

ROSE WILLIAMS ... AGE 16 ... Grade 10
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Over the past decades, our country has created a culture immersed in violence and greed. We celebrate selfishness and hate. However, the minute there is an act of public violence, thousands of people take action demanding that mass violence is immoral and wrong and rightly so. But why then do we sit and watch while a little baby is torn apart limb from limb? Why is shooting someone a crime while killing a child in the womb a choice? The true problem lies in each one of us.

Forty-Six years ago, when abortion was legalized our country made a statement. They stood tall and said that a human life is not sacred in all stages and all forms. This sent a message to every person in our country. A message that a human life can be discarded. Here lies the connection between unaccepted mass violence and accepted violence. Once the purest form of a human, a child is allowed to be murdered legally, then a culture of death is implanted into our society. It becomes easier for people to justify mass violence.

Our society is eroding. It is being chipped and cracked. Now that we have accepted the murdering of children, innocent children, it is only a matter of time before mass violence becomes acceptable.

The first step to reducing violence in our society is for each and everyone of us to look inwards. Nothing in our society can be fixed without each person looking deeper to find the source of the problem. And the source is ourselves. Each one of us must make the commitment everyday to choose to respect the sanctity of each human life in every form at every stage.

How can I personally help to reduce violence in my society? I can make it easier for people in my community to make the choice to love and respect human life in every stage. I can do this by spreading awareness. First, of the issue, and second of the solution. I can pray for our society and encourage others to pray. I can pray in front of abortion clinics and volunteer at pregnancy centers. And most of all I can choose every day to love everybody I encounter. To spread the love of Christ so that nobody in our culture doubts the worth of a life.