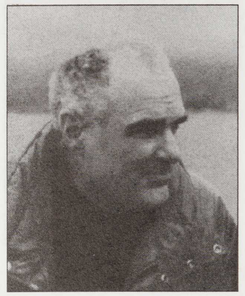
The Faithful Remnant



by Terence J. Hughes

A barren old maid who never could and never will feel a baby stir in her womb watched 25 children burn to death outside Waco, Texas, following her orders as U.S. Attorney General, and then felt sorry for herself until her boss, the President of the United States, called and told her, "Good girl!"

So testified Janet Reno before Congress and the nation, as she looked at us through coke-bottle lenses so we couldn't see her eyes. The next time she testified, it was to push through Congress a bill, the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, aimed at Christians who make any effort at all to stop the killing of millions of other American children in slaughterhouses called abortion clinics by serial killers licensed as physicians. Following its predecessors throughout history, The Clintonite Reign of Terror began with a blood bath.

The Clintonite Reign of Terror is no literary device to attract attention. It is real. The bodies have piled up fast in just his first 100 days. In his campaign, William Clinton (whom Mexicans contemptuously call "WC"), said he would reverse what he called the "immoral" policy of not admitting Haitians. After his election, many of Haiti's poor took him at his word and dismantled their flimsy shacks and built flimsy boats to take them to our shores. As over 400 perished at sea, President Clinton announced he was retaining the "immoral" policy.

In his first working day in office, WC issued executive orders aimed at maximizing the dehumanization and killing of our preborn children, saying his goal was to make abortion "safe, legal and rare." The orders funded promotion of killing these babies as birth control in America and in poor countries as a condition for American economic aid, funded the forced-abortion terror imposed on these babies and their mothers by Communist tyrants in China, funded Mengele-like medical experiments on their aborted bodies, transformed our military hospitals into slaughterhouses for American preborn babies, initiated chemical warfare against them by expediting American marketing for RU-486, a human pesticide developed by the same German conglomerate that developed Zyklon B for killing Jews at Auschwitz.

As his first 100 days drew to a close with the glare of burning children on the faces of federal agents outside Waco, WC put American military women in harm's way by ordering them to be trained to fly combat missions, as he contemplated sending them to war in the Balkans, the historic tinderbox of Europe, while working to undermine military morale and health by ordering that AIDS-ravaged homosexuals be admitted — the ultimate draft-dodger's revenge. WC then unveiled his plan for socialized medicine in America, in which killing preborn babies is funded by our tax dollars. The only safe war for a draft-dodger is one against babies waiting to be born, especially if the American Establishment urges him on, with a mix of support, silence, and confusion from Christian churches.

Only the Biblical remnant stands in the way, the Christians who place their freedom, their fortunes, and their lives in the hands of the Holy Spirit while answering the call of Proverbs 24:11 to "Rescue those being dragged to the slaughter and from those tottering to execution withdraw not," by witnessing to Jesus Christ at the abortion slaughterhouses.

What is rescue? It is obeying the Great Commandment to love God and to love our neighbor. In both the Old and New Testaments, the first imperative is to rescue widows and orphans in need. Who is more a widow in America today than an abortion-bound woman abandoned by family, church and society? Who is more an orphan than the preborn child she seeks to have killed? Where is the love of God more absent?

A blueprint for rescue is found in the pages of *Shattering the Darkness: The Crisis of the Cross in the Church Today*, by Joseph Lapsley Foreman (Cooling Springs Press, 1992, $9.95). A founder of Operation Rescue and Missionaries to the Preborn, Joe Foreman is a fourth-generation Presbyterian minister, son of a missionary imprisoned in China for 2 1/2 years, and father of six children. He, and others like him, we know their names, are being targeted by WC, who vowed, "I'm going to make sure you Operation Rescue types spend the rest of your lives in jail."

Appointed by WC to be his Heinrich Himmler, down to coke-bottle eyeglasses, Janet Reno began executing the vow by first branding rescuers as "terrorists" before the Senate Judiciary Committee -- these gentle Christians, ranging from children to grandparents, some 70,000 of them arrested for peaceful witnessing with none of them convicted of violence. None. Reno urged making them federal criminals with prison sentences of up to ten years and civil penalties aimed at leaving them destitute.

How do Christian rescuers respond? Joe Foreman has responded by embracing the Cross, by submitting to the enemies of Christ, by becoming one with their victims, and by imitating His love for both. By pursuing these three acts of obedience in one act of Love, Rescue imitates Christ and seeks the very essence of the One Triune God. Only this can save lives today and change hearts tomorrow. The Way of the Cross is the only way to end child sacrifice because it is the only way to combat sin. It is the way to end the idolatry of offering our children up to Moloch, it is the only martyrdom acceptable to God, it is the only way that Christian intolerance of child sacrifice can be a Christian virtue. Rescue is the Way of the Cross that expresses intolerance of idolatry by martyrdom.

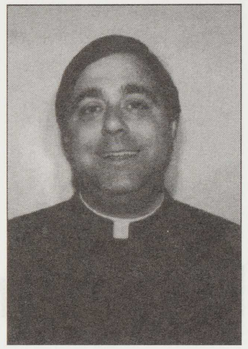
Rescue can deliver the pro-life movement from offering up the "hard cases" of babies conceived by rape or incest, or having deformities, so that the many can be saved. In imitation of the Good Shepherd, rescuers try to rescue the one in imminent danger of being killed, regardless of circumstances. Without active rescue in imitation of Christ, pro-life rhetoric and politics degenerate into line-drawing for choosing who lives and who dies, obliterating the distinction between "pro-life" and "pro-choice." Killing the innocent becomes a movable feast in which we are all cannibals eating our young.

Rescuers are sustained by the Christian virtue of Hope, remembering that Easter Sunday followed Good Friday. As we enter the last decade of the last century of the second millennium, Satan smells victory as only once before, when at last he had the One who opposed him where he wanted Him, nailed to a cross, with all His disciples in hiding and their leader having denied Him publicly. Satan even had the delicious satisfaction of seeing Jesus' own mother witnessing his agony helplessly, this woman whose Son was to crush the serpent's head, and of hearing Him accuse His father of abandoning Him! Then Satan had the crowning triumph of hearing Jesus say, "It is finished," just as He died. The Christ was finished and admitted it! Everyone jeering below heard Him admit it! Satan had won! He heard what he wanted to hear.

How Satan rejoiced! How he rejoices today! He is on a roll again, only this time Christ isn't around! There is no Cross. His churches are whitened sepulchers full of dead men's bones and corruption. Satan has forgotten that the last time he rejoiced the echoes of his howls of laughter came back in his face from the Empty Tomb. His celebration lasted only three days. He doesn't want to think about that, as he casts a quick glance over his shoulder and stifles a nervous laugh. What he sees is a faithful remnant. The rescuers! From the other side of the World, across all those centuries, Jesus still has His faithful remnant. When all the kings and emperors allied with Satan are dust in crumbling mausoleums and are dismissed in a line or two on the pages of history, this one Man still casts a shining light across the shadows of time, this lonely Shepherd of the Galilean hills who saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven, He who the prophet Micah called The Ancient of Days *still lives*. And He has His own! ■

You cannot imprison the Word of God

by Father Richard Patrick Welch



Washington, D.C. — May 19, 1993 — The Clinton Administration believes in the modern liberal idea of state planning, regulation, and the federal control of equality — and the taxation needed to pay for it. In short, Clinton is promoting more state control over every aspect of your daily lives. I suggest that this vision of government will advance the cause of attacking the right of religious freedom.

Experience shows that the religious sector is incompatible with the Clintonian type of totalitarian uniformity of the modern welfare state. The Church which promotes the autonomy of the family is a threat to the centralized state. It diverts time, resources, and energies away from the master planners' grand design for the state. It gets involved in causes which often embarrass the authorities. For reasons of state order, traditional institutions like the Church need to be quieted and forced into submission or forced into being ineffective institutions that capitulate to the state.

This same philosophy is now operative in the Clinton administration. I predict that federal pressure on churches and the family, those institutions which pass on the culture and traditions of our civilization, will increase during the next three years. The first to be attacked will be the most vulnerable religious groups dedicated to promoting traditional morals. Already, the new attorney general, Janet Reno, has vowed to bring anti-abortion groups under federal investigation. President Clinton, after his election, pledged that he would put pro-life rescuers in jail for life. There is now before congress legislation which would make it a federal crime to block access or even protest at abortion clinics.

What makes this federal vigilantism suspect is that the abortion industry involves the only medical practice which is not regulated by the medical community. Veterinary offices are subject to more regulation than abortion clinics. In Puerto Rico, where I have worked for 12 years, there are no legal abortion clinics since none of the 12 clinics comply with the regulations of the health department. Yet, soon it may be a federal crime to protest the crime of abortion. This would make the abortion business the only industry in the United States protected by federal law.

Meanwhile, there are those in the new administration calling for a federal audit of the Roman Catholic Church designed to take away the church's tax exemption. The use of hostile IRS audits are used effectively to silence politically incorrect Church officials. Intense public demonstrations of traditional religious morality are likely to increase the incidence of outright censorship by the federal authorities. The "thought control" police of the Clinton administration, such as the IRS and the legal aides of Planned Parenthood, are paving new grounds for filling our jails with political prisoners.

Anti-life groups like Planned Parenthood, and the New York City based Center for Reproductive Law and Policy have filed RICO (racketeering) lawsuits to harass and intimidate pro-lifers. This is in fact what has happened in Puerto Rico. On January 8, 1993, rescuers in San Juan and Catholic Church authorities were charged in federal courts under a law that was written to break up the Mob. The aggressive pro-life campaign, started by the San Juan based Pro-Life Rescue Team last September, had violated the liberal "political correctness" elite's sense of totalitarian socialism.

Since I am a Roman Catholic priest involved in the case "*Lydia Libertad, et al., vs. Father Patrick Welch, et. al.*," the pro-abortion lawyers decided that they could subpoena all Church documents concerning church finances and school records. This created the impression that all church expenditures related to pro-life were suspect and perhaps unlawful. I refused to give these documents and would have gone to jail rather than hand them over.

In fact, there are over 12 pro-abortion groups involved in the present lawsuit against me. This group has put together a flimsy intelligence network which includes a few "spies," some who work for the Catholic Church, mostly in the administrative offices of Catholic schools. Likewise, alumni from Notre Dame High School, where I served as director, are not only members of anti-life groups, but have been enlisted to investigate my role as director. They were given the mission to find out if I had ever offended women in my labors. This was done to try and prove that pro-lifers hate women. Well, I will confess that I do not hate women. What I do find hateful are the ideas of the pro-abortion and gay communities to destroy the family.

Furthermore, what the public does not know is that the local pro-abortion group, the Center for Reproduction Rights, is receiving a great deal of support from their Wall Street counterpart and other well-financed Wall Street leftist feminist law firms. These national pro-abortion conglomerates have pre-packaged a pro-abortion legal kit which is used uniformly throughout the country to try and stop pro-life advocates from saving babies. The real conspiracy is not on the part of pro-lifers but on the part of the pro-death group.

What do the pro-abortionists hope to gain from their