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Vandalism to Crosses is Emblematic of How America is Treating Christianity

At about 12:40 pm on Monday afternoon, 149 Crosses, each one representing a child killed in a late-term abortion, was broken in half by two unidentified vandals who sped away after uprooting and breaking the Crosses, and tormenting the KCFL volunteer who was there in prayer with the Crosses.

Every morning that the Tiller abortion facility, in Wichita Kansas is open for business, KCFL volunteers place 164 Crosses on city property adjacent to Tiller's building, all in accordance with an agreement which has been reached with the City of Wichita. One of the elements of the agreement with the City of Wichita and The Wichita Police Department is that the Crosses must be "attended" at all times.

MaryAnn Cravens, a retired lady (316) 721-6082 or Cell 258-2551, had agreed to take the 11:30 am to 1:00 pm shift on Monday as the "Cross Attendant". MaryAnn had said a prayer for the dead child represented by each Cross, in front of about 2/3 of the Crosses, when the vandals arrived and began their violent action.

The vandals not only uprooted the crosses, but they broke each one in half, and gave MaryAnn cause for concern for her physical safety.

MaryAnn first called Mark Gietzen, the Chairman of KCFL, and then dialed 911. A Wichita Police Officer was on the scene within minutes, however, the attack was well planned and the vandals got away just before Officer Demby (1678) arrived on the scene.

Faith Klug, another KCFL volunteer arrived on the scene as the vandalism was happening, and managed to photograph the vandals in action.

Officer Demby was able to get the license tag number of the vehicle used by the vandals by viewing the security camera footage of the abortion facility. A criminal case has been opened, case no: 04C53802, and a Wichita Police investigation is underway.

Mark Gietzen reminded the KCFL volunteers, that as deplorable as the violence to the crosses was, it is nothing in comparison to the violence that the late-term babies undergo inside of the abortion facility, as they are being killed and incinerated, after being stripped of saleable body parts.

Mark also said that the recent beheading of American hostages in Iraq and Saudi Arabia, something that many people cannot bear to look at on TV, is physically and morally equivalent to what happens in every late-term abortion.

Seeing the crosses broken like kindling wood outside of the late-term abortion chamber is emblematic of what America is doing to Christianity.

In California, the Cross is being removed from the state logo because it is a symbol of Christianity. Displays of the Ten Commandment are being removed from public buildings. The Christian concept of marriage is being discarded by some states, and the photos of the broken crosses laying outside of the most prominent late-term abortion chamber in America, say more than words can say about how America is treating Christianity today.

Photos related to this News Release are digitally available at: <http://www.kcfl.net> .

Photo ONE is of the Crosses as they were prior to the vandalism. (Photo date is June 16, 2004). Photo TWO is of the Crosses as they were left by the vandals on Monday, July 12th, and Photo THREE is of MaryAnn Cravens, also taken on July 12th. Photos ONE, TWO and THREE were taken by Mark S. Gietzen are copyright free.

Photo FOUR thru NINE were taken by Faith Klug while the vandals were in action and are also entirely copyright free.

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