

Created With Dignity

What makes one life more important than another? In the Declaration of Independence, America's founders wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." No more ought to be said, but unfortunately, our world is completely confused. Freedom does not mean we can do anything we want, whatever the consequences for others. This definition, ultimately, makes no one free. The moment we harm another human being is the moment we violate their natural rights.

Being pro-life isn't only about protecting children in the womb. Being pro-life encompasses every stage of life and permeates every aspect of culture. We are all called to love everyone, no matter what. This means including those who are left out, standing up for the bullied, caring for the poor, honoring our elderly, administering to the sick and dying, and loving and supporting the disabled. When someone considers suicide, we are obliged to protect them and show them the value of their lives. When people are confused about their body and believe that they were made wrong, they require love, compassion, and understanding, and to be taught that God made each person good, just how they are; no one needs to change or harm themselves in any way to be fulfilled and perfected.

The Nazis considered themselves superior to everyone else. They believed that the weak, elderly, and disabled did not deserve to live. Akin to the Nazis, society ignores the elderly, neglects the disabled, and views them as lesser just because they are different. When a child in the womb is discovered to have a life-long disabling condition, their life is terminated so that we don't have to deal with them. Our culture builds an industry upon the slaughtering of our most vulnerable and innocent: children in the womb. Is this justice? We must not become numb to attacks on our children- the lifeblood of our community. We take advantage of the suffering and confusion of vulnerable women, only deepening it by taking the life that God gave them.

God loves you-period. It is irrelevant how old one is, how strong, healthy, smart or talented one is, or how famous or wealthy one is by the world's standards. God loves you because he created you. God made everyone with a special purpose, and he loves each person uniquely and individually, but with the same immeasurable love. Everyone has their own crosses and battles, but we all have the same promise waiting at the end of our journeys: to be eternally in the presence of our Heavenly Father and receive the fullness of his goodness and love. We are made to love and be loved. This means protecting and respecting each other, every human life, from all stages and walks of life, even if it's hard. Life is a right, gift, and blessing, not a choice.