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Lent Project: The Unborn-Right to Life

“It’s Easy to Care about the unborn, it’s more difficult once they are born.”

EARLY WEEK

Overview- The pro-life movement and protecting the unborn has had many successes. The video below is the story of a Christian foster parent who calls us to look past saving the unborn and to helping unwanted children.

Video-Foster Parent and Right to Life

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/charlotte/news/2022/07/28/nc-foster-parent-on-why-anti-abortion-movement-should-care-about-foster-children>

MIDWEEK

Facts:

-There are over 16,000 Children in Foster Care in Ohio in 2020, a number that has risen by 1000 each of the last 5 years..

-The Catholic 7 Themes of Social Justice has a broad definition of Right to Life in the theme Rights and Responsibilities. Catholic tradition teaches that every person has a fundamental right to life, as well as those things required for human decency (USCCB). This can include protecting the unborn, care for those who can’t care for themselves, ending euthanasia, and the death penalty.

Learn from the story of St. Zygmunt: Zygmunt moved to Lviv, Ukraine, about a hundred miles from his hometown, to attend law school. But it took only two years of that training for him to realize that his true calling was as a parish priest. After a few years at other parishes, he returned to Lviv and was pastor for forty years. There, Zygmunt was active in his outreach beyond his parish to include the creation of homes for the poor and for single mothers. He also established a community of women religious that continues to assist the poor today. -Zygmunt Gorazdowski (1845-1920)

How to Support Local Organizations that help with At-Risk pregnancy, and teach parenting skills: **Catholic Charities:** <https://www.ccdoy.org>, **Help me Grow** <https://www.helpmegrow.org>, **Family and Community Services:** <https://fcsserves.org>

Reflections

From St. John XXIII “Man has the right to live. He has the right to bodily integrity and the means necessary for the proper development of life”

How does St. John’s quote call us to do more than protect the unborn?

END OF WEEK

Scripture: Genesis 9:5-6: “For your lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: of every beast I will require it and of man: of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed: for God make man in his own image.” - Leaving no doubt about the value in which we have in our God’s eye, we know that if we are created in God’s image we are called to give life and defend life, just as he does.

Prayer:

Instill your fire for people’s right to life. Open my eyes to opportunities to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the prisoner.

-St. John XXIII

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