

Why are YOU Pro-life?

At the time of conception, a life is made. A beating heart is working and bringing nutrients to grow. How can someone find it okay to stop that beating heart? How is this not murder? Why is this legal? These are all things that run through my mind when someone says they are pro-choice. It is illegal to kill someone you're walking by on the sidewalk, so why is a helpless unborn child any different?

The Sanctity of Human Life is worth the fight. We as Catholics have to make it known that life begins at conception. I am glad my parents taught me the importance of pro-life. They are very passionate about it. There are many lies out there trying to convince pro-life people otherwise.

One thing pro-abortion people tell you is that a human fetus is not a human person. Well then what is it? It has a heartbeat! Any beating heart is life and a human can only give birth to another human so what else could be inside of a woman? Another lie is that abortion is a woman's right. No one has a right to kill, it is illegal. True human rights come from our human nature as God made it. Since the

unborn child has a natural right to life – no person, court, doctor, judge or politician can take it away.

As a Catholic I have to advocate for the weak and the marginalized. In this case, it is an unborn child. Each human life is a precious gift from God. Each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self, and others. As Pope John Paul II has reminded us: “Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good” (The Gospel of Life, no.87).(1)

I value the dignity of all human life. This includes unborn humans also. “Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being” (CCC 2258).(2) We have to work harder to change the statistics! Nearly 1 in 4 (22%) of pregnancies end in abortion. 51% of abortions are performed on women less than 25 years of age.

Approximately 1/3 of American women have had an abortion by age 45. Abortion disproportionately affects black and Hispanic women. These numbers continue to climb. (3)

For me and my family we will continue to believe that pro-life is the best choice and that there are better more humane options for someone who can't take care of a child themselves. We can do better and I will advocate for the unborn.

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