



Letters to the editor

Star Letter

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The Women of Ireland Deserve the Best

Around the time of the recent referendum, I kept hearing people say things like, “If a pregnant girl was in crisis, I’d come help her in a heartbeat.” Every church around Ireland has people in it who are loving, talented and eager to walk with women in crisis pregnancies. But how do these women connect with such compassionate Jesus-followers? We need a connector between individuals in local churches and the women who need encouragement.

We are in the early stages of starting a website called ZoeCommunity.ie. The site will include a live chat feature to allow women to talk

anonymously with a trained team member. If she wants, she may then reach out for the more practical help and encouragement that her local team offers. We believe that the message of Jesus through the local church is the hope of Ireland. We also believe that the women of Ireland deserve the best. They deserve to be cherished, honoured and protected. The days of the mother and baby homes and the laundries are at an end. The day is here for God to do a liberating work in the lives of women.

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CORK IS READY TO HELP

I was really encouraged to see Ruth Foley’s call to action in the most recent issue of VOX (July - September 2018).

Much of the focus in the recent referendum was on “choice” but, tragically, a common refrain from many women who seek an abortion is that they think they have “no choice”. Often they say that they would like to keep their baby, but feel alone or unsupported (by a partner, family, or society).

Like Ruth, a number of us in Cork are actively seeking a way to be an encouraging voice that says to women facing unplanned (or challenging) pregnancies, “You can do it, and we’ll help!”

If any of your other readers respond, and share a similar vision, we would be

obliged if you would connect us so that we could discuss how to make that vision a reality.

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GALWAY IS EAGER TO GET INVOLVED

I was very encouraged to read Ruth Foley’s letter to the editor in the most recent VOX magazine (July - September 2018). After the vote on the 8th Amendment referendum, I, too, was convicted of the care, support and compassion we as Christians need to give to people in crisis pregnancy situations. I have a vision and dream for a centre that would support these people, as well as others who may find themselves in difficult life situations. I began sharing

this dream with fellow members of my church, Galway City Baptist Church, and we have begun praying for God to make this dream a reality. To quote Ruth, “We can help bring hope and life out of fear, despair, and the shadow of death.” We are eager and ready to do this in Galway!

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A note from the editor:

We were greatly encouraged by these responses. Others have messaged us privately to say they are seeking to provide help and support to those facing crisis pregnancies. Please keep contacting us so we can build up a full picture of how churches are responding all over Ireland: editor@vox.ie.

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