



MANIFESTO of the DEMONSTRATION in favor of Life, Women and Maternity, to be held on 22 November 2014

The Government of the Popular Party intends not to continue with the modification of present legislation in respect of abortion, thus maintaining its legalization and the recognition of the right to abortion. This step will consolidate even further the state of total lack of protection of the two victims of abortion: the unborn child, who will have no legal protection at all, and the mother, who will be faced with no other alternative to abortion.

By refusing to repeal the present law, the Government and the governing party will be not only betraying its electoral program and its voters; it will also be endorsing the present law and its consequences: women will be deprived of their right to maternity, nothing will be done to reduce the number of abortions and there will be a quantitative increase in the immense failure which abortion always means. The present law also aims to obligatorily and coercively impose gender ideology with its own particular vision of sexuality and the human person in all health centers and services.

This change of course by the President of the Government compels all those who value human life and the right to maternity to publicly manifest their commitment to the right to life and their support of women in pregnancy, in order to prevent this unjust law, which the President himself and his party undertook to change, from becoming consolidated over time.

Because **EVERY LIFE MATTERS**, we wish to bring the following considerations and demands to the attention of public opinion and the political parties:

- 1) Any legal or political approach which ignores the child who will not reach birth because of abortion or which does not provide the necessary means and solutions to help women in pregnancy to give birth to their children, will produce situations of injustice which are incompatible with the balance of rights which an elementary humanism demands in this question.
- 2) In the face of this legal omission, which is contrary to the dignity of the human person, and aware that we should all agree on public policies which will reduce the terrible

drama which abortion produces in its victims, we demand of the Government and all political parties:

- a. The repeal the present "Law of Abortion".
- b. A commitment in legislation and policy to the only progressive and human solution in respect of abortion: to always protect the unborn child like any other human being and to protect IN EVERY CASE women in pregnancy so that they are not forced to choose abortion as the only option.
- c. The protection of the right to maternity, considering that every abortion is an immense failure, which should be avoided by social policies actively supportive of women.
- d. The promotion and strengthening of a solidarity and support network for pregnant women, so that none are obliged to resort to abortion through lack of information of viable alternatives to cope with the problems which are normally at the root of the decision to abort; aid and support for women to help them overcome the traumatic consequences of abortion.
- e. The improvement and speeding up of the adoption process in Spain, with the inclusion of an information protocol whereby women are informed of this option in the case of an unforeseen pregnancy.
- f. The promotion of a "Culture of Life" which recognizes and values the dignity of the human being from the moment of conception to that of natural death, and which situates human sexuality in a context of love, respect, responsibility and openness to life, Information on the real consequences of abortion, both for the woman and the child.

3) We ask the President of the Government, Mr. Mariano Rajoy, to rectify an erroneous decision and to carry out forthwith the electoral program of his party at the last General Election in respect of maternity and the right to life. If he fails to do so, he should know that we will not vote for his party again and we will do our utmost to ensure that many others follow our example.

We ask active members and office-holders of the party to be loyal to their electoral commitment to the Spanish people and not to betray the confidence which 10 million voters placed in them; we ask them to place their commitment to their voters and to Life above any other consideration of obedience or internal discipline and to make themselves heard in the defense of their party's integrity. If they do nothing, the electorate will have the last word.

4) We ask the Authorities, social groups and all citizens to actively respect the content of this Manifesto and to defend it in all spheres of social life.

5) We wish to assure all women that they will never be alone and that they can count on our help to overcome any obstacle to their right to maternity. The Government may abandon them. We will not.

In view of the above: we invite all citizens to demonstrate in Madrid on coming 22 November 2014 in defense of life, women and maternity, and to demand that the Government carry out their electoral promise to change the “Law of Abortion” and pass a law to protect maternity.

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