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Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

"Bringing a child into your life is one of the hardest things. Things change drastically, but for the better. Your life revolves around the needs, wishes and —wants of a child. You give all you can give to your child and all they give back to you is a messy house, whining and loads dirty of laundry. Children also give something that you cannot touch, see, feel, hear or smell; they give you their unconditional love."



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Last time I wrote for the Verbum, I wrote about Baby Brendan. Baby Brendan is now Big Boy Brendan and is a very rambunctious and happy 2-year old. Since then, I gave birth to a healthy baby girl Anadelia in February. Life was difficult raising a newborn and still having to care for a 16 month old. Not too long after Anadelia was born, Brendan went home. It was a very hard adjustment even though life was easier with one child. While I still had Anadelia, I lost Brendan. People were constantly telling me that it would be okay because “I have my own kid now”. It doesn’t matter if he was my biological son or foster son; I had lost a very important person in my life. I had to grieve his absence while still being there for my daughter. There is no difference in how much I love my daughter and how much I love Brendan. Love doesn’t discriminate.

In the past month, I became a mother again. I know what you are thinking, “Didn’t you just have a baby in February?” and the answer is yes. I have 4 children now. Three of them are not my biological children. I have Big Boy Brendan and his siblings. Love is endless so there is always love to give. I treat Anadelia and her new siblings each the same. She loves interacting with the kids and watching them play.

It is a difficult transition from the life we used to lead and the life we now lead. It has taken its toll on everyone mentally, emotionally and physically, but that’s what parenthood does to you regardless of the circumstances.

