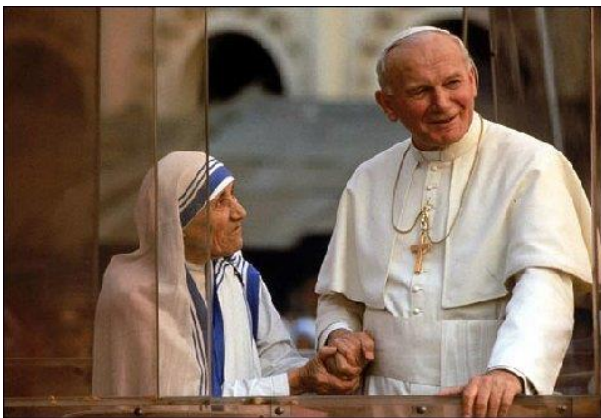
**He** would not be standing there giving that Homily!

Wow!

Now, back to Emila's son.

Not only was he born a healthy baby...

but he also grew up to become Pope Saint John Paul II!



None of us can **even begin** to summarize what an impact Pope Saint John Paul II had on the world...

Yet, he *almost* wasn't born...

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**Thank God** his mother had such faith!

Those are two powerful stories...and they leave us with a question to consider:

***What else is the world missing...in the unborn?***

There are approximately 1.21 million abortions each year - *in the US alone*.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are 40-50 million abortions in the world. Every year.

Although we'll never know who was *not born*...and what they *didn't bring* to the world...consider this:

*Isn't it possible* that the world doesn't yet have a cure for cancer: because the Doctors, researchers, and other people who had the answers - *weren't born?*

*Isn't it possible* that there's such unrest around the world: because the leaders who had the peaceful solutions - *weren't born?*

*Isn't it also possible* that some of the other worldwide issues we face haven't yet been resolved: because the people who had the solutions - *weren't born?*

Although we'll never know for sure...

You have to admit that **it is possible**.

These days, the internet can provide you with almost any information you're looking for.

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Good and bad...helpful and hurtful...happy and sad.

There's actually a page with an "*abortions counter*", which contains different categories of counters - such as US...worldwide...today...so far this year, and "worldwide since you opened this page".

I opened the page when I started typing this email...  
and I'm saddened to say that the "*worldwide since you opened this page*" counter is now over 19,000!

***What else is the world missing...in the unborn?***

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**Today's Tip:**

If you joined the challenge after it started, and would still like to reach the same total as everyone else - here's what to do.

On the "[\*Track my positive acts\*](#)" page, use the ***Lenten Positive Act Tracker*** spreadsheet. There are now multiple tabs included. Click on the tab for the week you started.

For example, if you started in week 2, use the tab called "*If U start in wk2*". If you're starting in week 3, use the tab called "*If U start in wk3*".

**Today's Song:**

When you get a chance, listen to the song *Give Me Your Eyes* - by Brandon Heath.  
It contains the lyrics:

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*"Give me your eyes for just one second  
Give me your eyes, so I can see...  
Everything that I've been missing  
Give me your love for humanity...  
Give me your arms for the broken-hearted  
The ones that are far beyond my reach  
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten  
Give me Your eyes so I can see."*

God sees us not as *the world sees us*...but for *our true value*. When we start seeing others through the eyes of God - wonderful things will happen.

*"When you change the way you look at a person, the person you look at changes"*  
- Anonymous

Please keep this in mind as you look for opportunities for Positive Acts this week. :)

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If you or someone you know is considering an abortion, please read today's main essay again...and re-consider.

**Please.**

Although the baby inside you may not grow up to be the next great Pope...  
or the Doctor who finds a cure for cancer...  
or the leader who helps bring peace to nations...

There's a chance that he or she may!

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And, even if not...

she or he will definitely have a positive impact on the lives of others...

**Especially you!**

And that's one of the **most powerful Positive Acts** you can perform...

or help someone else to perform!

*"Whatsoever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." -*

*Matthew 25:45*

Until next time...

Have a Blessed Week!

God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Lenten Positive Acts

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