

## Respect Life Apostolate Scholarship

### Life...God's Greatest Gift

As Catholics, we believe that life begins at the moment of conception. Earlier this year my class and I participated in the Right START Program. This program really opened my eyes to the many different ways we can respect God's greatest gift to us, life.

Chastity is what allows us to control our sexual desires and wait to have sex until marriage. However, chastity isn't just about this. As teenagers we can live the virtue of chastity by dressing modestly, surrounding ourselves with role models, and exposing ourselves to appropriate songs, movies, and TV shows. Even though having sex before marriage is a sin, sex during marriage is one of God's great gifts to us! It gives us the privilege to create another being in the image of God the Father. We must respect this gift and use it only after marriage. Even when you are married you still have to live a chaste life. This will protect you and your spouse's dignity and help keep you closer to God.

If everyone on Earth lived a chaste life, then there would be no more abortions. I believe this because studies show that most abortions are the result of sex before marriage. If we could all just abstain from sex before marriage then we would have no need to march in D.C.! In my opinion, chastity is the key to a perfect world.

God has given us all the tools we need to rid the world of abortion. We just have to come together as children of God, be chaste and everything God meant for us will be accomplished.

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