

Life Is A Gift

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The idea of protecting a life seems redundant. It is a concept that we think is understood and yet it is not. It is not because we have taken the rights of an unborn child away with abortion. Abortion has become a crime of convenience that has been tolerated and allowed by our laws and society.

What is life? Life is defined as the existence of an individual human being (google.com). Is the unborn child not an individual human being?! The unborn child has its own DNA, and it has a heartbeat 18 days from conception (www.babycenter.com). What could explain an individual human being more?! The fundamental question of why life in the womb is valued less than out of the womb, is one that are courts and society face often. If a mother and her unborn child is killed by a drunk driver, the law will try to charge that driver with 2 counts of vehicular manslaughter, but if a woman so chooses to abort her baby, there is no penalty. How can there be an exception?!

Murder, as defined in common law countries, is the unlawful killing of another human being with intent (www.hg.org). By that definition alone, abortion is a murder. It is the mother choosing to end the life of her unborn child. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said "Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women....And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child how can we tell other people not to kill one another" (<https://sites.google.com/site/faithfulcatholics/>). We must as conscionable, God-fearing, children of the most high God, protect the voice they do not have. We must protect their right to live. God says in Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew thee, and before you were born I consecrated you" (New American Bible).

We have a moral obligation to protect the unborn. The Fifth Commandment says “Thou Shall Not Kill” (New American Bible). There were no exceptions to that commandment. Murder is a mortal sin. A mortal sin is defined as a sin of grave matter. It is committed with full knowledge of the sinner, and it is committed with deliberate consent of the sinner (www.saintaquinas.com). Abortion is deliberate and the mother has full knowledge of what she is doing. If a mother harmed her child out of the womb, it would be a crime and yet there is no crime when the child is in the womb, unless by the hypocrisy of our laws, someone other than the mother harms the unborn child. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta also said “The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion which is war against the child. The mother doesn’t learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems...It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish” (<https://sites.google.com/site/faithfulcatholics/>).

If laws cannot protect the unborn child, then we must crusade to bring love, acceptance, and forgiveness back to humanity. We must go out as disciples of God’s word preaching love. Love is the only thing that can stop hate, and abortion is a crime of hate. We must love the sinner and hate the sin. When we empower vulnerable mothers with love and understanding, and God’s word, then we can begin to change the world with saving one life at a time. If we want the mother of an unborn child to show love to her child, we must show her love. God gave His only son to save us from our sins. That is the most profound love of all. If He could do that for us, then can we not show love to our fellow man?! Jesus said in 1 John 3:18 “Let’s not merely say that we love each other, let us show the truth by our actions” and in 1 John 4:8 “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love” (New American Bible). So if we are to be a “Champion For Life” we must “champion” for love. It is the only way to stop the hate. We must nurture the mother, who is the ultimate protector of the unborn child. If she can see love

first hand from the compassion of a stranger or be taught about God's love for her, then her love will prevent a senseless abortion from taking place. God has a divine destiny for all of us and that destiny begins in the womb. We must give the unborn the right to live, love and to fulfill his or her destiny according to God's will.

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