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"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child - a direct killing of the innocent child - murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

From the Rector's keyboard:

3rd October 2011

Dear Friends of Bosco,

Thanks to all the folks who keep me supplied with suitable material for **The Bosco Link**. Mostly these come via emails and internet. Our ways of communicating have changed...as have our ways of relating to the *tree of knowledge* – good and evil. So it was with interest that I received the following: “There's a new religion amongst us called Googlism. It claims that Google is the closest known entity to being God: It is omniscient and it is omnipresent. It answers your requests. It is potentially immortal. And the best part is, you can prove it exists!”

Googlism has its own version of the Lord's Prayer ("And lead us not into Yahoo / But deliver us from Microsoft / For thine is the web, the mail, and the desktop"), the 23rd Psalm ("Google is my search engine / I shall not want another") and the 10 commandments ("Thou shalt not use Google as a verb to mean the use of any lesser Search Engine"). <http://www.thechurchofgoogle.org>

In spite of the tongue in cheek approach above, there are hints that impact on our modern situation. Anything I need to know about something...a click away. Belonging to a community of fellow believers...”like”. Spending time and investing money in the presence of the all knowing, all seeing...even down someone else's street anywhere on earth...being in touch and feeling the presence of others right close, even though physically miles away, is quite an emotional if not spiritual experience.

Whatever our understanding of God, of church, prayer, and community, we are going to be influenced, by the fashion and culture of the day, and the youth even more so. As we see corruption and crime increasing, there is something that says to me that nowadays when I pick this apple (no pun intended) from the modern tree of knowledge, it is neutral...there is no judgement...it is “safe”. On the other hand, it is uncomfortable, just not PC to accept or believe that one cannot switch off God or God's ongoing presence, and that ultimately we will have to face that judgement which separates the good and evil.

Peace and Blessings

Fr Robert

Fr Robert Gore

Some of the Groups through during September 2011:

LoveMatters: Maryvale College LM2 (50); McAuley House (62); St Teresa (48); St John Berchman (70); Nardini Convent (50).

5 day Retreats: Salesians AFM (20).

3 day workshop: Waterstone College (19)

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Joining the Bosco Youth Ministry Team last month are Johannes Kahlmeyer and Catherine Stöckle. Both are from Germany and have volunteered for a full year.

Weekend Programmes: Mini-World Youth Day (120); Maria Regina Centurion (16); Free Baptist Church(180); St John the Apostle (70); Maria Regina (31); St Patrick's (12); St Joseph (25); Suncrest High School (30); Agape AFM (25);

Day Programmes / Retreats: Assumption Convent Gr 11 (50); St Benedicts (105); Progress High School (140); Paarl (25); Archdiocese - Liturgy (100); Meyerton High School (78); Rivonia Parish (20)



COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THE LOVEMATTERS PARTICIPANTS

What was the **most striking** thing you learnt this week?

that there are many diseases around here that I didn't know about; the process of abortion, it was really disturbing; The miracle of birth ; the 10 keys of success; The presentation on fertility and STDs, contraception and of abortion; What love really is, teamwork, abstinence from sex, fun and purity. How many stds there are and how the effects on your body; The abortion and giving birth part, Pam Stenzel and std parts; That people terminate the babies and looking how they do that abortion; When the Doctors came to visit and talk to us; Diseases and how easy they are contracted as well as how dangerous bad choices are

In what way will this experience **make a difference** in your life?

I have learnt to make the right choices; know what is right and wrong and that I shall think before doing anything; I can't explain now, but time will reveal; It will help me make better choices about my life; I know the true facts so I can make better choices; I will always be careful and send this wonderful message to other people and always be pure; Its amazing one week has changed my life .I have become so much aware of people and dangers around me; A lot I have a different view of being a virgin consequences about sex; Help me make decisions in the future and made me more aware of stuff; It has made me aware of things I have not realised before and it will help me to make better decisions; It has made me realised a lot and changed my opinions

Which part of the program was **NOT relevant/useful** to you?

every part was relevant because they all taught me different things that really matter; everything was basically useful and important; everything was useful and I feel that if I live up to what I've learnt I will live a healthy life and help others; the "my container" sketch was very boring and it didn't really have an effect on me; guided meditation on Wednesday because 3/4 of us were sleeping on the floor; Covenant Players; The camp fire and messages; Everything was useful ; All of it was somehow useful ;The analysing the Music; Nothing ; Messages in the Media; everything at the end of the day was relevant



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

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Medical director of UK abortion provider finds performing abortions gratifying

The medical director of one of the UK's largest abortion providers has said that she finds performing abortions gratifying. Dr Patricia Lohr of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) also told a meeting of the pro-abortion lobby that "It's crucial for abortionists to talk about abortion as a good thing". John Smeaton, SPUC director, commented: "We must hope and pray that, like the late Dr Bernard Nathanson and other ex-abortionists, Dr Lohr will see that choosing life, not death, is gratifying." [[John Smeaton, 26 September](http://www.johnsmeaton.com/2011/09/26/john-smeaton-26-september/)] <http://goo.gl/7OQJD>

Mother with conjoined twins refuses abortion, defies doctors' dire prognosis

By Jeremy Kryn

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CHICAGO, IL, September 7, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) – A mother of unborn identical conjoined twin girls says she cannot wait until the day she can finally meet them both and hold them in her arms.

Since July, Amanda Schulten has been blogging the story of her pregnancy with the twins, who doctors said wouldn't live nearly as long as they have.

"Mommy loves you both so very much," Schulten wrote on her blog after finding out about the dire prognosis. "We will get through this together, I promise."



Amanda Schulten

The Chicago area woman, who became a Catholic at Easter this year, had her first ultrasound on April 1. "The nurse told me I'm having twins! I was so excited and didn't believe her at first," Schulten said. "I kept telling (my fiancé) Petey the

babies looked like they were hugging each other it was so cute! I was only 13 weeks, so the babies were really tiny!"

Schulten recalled that she had waited to tell her parents that they were having twins because "no one believed us on April Fools Day."

The night of April 2, Schulten did a lot of research, learning for the first time that the pregnancy was high risk. She also received an "urgent call" to see her doctor on April 4 to go over the results from the ultrasound.

"I went to the appointment by myself not thinking anything bad was going on," Schulten said. "I found out I was having conjoined twins!" The doctor told her that the babies would not survive and that "termination" was the "best option." In spite of an uncertain future for her conjoined twins, Schulten refused an abortion. "I broke down, I wasn't thinking about abortion," she said. "I was thinking will they survive, not I want them to die!"

"Doctors kept telling me they aren't going to survive much longer. So every day I would wake up thinking is today their last day." Schulten would subsequently receive the news that her children have only two kidneys and two legs, one of which is clubbed, and that they share the same heart and liver. One twin has one good arm and a half an arm while the other has one good arm. "The list kept getting worse as the test results would come back," she said. "I felt so alone and helpless."

Then, one morning, Schulten went to church. "I prayed for least an hour, crying and praying to God. I swear he heard my prayer because afterwards I felt so at peace with the situation," she said. "It was like he told me not to worry and leave everything up to him to handle. He was saying I will carry your cross Amanda."

"After that day I told myself I am never giving up (my daughters) Hope and Faith!"

"Every time I go to an ultrasound, I pray before I go that they will be two separate girls," Schulten said. "I always say God please perform this miracle! I know you have the power to do anything!! If you do this everyone will believe that you are real and you will have so many people wanting to follow this faith."

Doctors have informed Schulten that she will have to deliver between 34 to 36 weeks. An ear, nose, and throat doctor will be in the delivery room ready to insert tubes down the babies' throats to help with their breathing.

Schulten has requested baptism for her children "as soon as they're born."

"I had no faith before this and now look I have God in my life," she said. "I can see my life changing for the better with having the babies because, it has brought me so close to God." An obstetrician who handles high-risk pregnancies at the University of Chicago Medical Center is caring for Amanda, and her family and church, St. Charles Borromeo in Hampshire, are supporting her, according to the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper.

Schulten and her fiancé have delayed their wedding due to financial constraints.

On August 29, Schulten was admitted to hospital. "We were told they would never be here now at 34 weeks," she said. "I'm so proud of them, if only they knew how happy they make me feel." Schulten's story is making waves even in the mainstream media, with the self-described "pro-choice editorial page" of the Sun-Times defending Schulten's "right to choice."

"Pro-choice means pro-choice, not pro-abortion," the September 2 editorial said. While the editorial questioned what kind of life is ahead for the children, it also reached a surprise conclusion.

"If Schulten was not convinced by such arguments, so be it. The call was hers to make — and hers alone," the editorial said. "We defend her right to choose. What she chooses is her business."

As "John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*, 'life is always a good,'" Priests for Life National Director Father Frank Pavone told *LifeSiteNews* when asked about the case. "There are no circumstances, including the problem of being conjoined, that reduce the value of a person's life." Pavone said Schulten's love and "yes" to the life of her children is encouraging. "'They're going to die anyway,' some say. But aren't we all?" he said. "That's a pretty weak argument for killing someone. Love in these circumstances is seen when we give ourselves for the other, in this case, two children in serious need, whether it be for months or years." Schulten's blog offers ways to donate to help with baby clothing and diapers, medical bills and a

place to stay close to the hospital after the girls are born, and baby furniture. Because survival rate is low for conjoined twins, Schulten is also

preparing for funeral and burial arrangements. She hopes to raise enough money to also donate money to her hospital.

SOME STRANGE, FUNNY AND THOUGHT PROVOKING STUFF RECEIVED

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France , where tennis became popular, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US , Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

Q. Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Q: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A. When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France , learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.

Q: Why are many coin banks ("Piggy Banks") shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Q: Did you ever wonder why some coins have notches (milling), while others not?

A: The US Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals.

"Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion," say wise man...he also say...

"Man who runs in front of car gets tired, man who runs behind car gets exhausted."

"Man who eats many prunes get good run for money".

Terrorist Groups in Churches

Reports are that six terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as:

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| 1. Bin Sleepin | 3. Bin Arguin | 5. Bin Complainin |
| 2. Bin Gossipin | 4. Bin Fightin | 6. and Bin Missin |

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to do the work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy. However, there have been reports of a sixth group.

A tiny cell known by the name of Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along. Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others.

They have:

Bin Watchin	Bin Fastin
Bin Waitin	and Bin Longin

for their Master, Jesus Christ, to return. No church is exempt! However, you can spot them if you bin lookin and bin goin.

*"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed"
(Proverbs 11:25, NIV).*

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A "DOG PERSON" TO TRULY APPRECIATE THIS STORY

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the kerb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?"

"Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put the handbrake on?"

Gotta love air traffic control...

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked: "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

BR Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern... we've already notified our caterers."

They walk among us!

While looking at a house, my brother asked the estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for sometime. She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.....'

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car which is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the car trunk. □