

Why am I pro-life?

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want” (St. Mother Teresa). We have a responsibility to protect and care for all human life. I am pro-life because abortion is murder, all of our bodies and lives are precious, and assisted suicide is wrong.

Abortion is murder! Legally, women can get an abortion, but that does not make it morally right. “You shall not kill,” is the fifth commandment. God is calling us to choose life! Science proves that life begins at conception. Killing a pregnant woman is charged as double murder, so why isn't having an abortion considered murder? The baby should be given a chance at life! When my mom was pregnant with me, she told the doctor that she did not want an amniocentesis. My parents loved me enough that even if I had a disability, they were still going to give me life. If you truly don't want to keep your child, there are many parents who aren't able to have children and would love the opportunity to adopt the baby. Abortion is not the answer!

Part of being pro-life is realizing that all of our bodies and lives are precious. God made us all for a reason; we are all special. God made us all different; we should respect our differences. We should respect the beautiful body God created for each of us. Human life is a sacred gift from God. We are all made in the image and likeness of God. “The fifth commandment also forbids the use of violence against one's own body,” (YOUCAT) so you shouldn't hurt your body. It doesn't matter what abilities or disabilities your body has, you still matter.

Everyone is equal in God's eyes. No one in this world is better than the other because of what they wear or what they do; we all matter.

Assisted suicide is wrong! God says life is sacred from conception until natural death. Therefore, you should not help another end her life. Giving someone a gun to end her life makes you just as guilty as if you were the one to pull the trigger. Assisting suicide also goes against the fifth commandment. It is not our choice or the choice of our neighbor to choose when and how we die. "God alone has the power of life and death" (St. John Paul II). "Jesus shows us that life is always good," (St. John Paul) even when it gets to be hard. All of our suffering has value in it. It is a rejection of God's love to end your life or to help another person end their life. Every life is a gift from God.

We have a responsibility to protect and care for all human life. I am pro-life because abortion is murder, all of our bodies and lives are precious, and assisted suicide is wrong. We need to teach people to love all human life.

Sources:

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