Life Matters Cemetery of Innocence

Fifty-four million (54,000,000) babies have been tragically killed by abortion in the USA since the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision passed down in 1973. That is 3,400 babies per day. Sometimes we hear so many statistics in a day that we become immune to them, desensitized to what they really mean.

However, 3,400 babies killed every day must not be just another number; it must not be invisible. We must understand it, be alarmed and outraged by it, and be moved to greater action to halt it.

To help all of us in our parish and community truly understand, and to visualize what this means, the St. Patrick's Life Matters committee has constructed a memorial to these fallen innocents. One day's worth of abortions committed in our nation - 3,400 little white crosses to represent the lives that will never be born to make a difference in this world. The harsh reality is that every day a cemetery for aborted babies like this could be constructed in this country. One wonders is that kind of visual would awaken those who still think that abortion is a "choice."

Before we began construction of our memorial, we asked what alumni members of the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post-abortive women and men for their reaction to the Cemetery of the Innocents to remember the babies - including their own aborted children. The devastation of abortion extends beyond the innocent babies and greatly wounds mothers, fathers, families, and society as a whole. Would they feel offended? Would it be too painful? Without hesitation they were overwhelmingly supportive of such a display to remind everyone that these are human beings who are dying. And it was the Rachel's Vineyard alumni who came up with the name for our memorial.

Our hope is that with everyone's involvement, there will be an end to abortion in our lifetime as we follow Jesus our Savior's teaching, "...whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do it for me." *Matthew 25:45*