



Essential Evangelization

Embrace Life!

Since January 22, 1973, the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, an estimated 50 million unborn American children have been denied the right to life. As Catholics, that fact alone should make us ill. Now about 1.2 million unborn children are taken from their mother's womb and denied a chance to live. January is the month for life and last Sunday, heroic deeds were done for this cause to recognize that all human life is sacred on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. On January 22nd, hundreds of thousands also joined in a march on Washington in support for life. Coincidentally too, (although there are no consequences when the Lord is at work) we heard in the first reading from Jeremiah this Sunday, the oft quoted, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you." In other words, God creates all life and he knew us even before we were placed by His will in our mother's womb. We need to pray for a turning of the tide. Already the majority of Americans support life but our political and legal system has unfortunately not caught up to this truth. We need to also pray for those mothers and even fathers who are tortured by grief and guilt over their previous mistake.

Only God can make a life. And God does not make "junk". In fact His Holy Word tells us that we are even made in the image and likeness of Him. All human life is sacred. And He has a plan for you and me from right where we are right here and right now.

Our beloved late great Pope John Paul II said of us, "America you are beautiful... and blessed... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenceless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life."

Let us join with our Blessed Mother in embracing life, as she so very faithfully did, and say "Yes!" to life.

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