



The Beauty of **GOD'S LOVE**

Lord,

We thank you for the beautiful gift of life - wonderful are your works!

May we never forget that every child - born and unborn - is made in your image.

Give us wisdom to use the gifts you have given us to defend the sanctity of all human life.

And give us courage to follow your holy will in this life saving work.

May what we do for the smallest and most vulnerable among us lead us along the path of eternal salvation.

Amen.

“God’s love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother’s womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory.”

— Pope Benedict XVI



What can I do to build a *CULTURE OF LIFE?*



SHARE THE FACTS

1. According to Harvard professor Micheline Matthews-Roth, “It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception.” This means that an unborn baby, at every stage, is a human being!¹

2. A unique human being is created at conception with his or her own DNA — different from his or her’s parents. At this moment, eye color, hair color, adult height, and many other physical attributes are determined. Despite his or her tiny size, he or she is a human being!²

3. At 20 days, the baby’s heart is in the advanced stages of formation. Her eyes begin to form. Her brain, spinal column, and nervous system are virtually complete.²

4. At 24 days the baby’s heart begins to beat.²

5. At about 6 weeks the baby’s brain waves can be recorded.²

6. At 9 weeks the baby can bend her fingers around an object placed in her palm. She sucks her thumbs.²

7. At 12 weeks the baby kicks, turns over, makes a fist, and opens and closes her mouth.²

8. At 6 months, most babies are viable.

9. Abortion in the United States kills over 1 million unborn lives a year — picture that in your mind while you work to follow St. John Paul II’s call to “protect, respect, and defend every human life from conception until natural death.”²

1. hli.org/resources/is-a-baby-human-from-the-beginning/
2. naapc.org/why-life-begins-at-conception/

BE A WITNESS

- Wear a pro-life t-shirt
- Use a pen with a pro-life message
- Wear a “precious feet” pin
- Attend a Life Chain or Hike for Life
- Order a “Choose Life” license plate
- Attend the local or national March for Life

► Contact hrespectlife@gmail.com

PARTICIPATE IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

- Prayer and fasting
- Constant vigil
- Community outreach

► 40daysforlife.com

PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC ACTION

- Write your state or federal congressmen
- Write your governor and president
- Vote pro-life!
- Pass out pro-life literature
- Post pro-life articles on social media

► Contact respectlife@fwdioc.org

START, LEAD, OR PARTICIPATE IN

a pro-life group at your parish or school ► Contact respectlife@fwdioc.org

EDUCATE YOURSELF

- Read *Humanae Vitae*
- Read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- Watch “When They Say, You Say” on EWTN
- Go to HLL.org
- Read pro-life books
- Visit lifesitenews.com

SUPPORT MOMS IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

- Volunteer at a local pregnancy center
- Have a diaper or formula drive at your church or school
- Donate new or gently-used clothes
- Donate to the Office of Respect Life

► Contact walters4life@hotmail.com

BECOME A GABRIEL ANGEL

Volunteer to provide practical help to women who might otherwise not choose life for their babies. Support mom’s choice through prayers, friendship, and encouragement.

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