

Youth Mission: Life!

We live in a culture of death. People are killing babies, sick people, and people with disabilities. They say they are being merciful. When the Didache was written, the Church Fathers realized the sacredness of life: “Thou shalt not abort.” (CCC 2271) The Catechism says humans “have the dignity of being created by God, in His own Image.” (CCC 364) Abortion also does “irreparable harm to the innocent, the parents, and all society.” (CCC 2272) Abortion and euthanasia destroy this sacred gift. We should, “Help sick or handicapped persons lead as normal lives as possible.” (CCC 2276) Who will save these poor people’s lives?

There are spiritual ways to stop these crimes. We can pray the Holy Rosary for pregnant women, lawmakers and doctors who perform abortions. We can participate in 40 Days for Life outside abortion facilities. We can request a Holy Mass for the parents who often regret their abortion. Anyone can help victims of abortion with prayer.

Young adults will be inspired if you show your face out there. We can participate in *March on the Arch*, rosary rallies and other pro-life marches. I have walked from the Cathedral to Planned Parenthood while praying the rosary. We can contact our local lawmakers, encouraging them to pass good laws. When a pro-life bill is in session, we can rally at the courthouse.

We can also help directly. Many young people work for *Coalition for Life* as sidewalk counselors. They encourage women to save their baby. My parish Pro-Life group collects baby supplies at Christmas for a crisis pregnancy center. Our group donates Easter baskets to local nursing homes. We also visit a rehab center once a month to play games and bring cheer to the residents.

So who will save us from the culture of death? Young people. Young people can really do great things for our society. I am working to stop the spread of the culture of death, to help the less fortunate and encouraging other young adults to do the same. Building a culture of life starts with me.

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