The Healing Process of (Some) Men with Post-Abortion Suffering

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- 1. Acceptance of God's complete love
- 2. Practicing awareness of self, feelings, and all of creation
- 3. Prayerful reflection on the communion of saints, all of whom now hold nothing unforgiven
- 4. Admitting the objective truth of any injustice done to me
- 5. Confession of the immorality of any injustice done by me
- 6. Sitting with feelings in grief, especially anger, sadness, fear, loneliness, shame, pride...
- 7. Honest appraisal of culpability, the extent to which one acted without freedom, or the possibility that others may have
- 8. Asking for the charity to see all involved with God's eyes of love, compassion and mercy
- 9. Naming the child, even if one has to guess the gender
- 10. Holding a private memorial service or a Mass for the Dead, and perhaps receiving the Anointing of the Sick
- 11. Making a significant memorial donation to an agency trying to relieve suffering in the world that does not have to be happening
- 12. Continued generous giving to people who help other people