

## RESPECT LIFE: EACH OF US IS A MASTERPIECE OF GOD'S CREATION!



I was lost trying to find the exit on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor at Catholic Charities when I walked past a handful of folks gathered around, attracted to something. A darling woman I know brought in her three-week-old baby to show her colleagues. This beautiful tiny boy was justifiably the center of attention and much cooing. I found life.

A day later I stopped in front of a Catholic High School when I saw a parent pick up her daughter after an athletic competition. The athlete was smiling and seemed in good spirits. A bumper sticker on her mom's sedan read, "Keep Abortions Safe and Legal."

Planned Parenthood promotes its "safe" and legal abortions. A Catholic acquaintance argued that Planned Parenthood wasn't perfect but to first look at the valuable, necessary services it offers to low-income women before condemning it.

Really? I thought of the recent Mexican protests over the arrest of the boss of the local drug cartel. The town's citizens depended on the jobs and money the boss provided. They were outraged over the probable loss of their economic stimulus, which seemed valuable and necessary for their struggling area.

I thought of Planned Parenthood's billboard on Highway 217 that read, "Your embarrassing problem is our Tuesday morning." Really? A human being, albeit not as beautiful as my friend's newborn boy, is simply an embarrassment? Is that how we view life?

Pope Francis beautifully shares his concern for unborn life, "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. ... [A] human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems."

There is a line that bears repeating, "[A] human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development."

That sentence alone nearly sums up the reasons for the prevalence of abortions:

- **These are human beings:** We are unaware or chose to ignore that this unborn child is human.
- **Human beings are sacred:** Each of us is a creation of God. Faith and belief in God is compromised when we mar God's creation.
- **Human beings are inviolable:** One's existence alone gives him or her a dignity equal to all and demands respect from others.
- **In any situation:** It doesn't matter if the person is poor or rich, mean or pleasant, sick or healthy, unemployed or employed, black, white, brown or blonde, male or female, American or Russian, Christian or Muslim
- **At every stage of development:** Pre-born, newly born, aged and infirmed, hale and hearty or suffering with mental or development disabilities.

There is one reason that is not contained in that single sentence, which Pope Francis also comments on:

"Unfortunately, what is thrown away [in our society] is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary.'" For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day..."

No unborn baby is an embarrassment. No human being is unnecessary. **Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation!**

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