

# Saving Lives: In Appreciation of God's Creation

During calving season, a rancher will do whatever it takes to save a baby calf. I come from a 4<sup>th</sup> generation farm and ranch in central South Dakota. If a cow needs help calving, we will pull the calf or call the vet. After that, we will clean off its face, make sure its breathing, and even do chest compressions if necessary. We will make sure the calf stands well and learns to suck. Time, work, and an incredible amount of compassion goes into calving season. We recognize a newborn calf as part of God's creation, and it would be difficult to ignore the gift of that life. From this experience, it becomes unthinkable that some cannot see the beauty in every human life, born and unborn.

I am pro-life because I believe in the existence of God, and that he created all of us in his image and with our own soul. Science supports and confirms our belief that a fetus is a unique human life.

God created us all in his image. Genesis 1:26 says "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God made humans unique and distinct from the rest of creation, therefore deserving the most respect of all.

Science helps us understand the creation of human life and how amazing it is. From the beginning of conception, a fetus develops chromosomes that helps determine the baby's sex and physical traits from the parents. Each fetus is given their own set of DNA and a blood type. Even when a fetus is only ½ inch in length, they have already

developed a cute little nose. It is amazing that in a short span of 40 weeks, a child unlike any other is ready to enter the world.

Living on a farm, I have experienced the wonders of new life, but this cannot compare to the extraordinary creation and birth of a child. God created humans distinctly from the rest of creation. Science supports the unique creation of each human life. I will always stand ready to help others recognize the true gift of life.

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