



A Fresh Voice for Life

As her audience looked on, Margot Loza took out her tiny, life-sized model of a three-month-old fetus. She then applied a suction catheter and graphically demonstrated what an abortionist does. As Margot maneuvered the deadly tools, sadness enveloped the room. Margot's voice grew softer as the impact of what they were witnessing sank in with her listeners: this is what abortion actually does to a human being.

Most of her audience had never before given thought to the fate of the little victims of abortion. For the first time many listeners heard that babies are fully human at conception, that their tiny hearts are beating at only 18 days, that their little bodies feel pain only 20 weeks into the pregnancy. Margot's first-time viewers were stunned to see how brutally the abortionist rips these tiny beings out of their mother's womb, the place designed by God to be the safest home in the world for His most defenseless human creatures.

Margot Loza is the young Latino Outreach Director of Oregon Derecho a la Vida (the Hispanic branch of Oregon Right to Life).



From March 6 - 9 she gave Spanish and English pro-life presentations to more than 175 youth and adults at Catholic and Protestant parishes in Hermiston and Boardman.

"She's waking up peoples' consciences to save the most vulnerable of our society," said Maria Mejia after Margot's presentation at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston. Similar admiration was voiced by Father Luis Flores-Alva, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Boardman: "Her passion and her knowledge of the right to life will continue to make a difference, especially among the new generation. She is an inspiration for both youth and adults!" Veronica Alvarez from Boardman was one of the inspired. "The talk made me put more importance on abortion," she said, "because it does happen every day. It made me want to participate in the prayers my church does for the pro-life cause."

After one of her presentations a gentleman told Margot he had sent his girlfriend to get an abortion when he was younger. Until Margot's talk, however, he had never realized that his unthinking encouragement brought about the death of his own child. His eyes grew solemn as he thanked Margot for awakening him with information that men like him need to have to keep from making the same dreadful mistake.

Margot agrees. "It's important for people

to know what's going on in their own country," she says. "These babies' can't scream for help. They can't yell to their mom, telling her they feel the pain. Many people don't know about this horror, which is why we need to educate our families, friends, and parishes, so we can grow the body of people that prays and fights for the lives of our youngest brothers and sisters."

Margot welcomes company in her life-saving mission. She is happy to be invited to speak to parish youth groups and women's groups, especially in Spanish. For her, these are all opportunities to "create more advocates for the unborn, for those who do not have a voice."

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