

The Gift of Life



Why should you be pro-life? Would you rather be pro-death? Supporting life is a necessity if we want to have people in the world. Which choice makes more sense to you? I choose to be pro-life because it is the choice that lets people know they have value, and that their life is a precious gift! There are many reasons to be pro-life. I would like to share some of them with you along with a few of the projects I've been involved in for the pro-life movement.

“God has given you the awesome gift of being able to conceive and bring to the light of day a new, unique human being, with an immortal soul,” Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco pointed out to the young women he addressed in his letter to the students of Riordan High School. This statement combines appreciation for the incredible gift God has given women with a nutshell description of the amazing makeup of a human being. Being human includes having both body and soul, and all unborn babies have both. This makes each of them a real human being.

Pro-abortion people call themselves “pro choice.” What about the unborn child’s choice? If “pro-choice” people truly want to give everyone their personal decision, do they think the baby would choose to be murdered? Supposedly, “pro-choice” advocates are highly concerned that what a mother uses her body for is her own choice. If they are so worried about what happens to someone’s body, then they should give some thought to what happens to the child’s body in the case of an abortion!

I am a member of Teen Impact, a Wisconsin Right to Life program, in which teenagers can sign up to receive packages that include resources, games, and information to help us be advocates of the pro-life movement. For example, one month I received some statistics about Planned Parenthood. I was shocked to learn that from 2009 to 2018 their prenatal services for women plummeted downwards 76% while their profits went up 600%, and the number of abortions increased.

I personally prefer to stand by organizations that truly protect both mother and child. Therefore, I organized a baby item drive this past March to collect supplies for *New Beginnings*, a pregnancy help center in Fond du Lac. It is one of 2,752 centers in the United States that assist mothers facing unexpected pregnancies in caring for their new babies. Thanks to the generosity of family and friends, I collected over 1,000 diapers and over 3,500 wipes, plus many other baby necessities to support our local center! I have also donated to several other baby drives that others have instigated.

I am very glad to be part of the pro-life movement. There are many options for anyone who wants to be active in it, and supportive of the gift of life. One of these opportunities could be to attend or participate in the *March for Life* event that happens annually in Washington D.C. In January, I am traveling there with some of my family to march and advocate for the right to life. This is a way to openly acknowledge that you believe in promoting life. Another way people can

support this movement is by donating to or volunteering with pro-life organizations and pregnancy help centers.

By showing approval of this movement and actively promoting it, we can ensure and sustain the most basic, foundational right of everyone in our country. I hope that you now understand why I choose to be pro-life, and why it is truly the best choice.

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