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Michal's Legacy:
Bridging Biblical
Narratives with Global
Advocacy for Women

The recent release of “Dignitas Infinita” (DI) by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith underscores the global acknowledgment of violence against women and femicide as critical issues. Despite international agencies and communities affirming women's equal dignity, significant inequalities persist worldwide, even in developed and democratic nations. Pope Francis has drawn attention to this matter, expressing concern over societal structures failing to uphold women's rights and dignity (cf. DI 46). Filipino women grapple with domestic violence and economic inequality, exacerbated by displacement due to armed conflict both domestically and internationally. These circumstances tragically heighten the risk of femicide, extending beyond the Philippines' borders, particularly impacting domestic helpers. This study explores biblical narratives, focusing specifically on Michal's story from the books of Samuel (1 Sam 14:19, 18:20-28, 19:11-17, 25:44, 2 Sam 3:12-16, and 6:16-23), to shed light on women's challenges. Through narrative analysis and feminist interpretation, it highlights the relevance of Michal's story in addressing contemporary societal issues. By drawing insights from these narratives, the study advocates for societal transformation and gender equality, emphasizing the urgent need for action to alleviate the struggles faced by women globally. In conclusion, as the Church upholds the dignity of every individual, regardless of their attributes, this study aims to foster a deeper appreciation for the invaluable contributions of women. In the words of Pope Francis, they serve as pillars in our communities, often laboring silently yet steadfastly nurturing and sustaining life (cf. DI 66).