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How would you respond to claims that Pro-Life denies a woman's choice?

For years people have been debating if Pro-life denies a woman's choice of abortion. We as Catholics believe that all life is inherently sacred. As the Bible tells us in Genesis 1:26-27, "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Bible). God intentionally has us all on this world as part of His plan.

There are a lot of unplanned pregnancies. When a woman has an unexpected pregnancy, it can sometime make her feel like abortion is the only way out, but there are many other alternatives. When a woman becomes pregnant, it's not all about her anymore. She now has to think about the unborn child. There are many alternatives then to have an abortion.

The woman has the option of becoming a single parent; becoming a single parent can be extremely challenging for many reasons. One reason is that it can be a financial struggle. Then there is Co-parenting with the baby's father. This works well if the woman knows that she and the baby's father will be married, in a committed relationship, or otherwise on good terms with your baby's father. If the mother feels as if she can't provide for the child, then she could place the baby in a temporary guardianship or with a family member. By doing this the mother has the option to take care of the child later when she can provide for the child's care. If the mother decides to not to care for the child, instead of ending the unborn child's life, she can put the child up for adoption.

By deciding to have an abortion the woman is denying a chance for the baby to make a difference in the world. Take for an example Mother Teresa, Abraham Lincoln, and Francis of Assisi. If their mothers decided not to have

them, then they couldn't have changed the world the way they did. If we look at it the other way around, the woman's mother gave her a chance in the world, so why shouldn't she give her unborn child a chance.

God has a plan for every person in this world. He created everyone just the way He wanted. God doesn't give us more than we can handle. If my parents didn't have my brother and me, then they wouldn't know about homeschooling and my mom would be a workaholic, and etc. I am so thankful that my parent decided to have my brother and me and they gave me the opportunity to share God's word with other people so they too can embrace all life.