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RESPECT LIFE ESSAY

“But what does God say to us? He says, ‘Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of my hand.’ We are carved in the palm of His hand; that unborn child has been carved in the hand of God from conception and is called by God to love and to be loved, not only now in this life, but forever. God can never forget us.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

If a friend told me she wanted to have an abortion, I would try to explain why to choose life. I would share these words of Mother Teresa with my friend. Mother Teresa believed that everyone should get to live. God loves us so much, He died for us. I would tell my friend, “Jesus loves you just as much as the baby. Jesus will help you and take care of you.”

I will tell my friend that if she doesn’t want to take care of the baby, then she can put it up for adoption. If you are just going to end the baby’s life for no reason, think about others who want a baby but can’t have one. They would be so happy to take care of a baby. I would tell her if you don’t want to go through everything, then do it for somebody you love, Jesus.

It doesn’t matter if the baby is just a little seed or ready to be born, either way, it is a human. As Dr. Seuss says, “A person’s a person no matter how small.”

I hope that my friend is never in this situation, but if she was I would hold her hand through it and help her to realize that the world would not be complete without the little baby. I would help her to be brave and strong and to make the right choice.

* This year, I am going to the March for Life for the first time. It will be a sacrifice but worth it to show how much we care for all of God’s little ones. If I win this contest, I will use the money to pay for my trip.