

What does it mean to be “Pro-Life”?

We Catholics are thoroughly and unabashedly pro-life. We are pro-life because we believe life is sacred. We are pro-life because the Church teaches us that we humans are created in the image and likeness of God. For these reasons:

- We are pro-preborn babies, pro-newborn babies, pro-woman, pro-child, pro-man, pro-elderly, pro-vulnerable, pro-human, and pro-creation!

- We reject the shallow mantra of “pro-choice” which masks any thoughtful consideration of sexual intercourse, pregnancy, childbirth, or abortion.

- We reject the unfinished thought of a woman’s right to choose. . .

- We reject the fashionable claim of “reproductive rights” which has resulted in untold millions of abortions.

- We reject contraception in all its forms, but especially those forms that silently abort such as: the pill, the patch, injections and the morning after pill.

- We reject violence and unnatural death in all its forms—abortion, terrorism, unjust war, capital punishment, and euthanasia.

- We embrace the fact that we humans *procreate*, not reproduce:
Animals reproduce. Machines copy. Humans procreate.

□ We know that “life” and the future of the human community are sexually transmitted—by the wondrous design of our maker.

□ We are in awe of the power God has invested in us: that we, imaging God's creativity, have the power to create new humans in God's image.

□ We believe that at the moment of human conception, through the power of the Holy Spirit, a new and unique soul is created by God.

□ We embrace the fact that humans need to live in community, responsive each other, caring for the young, the sick and the old, sharing their burdens and joys.

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