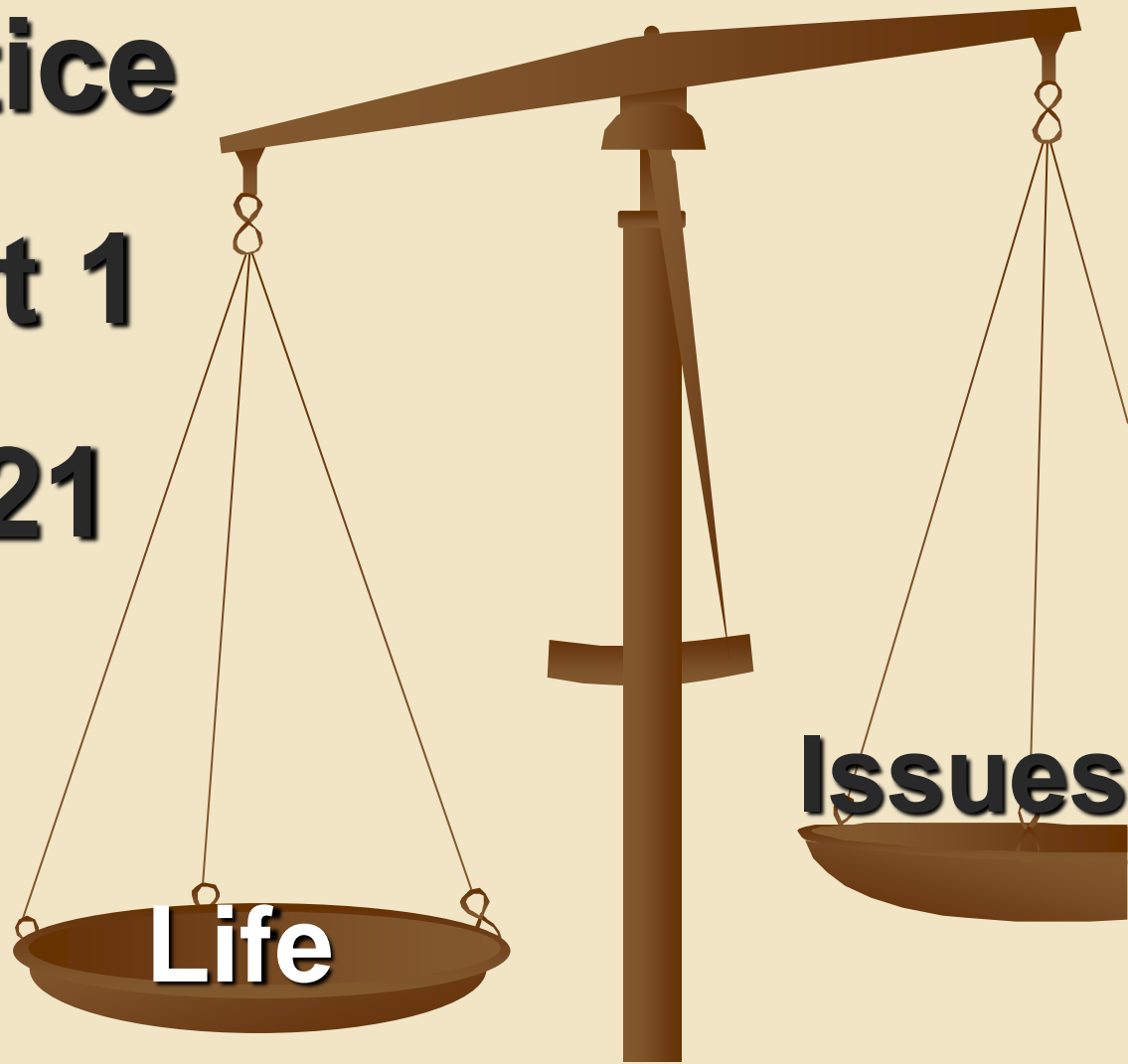
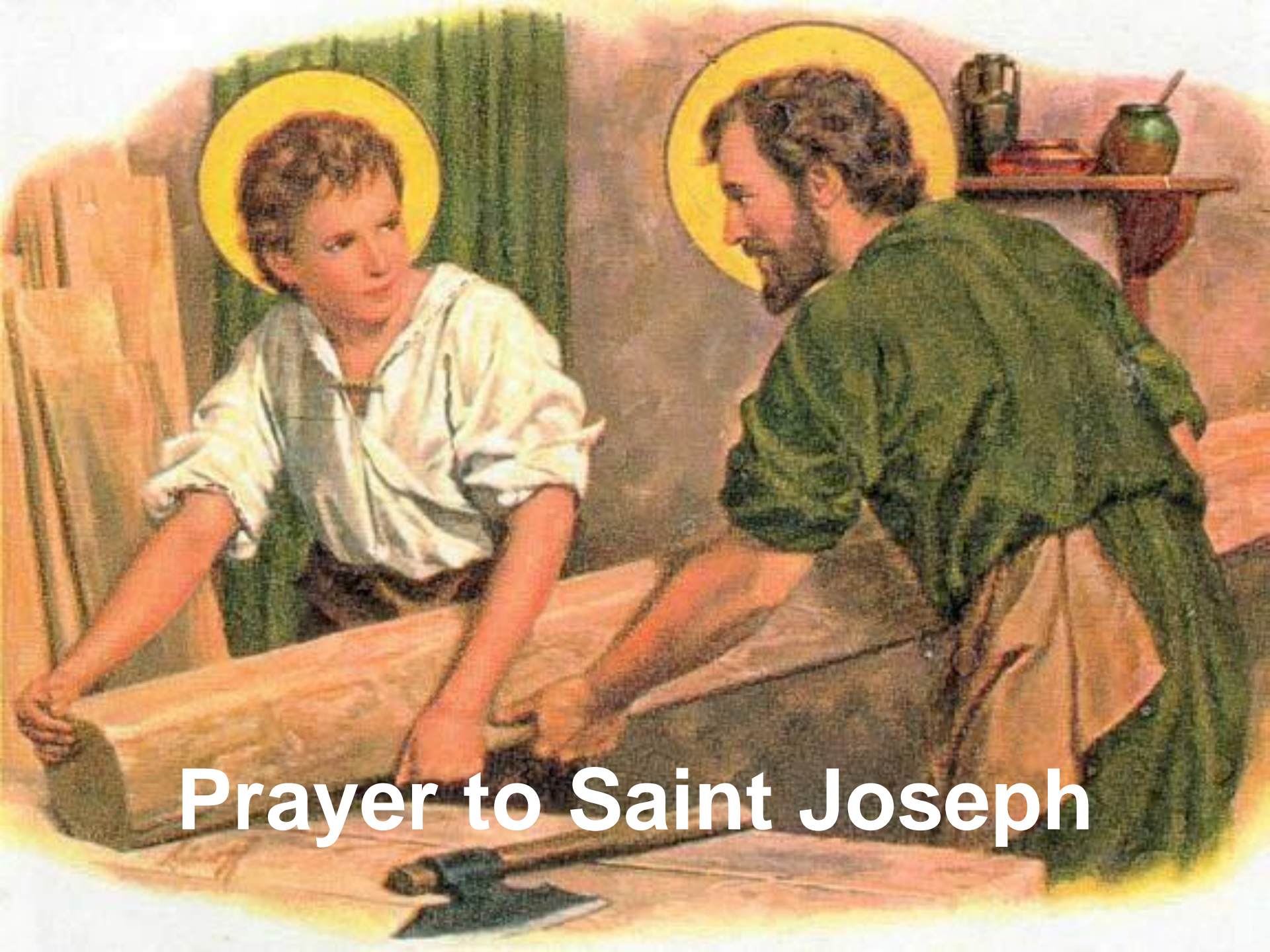


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Issues Part 1
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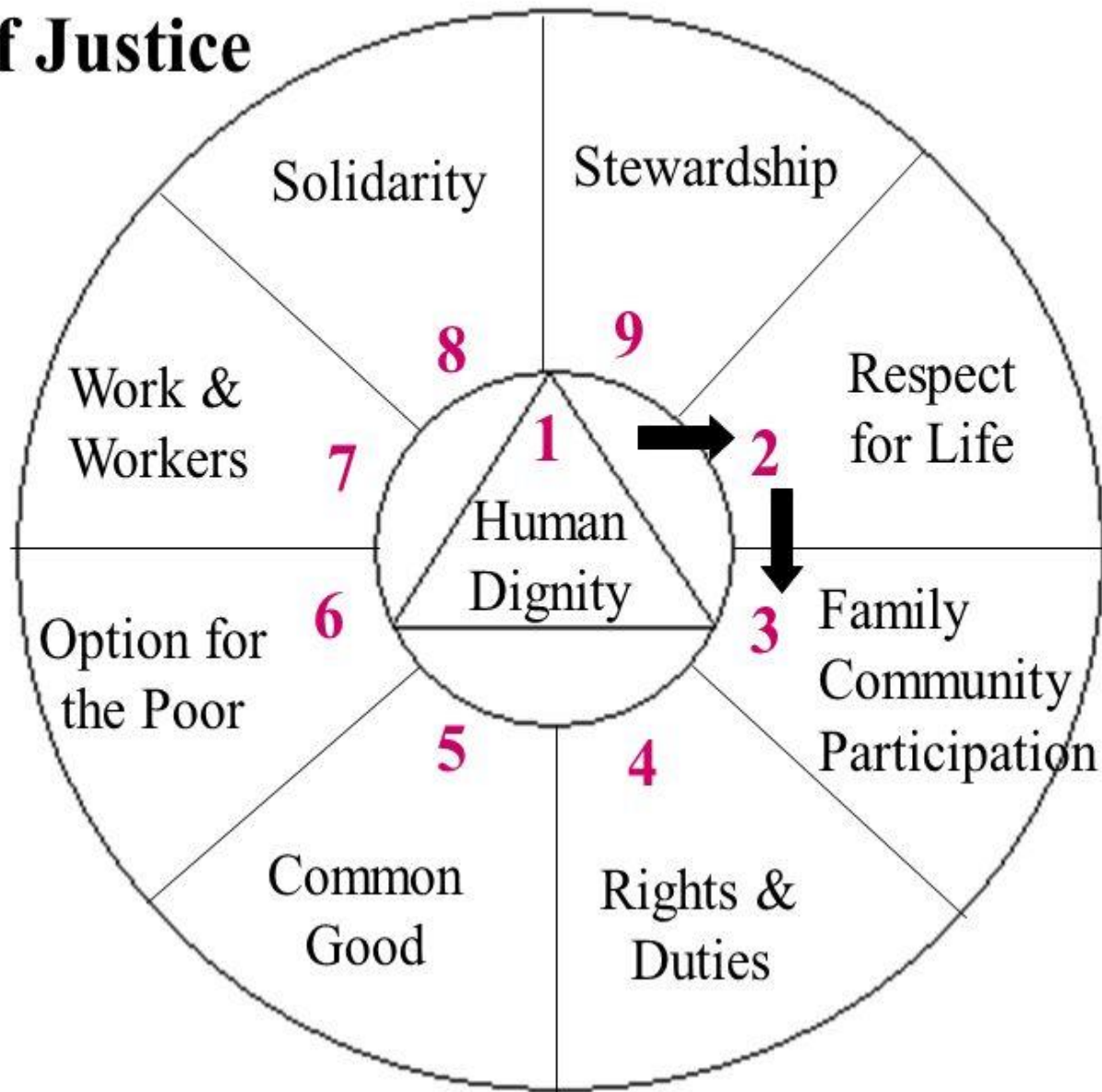
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Sacraments 101 – Confirmation
(why we're Confirmed)

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

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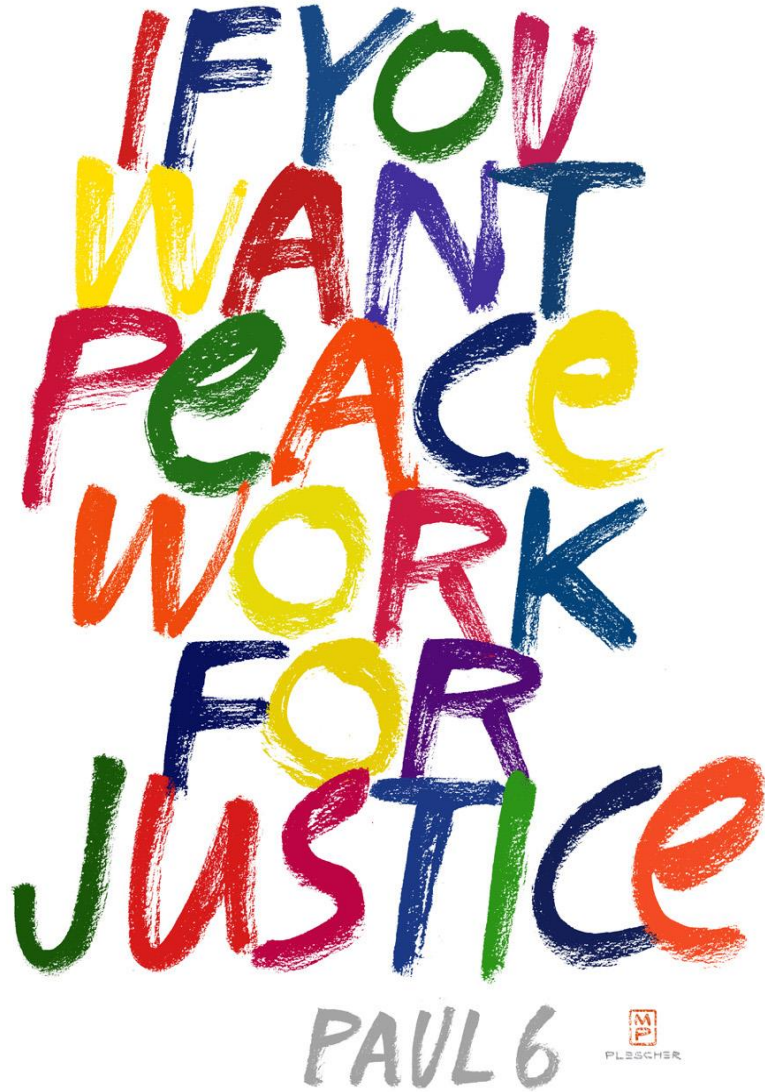
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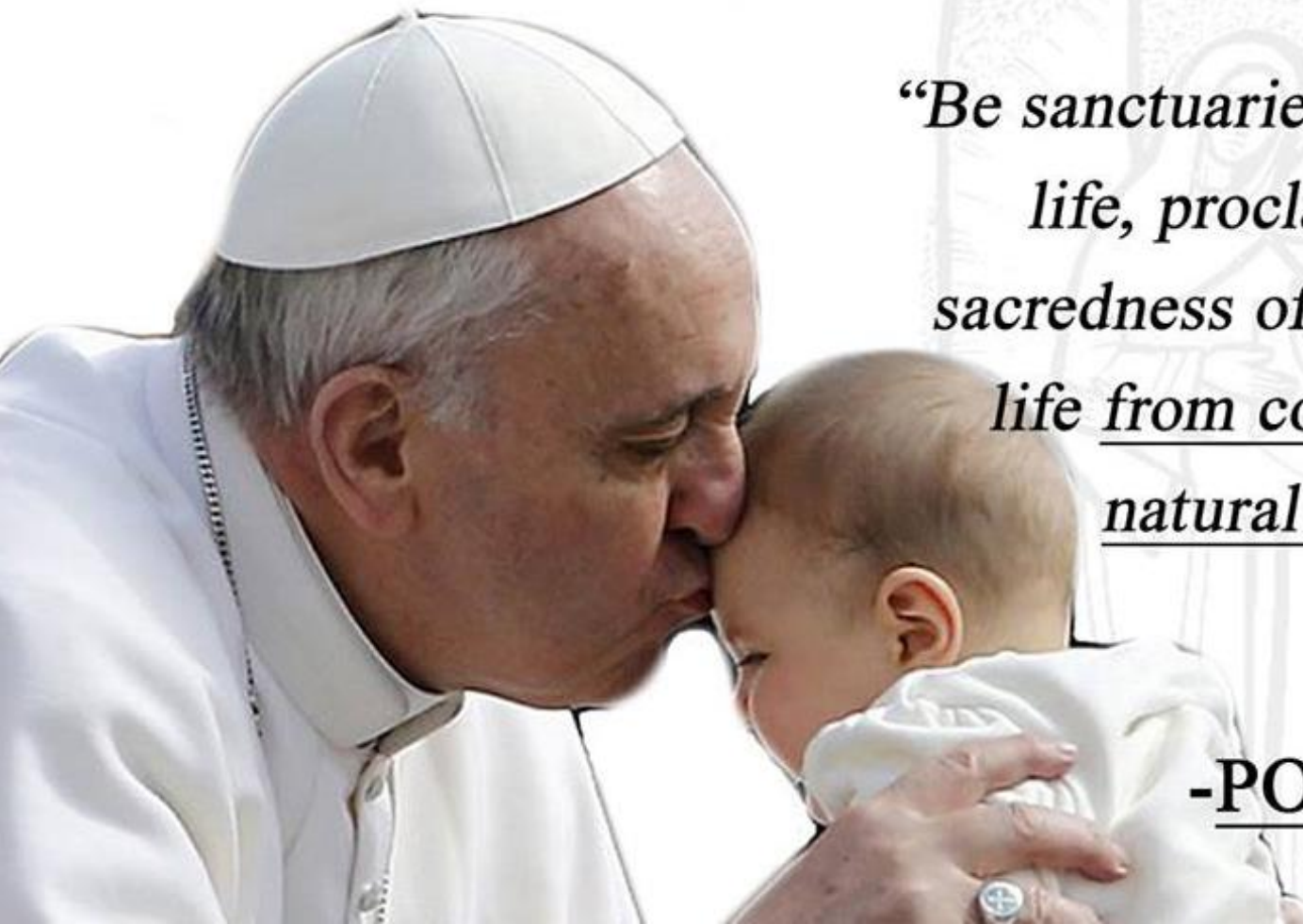


The “Seamless Garment”



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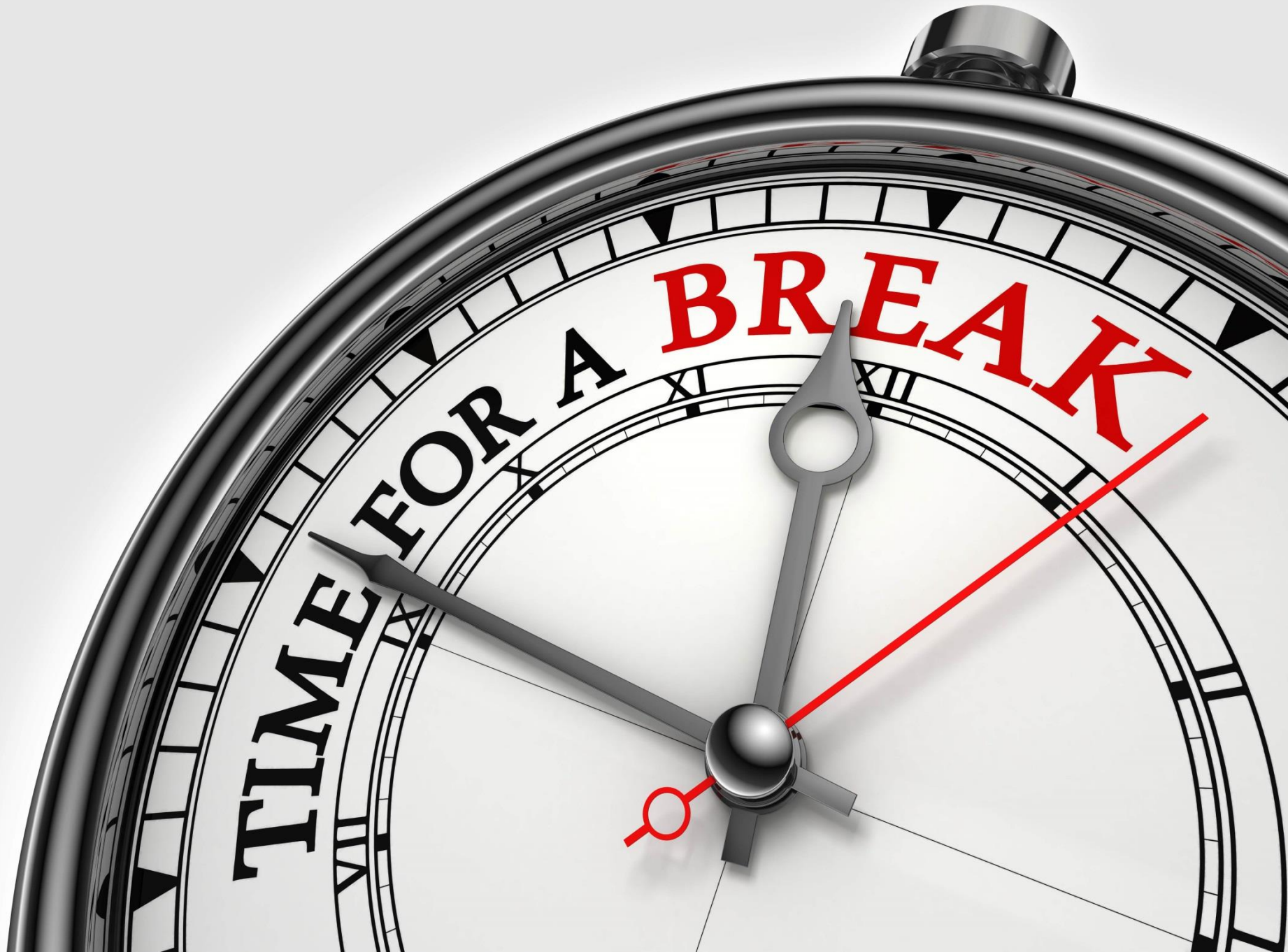
Abortion: What the Church Teaches and Why



“Be sanctuaries of respect for life, proclaiming the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death!”

-POPE FRANCIS

*Meeting with the Families
January 16, 2015*



TIME FOR A BREAK

RCIA 2020-21 Calendar - 2/8/2021

Green denotes in-person safe social distance gathering (Zoom option for those unable to gather in person)

All other sessions will be virtual only gatherings until COVID restrictions are lifted

Date	Subject / Prayer Experience / Event	Facilitator	Location
5-Jan	Living Our Christian Values	Dn. Don	Mulcahy Hall
12-Jan	Important Moral Issues Today - Part 1	Team	
19-Jan	<i>Gathering postponed due to high winds affecting internet connectivity</i>		
26-Jan	Important Moral Issues Today - Part 2	Team	
2-Feb	The Difference Between Christian Service & Social Justice	Dn. Don	
9-Feb	Important Social Justice Issues Today - Part 1	Team	Mulcahy Hall
recording	Mardis Gras potluck dinner / Season of Lent / Patron Saints	Diana	
14-Feb	Candidates Call to Conversion - 11:00 a.m. Mass	Team	Church
16-Feb	Important Social Justice Issues Today - Part 2	Team	
21-Feb	Rite of Election - Catechumens - OLA Church - 11:00 Mass	Team	Church
23-Feb	The Search: E1 - Purification & Enlightenment: Transfiguration	Dn. Don	Mulcahy Hall
2-Mar	E2 - Purification & Enlightenment: Give me a drink/Creed/Stations of the Cross	Dn. Don/Team	Church
7-Mar	1st Scrutiny (Gift of the Creed), 11:00 a.m. Mass	Team	Church & Chapel
9-Mar	E3 - Purification & Enlightenment: You have seen Him	Dn. Don/Team	
14-Mar	2nd Scrutiny, 11:00 a.m. Mass	Team	Church & Chapel
16-Mar	E4 - Purification & Enlightenment: Lazarus, come out! - Prep for Reconciliation	Dn. Don/Team	
20-Mar	Candidates First Confessions - 10:00 a.m.	Team	Church
21-Mar	3rd Scrutiny (Gift of the Our Father), 11:00 a.m. Mass	Team	Church & Chapel
23-Mar	E5 - Purification & Enlightenment: Palm/Pasion Sunday / Holy Week & Triduum	Diana	Mulcahy Hall
27-Mar	Retreat - Details and time TBA	Team	Church
30-Mar	Easter Vigil Practice (Church)	Team	Church/Hurley Hall
3-Apr	EASTER VIGIL SERVICE - Catechumens & Candidates	Team	
6-Apr	No gathering	*****	*****
13-Apr	1st Mystagogia: The Easter Vigil Experience	Dn. Don	
20-Apr	2nd Mystagogia: How Has Your "Why" Changed?	Dn. Don/Team	
27-Apr	3rd Mystagogia: Full, Active Participation - Living the Mystery!	Dn. Don/Team	
4-May	4th Mystagogia: Full, Active Participation = Evangelization	Dn. Don/Team	
11-May	5th Mystagogia: God's Dream is Our Mission! - RCIA Reunion	Dn. Don/Team	
TBD	Neophytes First Confessions - Reconciliation Service	Team	



Church Teaching on Abortion

The Church has condemned Abortion from the beginning:

“...you shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill that which is born...” ***Didache*** circa 96AD

“God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end”
[CCC 2258]

All people have equal dignity and an equal right to life -
this is the foundation of Christian justice

Human life begins at conception

Christian approach to someone who has an abortion:
non-judgmental, compassionate

In reality, few people question that life begins at conception – from the very start this new being is genetically human.

No doubt abortion involves issues of privacy and choice.

- ✓ The life of a fetus is equally valuable/important as the life of the mother
- ✓ We are no less human as a fetus than at any other stage of development.
- ✓ The value of human life does not depend circumstances surrounding it.

Abortion always violates the principle of human dignity

Abortion – A Few Facts

Percentage of women who gave one or more of the following reasons for having an abortion:

Having a baby would interfere with work, education or ability to care for dependents:	74%
Cannot afford a child now:	73%
Is having relationship problems or does not want to be a single mother:	48%
Has completed childbearing:	40%
Is not ready to have children:	33%
Has experienced rape or incest:	01%

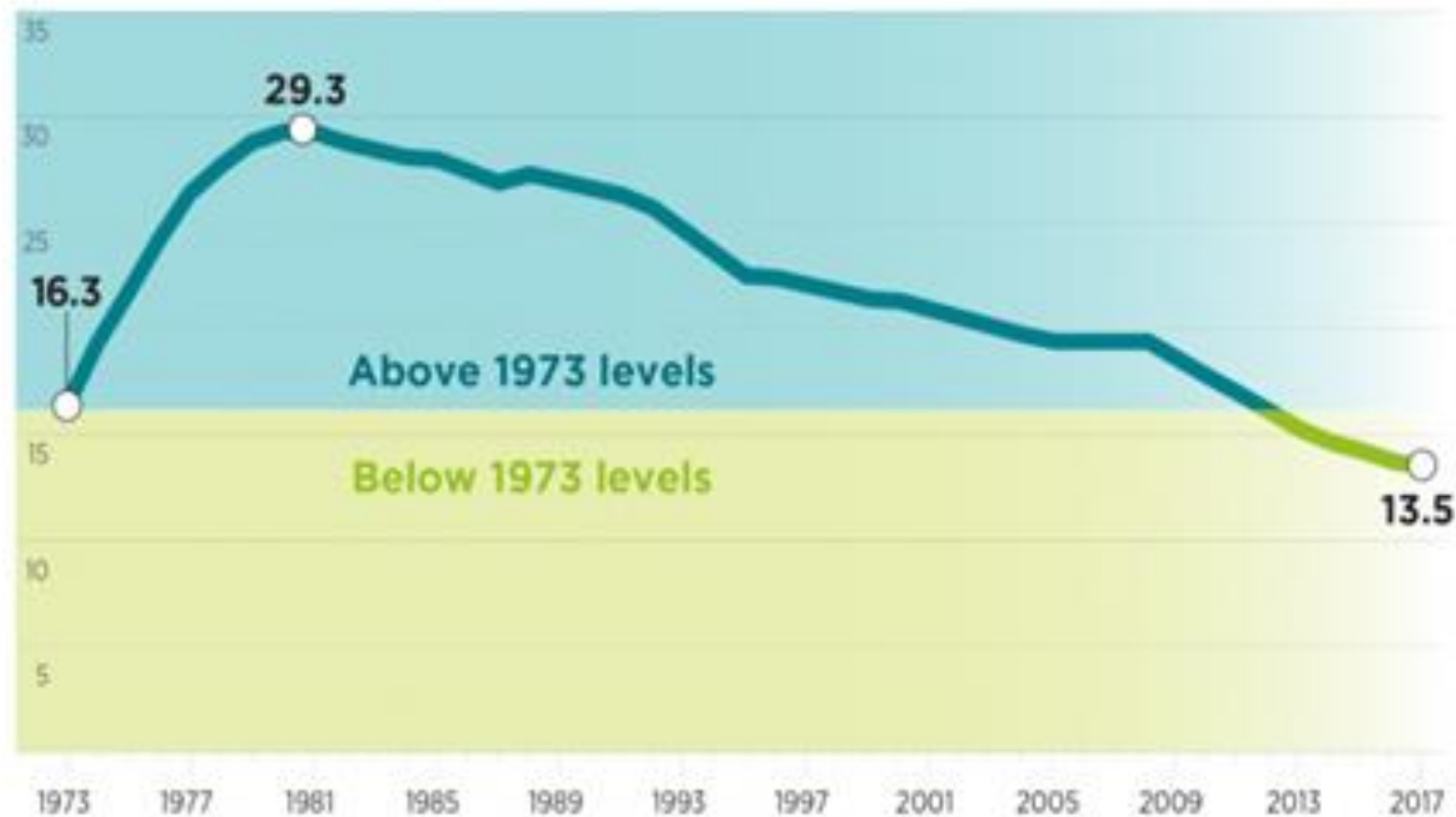
Conclusion

(moving towards peace AND justice)

***It's time to change the abortion
debate in America***

The U.S. abortion rate reached a historic low in 2017

No. of abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44



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