

Bulletin Briefs

“To all the members of the Church, the people of life and for life, I make this most urgent appeal, that together we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love.”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 6

“Lord, you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

— Psalm 139:13-14, NAB

“The root reason for human dignity lies in man's call to communion with God. From the very circumstances of his origin, man is already invited to converse with God. For man would not exist were he not created by God's love and constantly preserved by it; and he cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and devotes himself to his Creator”.

— *Gaudium et Spes*, 19

“What people are for is, we believe, like guided missiles, to home in on God, God who is the one truth it is infinitely worth knowing, the possession of which you could never get tired of, like the water which if you have you can never thirst again, because your thirst is slaked forever and always. It's this potentiality, this incredible possibility, of the knowledge of God of such a kind as even to be sharing in his nature, which Christianity holds out to people; and because of this potentiality every life, right up to the last, must be treated as precious.”

— Elizabeth Anscombe, *Contraception and Chastity*

“Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world.”

— Archbishop Charles Chaput, *Politics and the Devil: Living in a World of Unbelief*

Life Facts:

Even at 3 weeks of life, the heart of an embryo beats 100 times per minute.

Every minute during pregnancy, 1 pint of blood is pumping into the uterus, exchanging nutrients between mom and child through the umbilical cord.

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