A New Purpose



A JFA UPDATE FROM MARY BIEGLER

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Dear Family and Friends,

Now that I have two whole months of motherhood under my belt, it's safe to say I am a parenting expert! Just kidding. What I *can* say with full confidence is that the past two months have truly been the best days of my entire life. "Mom" is my favorite title to date!

My husband, Michael, and I have been soaking up every moment we can with our sweet Vincent Michael, born on May 9 at 6:08 PM! We are so grateful to each of you for your support and prayers. I was extremely blessed with a fairly easy pregnancy and delivery, and our little boy is healthy, happy, and a good sleeper. We love seeing him grow and discover the big, new world around him.



It's difficult to adequately describe what it's like to have one's first child. When people ask me what motherhood has been like so far, the only word I can ever find to slightly encapsulate everything I'm experiencing is, "Amazing." Yet even that word seems to do motherhood such a disservice. I truly have never experienced such immense love, such great fulfillment, and such pure joy as I do now. Being the mother to my son has brought a whole new purpose and meaning to my life.

In no way do I intend to minimize the struggles of motherhood. Although I've been blessed with an easy baby so far, being a mom is still hard. My life used to be so simple. I was able to sleep through the night without any interruptions. I was always free to do the things I wanted, when I wanted, without having to factor in my baby and his many needs. The only person whose livelihood and well-being depended on me, was *me*. And while I do miss that freedom sometimes, I know that my life is so much better now.

Many of the pro-choice people I've spoken with have expressed to me how difficult pregnancy, birth, and motherhood is, and I wholeheartedly agree. There is no doubt that being a good mother requires acts of sacrificial and unconditional love. It is not convenient. It is not always fun. It is a constant giving of oneself and not often getting anything in return. And yet I believe it is one of the most

life-giving and rewarding things a woman can do. It is in that sacrifice and giving of oneself that one finds joy and purpose.

All women are called to be mothers in a sense, whether they are biological mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, spiritual mothers, or any other kind of motherly figure. It will look different for each of us, but we are all called to fulfill that maternal role: to serve others, to protect and care for the vulnerable, to set a good example, to foster holiness, to create peace, and to love unconditionally. I am incredibly excited to have entered into *my* unique role as a mother and cannot wait to see what else God has in store for me and my family.



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