

# I Can Stand for Life

One of the greatest evils in our modern world is abortion. In 2021, there were 40 – 50 million abortions worldwide, approximately 125,000 abortions per day. God calls us all to stand up for innocent babies who cannot defend themselves, and support women considering an abortion. I have a role to play in promoting the culture of life in my community. Two important ways of doing this are prayer and direct assistance.

Prayer is my first and most important step towards taking an active role in promoting the culture of life and fighting abortion. I can spend time in church and outside an abortion clinic with other young people praying for women considering an abortion. I can ask God to help them to realize that they are carrying a child of God and to help them change their minds. I can also pray every day for people working in abortion clinics to have a conversion. I can lead a group of younger girls in my American Heritage Girls troop to pray a rosary for life. Prayer is powerful way for me to take an active role in promoting the culture of life in my community.

Another way to fight abortion and promote life in my area is direct assistance. I can organize a collection of baby essentials to donate to Birthright STL. When I am older, I can consider volunteering at Our Lady's Inn and help women who are pregnant and in need. When I am earning a paycheck, I can donate to services like Women's Care Connect and Lifeline Coalition to help women to care for their children. Through direct assistance, I can provide the materials and support women need to avoid having an abortion.

Promoting life throughout St. Louis with prayer and direct assistance can help to save the lives of unborn children in St. Louis. It is only if everybody promotes life in their own communities that together we can fight abortion worldwide.

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