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Ms Lilian Topic  
Secretary, Legal & Social Issues Committee  
Parliament House  
Spring Street  
Melbourne Vic 3002

Dear Ms Topic

Reference: **Inquiry into end of life choices**

Beyond the celebration of life that accompanies the birth of a baby and the completion of nine months growing and developing in her/his mother's womb, the birth is an interesting phenomenon because it has billions of people acknowledging the simple fact that a baby is a baby both before and after birth.

As Christian writer, Eric Metaxas pointed out during Middleton's previous pregnancy, the world finally for once settled on the fact that a baby before birth is a human baby. While abortion activists normally called a child in the womb anything but a baby or a child, this was one rare occasion where 'Royal Baby' won out over 'Royal Foetus'.

As Metaxas noted, the battle over human dignity is waged not just at the local abortion clinic or crisis pregnancy centre nor merely in the halls of congress or the Supreme Court; it is also carried out in our choice of words.

A Catholic priest, a very orthodox priest, served the last 32 years as Parish Priest of St Francis de Sales, Oak Park, Victoria, he described his own family as a lovely family until the WILL was read, ENOUGH said.

Yours sincerely

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