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RESPECT LIFE ESSAY

Saint Marks Church is the parish community that I have grown up in, and am now a confirmed member of. As a part of this Catholic community, it is important to pass down and be an example of good moral values to others. Those values include things from simply having good manners to following the Ten Commandments. Another key part of being a Catholic that I am so proud of is our respect for life and the values of life. Life is a gift that is praised in our community, and life is what makes up our community.

Preserving life means not only caring to protect those with voices, but working to protect those without ones as well. From animals to those not on Earth quite yet it is the mission of any Catholic to help those in need. So, if a friend were to ask me what to do in the case of an abortion I would tell them all of the great things my faith has guided me through. Whether my friend is Catholic or not does not matter, as hope and faith course through the veins of every living being. Including those who are not quite on this Earth yet. Talking to my friend and reminding them of all the great features that life has to offer. Also, that everything happens for a reason so that the miracle of life she is about to give is no mistake. Another way to guide my friend to make a pro-life decision would be to relate to someone who has gone through a similar experience. There are many women in the world who have been in a similar situation I am sure, and have chosen to share their story with others. From the internet, to social media, to the television the sources providing pro-life stories could be endless. Lastly, I would tell my friend with confidence to trust in their faith and to choose to hopefully save a life. Life is a gift that only love can grant. Therefore it is the love through friendship, family, and faith that will guide my friend to in the end to not get an abortion.