



Worldwide “Yes” to Life

When a life saving rescue story thrills news audiences throughout the world and feeds us with some positive moments, it is indeed a refreshing relief from the usual focus on the tragic and violent happenings in our world.

To me, the story of the 33 miners trapped and rescued in Chile, which captured international attention over more than two months, is an “Aha” Moment story that emphasizes the prevalent assumption that all life is sacred and needs to be cherished in its full value.

The discipline and hope with which these trapped men organized their time in order to remain alive sent a clear message to the world about the precious gift of life. It was an opportunity for each of us to pause in our activity and to renew the meaning we have for our own lives and the gift of the life of each person we love and often take for granted.

This happening was an experience of peoples and nations coming together to use skills and technology to accomplish

that which seemed to be an impossible task.

What a statement this makes to encourage such cooperation and commitment to facing and conquering other international life endangering situations such as ●world hunger, ●poverty, ●water use, and ●war. We do have the skills and the technology to accomplish these “impossibilities” if we also have the enthusiasm for life that we witnessed in the miners’ rescue.

The image of the capsule carrying each miner to safety and the joy and celebration that occurred as each man emerged was a resounding affirmation of life with a new call to celebrate this gift with compassion and concern for others.

A friend shared with me the vision she experienced as she watched the capsule and the rescue. The capsule was like the womb holding and protecting the baby in its

journey to birth which happened as the capsule opened and the miner came forth to the light and air above ground. The exultation was that of parents and family welcoming the new life they had waited and hoped for through many months.

Let us not lose this worldwide acclamation of the intrinsic value of each life. May this “Aha” Moment witnessed and shared by so many, be an inspiration to believe in the impossible and to be willing to do the hard work to solve the problems that threaten to deny and to end life. A new future and new life is, indeed, in our hands.

