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Life & Dignity of the Human Person

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights and leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

Church Teaching Quotes

“Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. For this reason procured abortion and euthanasia are absolutely unacceptable, Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. ...Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human and their integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of the human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person’s life.” -Pope St. John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, 81.

“When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities-to offer just a few examples-it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected.” -Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* (Laudato Si), 117.

Scriptural Foundations

Genesis 1: 26-27

Created in the image of God

Deuteronomy 30:19

Choose Life

John 12:32

Christ will draw all to himself

1 Corinthians 15:22

Christ died for all