

Have We Lost Our Focus? A Brief Reflection for the Pro-Life Community

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As I sit at the end of a very long day that began with filming the arrest of 5 peaceful pro-life students at Carleton University, my mind swirls with reflections for the pro-life movement:

There has been an outpouring of support for these courageous young adults. From news reports to blogs to Facebook posts and tweets, everyone is talking about this injustice.

But where was that fervor for the over 270 children killed by abortion today?

As I was filming the appalling arrest of these kind and respectful students, my eyes filled with tears and I held back sobs. But tonight I found myself asking, "Did I cry for the babies who were slaughtered today?" Did you?

A whole community is rallying to action for these students because we saw their plight. Perhaps we fail to rally for pre-born children with that same passion and fervour because their victimization is one we do not see.

Now, then, maybe we can understand why the students acted as they did. They have seen the plight of pre-born children. And in good conscience, they knew they had to act to stop it. We have seen the plight of the students and now we wish to stop that.

If we wouldn't censor the pictures and video of the students' arrest then why would we censor the pictures and video of the pre-born children's deaths? If we would display the pictures of the mistreatment of the students, why not display the pictures of the mistreatment of the pre-born?

My colleague Gregg Cunningham has said, "Injustice that is invisible inevitably becomes tolerable."

Let us not criticize the university for its refusal to allow the truth of abortion to be shown on one hand, while with our other hand we censor the images ourselves. Let us not be part of the cover-up of the decapitation, dismemberment, and disembowelment of pre-born children.

Let us not stand behind the students. Rather, let us stand *with* them.

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