

Human Dignity and Respect for Life



For a Community of God's Beloved gathered on Sunday - the teaching of the Church on the value of human life from conception to natural death is for us as Catholics a conviction in faith.

The value of human life and its dignity is generally the topic of every homily. It may not be couched in language of 'abortion' or 'euthanasia'; however it is always explicitly and implicitly implied in the terminology of the Beloved of God. Every human person from conception to natural death is the Beloved of God.

Our consistent defense of human life from conception to natural death implies more than being only pro-birth; rather it assumes the entire context of human life as experienced. That experience can be prior to birth and following birth. The experience of human life includes those seeking immigration, those in prison and on death row, those hungry on the streets, and those living toward the end of life's journey. It includes our beliefs on war and peace; on a just economy; minimum wage, education, domestic violence, child abuse, human trafficking, etc.

Our greatest witness to the defense of human life is in the manner in which we live and the witness we give each day to those who do not share the conviction of our faith. One of the most important signs in the sacred space that we gather in each Sunday is the EXIT sign. It is how we live and what we do each day "out there" that defends the dignity and sacredness of all human life.

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