



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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This week's Topic: In-Vitro Fertilization: Mourning for lost siblings



Education: Rebecca Taylor, of LifeNews.com, received an email from a reader who mourns the loss of her siblings.(1) Her two siblings were created, along with herself, through the process of in vitro fertilization (IVF) , also referred to as Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). All three were transferred to her mother's uterus, but only she survived. This young woman says "I mourn my siblings every single day. I can't talk about them with my parents ... they don't count my siblings as members of the family.... I'm the only one who seems to care about them." She goes on to

say, "It hurts me every time I see in the news something about IVF, because the media treats it as if it's okay. There's never any mention that people die during the process."

IVF does not restore normal function of the reproductive organs, but replaces the normal process of creating a child through an act of love with a different process, which treats children as a desired product to be manufactured, rather than a gift from God. Embryos are created under conditions in which the majority of embryos are unable to survive. (Data from the CDC indicate that roughly 15% of embryos transferred to a uterus in 2011 survived.(2) In addition to those who die in utero, other embryos are discarded, donated to research (to die), or are frozen indefinitely.)

1. <http://www.lifenews.com/2014/01/01/woman-conceived-in-ivf-mourns-the-loss-of-her-sibling-embryos-who-died/>

2. 2011 ART Fertility Clinic Success Rate Report, accessed 1/3/14 at <http://www.cdc.gov/ART/>



Prayer: Dear Lord, please have mercy on married couples who seek the gift of a child. Bless them with that gift, if it is your will. Help them to find doctors who will work with them to correct the problem rather than selling them a plan for IVF. If they are not able to conceive, help them to accept your plan and consider adoption as a way to accept children into their family. Help them to trust in You to give them the children that You want them to have.



Action: If you know couples who are infertile, let them know that you are praying for them. If they are considering in vitro fertilization, give them information about it, and encourage them to prayerfully seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to know God's will for their family. Ask them if they have considered adoption and encourage them to investigate the possibility.

On **January 24, 2014**, CVL volunteers will be praying outside the Fertility Specialists of Houston office at 4724 Sweetwater Blvd Ste 105, in Sugar Land, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will have signs stating "In Vitro Fertilization: fewer than 1 in 8 will be born" and "Embryos at ANY age are CHILDREN." Please consider joining us.