



## Newsletter – March 2025

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### **The Unborn Child – A human life**

The **International Day of the Unborn Child** is an annual commemoration of unborn children, observed as a day of opposition to abortion, on **March 25**. It was established by Pope John Paul II to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation. John Paul II viewed the day as "a positive option in favour of life and the spread of a culture for life to guarantee respect for human dignity in every situation".

At the heart of the Catholic opposition to abortion is the belief in the sanctity of human life. The Church teaches that life begins at conception, a view supported by the biblical assertion that humans are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27). This divine imprint grants every human being inherent dignity and value. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception" (CCC 2270).

For Catholics, every unborn child is a unique individual with a purpose, deserving of protection, love, and care. Truly you have formed my inmost being you knit me in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139 :13)

The Church's commitment to the sanctity of life extends beyond mere theological assertion. It is a stance that reflects a deep concern for the implications of devaluing life. Allowing abortion, the Church argues, sets a dangerous precedent where life can be deemed disposable based on convenience or circumstance. This perspective resonates with broader ethical concerns regarding societal attitudes toward life, leading to potential acceptance of other forms of violence and disregard for human dignity.

### **Moral Implications of Choice**

The Catholic Church emphasizes that moral choices are not merely personal decisions but have profound implications for society. The notion of choice, particularly in the context of abortion, raises complex ethical questions about responsibility, autonomy, and the rights of the unborn. While proponents of abortion rights argue for a woman's right to choose, the Church contends that this choice often comes at the expense of the unborn child's right to life.

Catholics believe that true freedom is found not in the ability to choose harm or death, but in the capacity to choose life and love. This belief is illustrated through the Church's teachings on the importance of family, community, and the moral obligations individuals have toward one another. The Church encourages a culture that values life, advocating for alternatives to abortion, such as adoption, and promoting support systems for pregnant women and families in need.

### **Support for Mothers and Children**

It is essential to note that the Catholic Church's anti-abortion stance is not solely about condemning abortion; it is equally about advocating for support for mothers and their children. The Church recognizes that unplanned pregnancies can present significant challenges, and it is committed to providing resources and assistance to help women navigate these difficulties. Catholic organizations, such as pregnancy resource centers and charitable services, offer counselling, medical care, and financial support to expectant mothers, reflecting the Church's belief in the importance of compassion and care.

Moreover, the Church advocates for social policies that support families, such as access to healthcare, parental leave, and educational resources. By addressing the socio-economic factors that often lead women to consider abortion, the Church seeks to create an environment where life is not only protected but celebrated.

### **Conclusion**

In summary, the Catholic Church's opposition to abortion is deeply rooted in the belief in the sanctity of life and the moral implications of choice. The Church's teachings emphasize the inherent dignity of every human being, the responsibilities individuals have toward one another, and the need to support mothers.

### **SEE**

The number of abortions is on the rise in Singapore. Abortion in Singapore is legal and widely accessible. Formally legalised in 1974, it was one of the first Asian countries to do so. Statistics from AWARE Singapore indicate that in 2023, 1 in every 4 pregnancies are terminated.

### **JUDGE**

[\*\*Jeremiah 1:5\*\*](#): "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

[\*\*Isaiah 49:1\*\*](#): "Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name."

[\*\*Job 31:15\*\*](#): "Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?"

## **ACT**

Are we aware of the various pro-life groups in the church and in our community? Are we able to lend out time to support those in need?

Singapore Liferunners is an organisation that meets every Saturday for a prayer walk to create awareness and pray for a time when abortion is an unthinkable word. Join us on 26<sup>th</sup> April at MacRitchie Park at 0830hrs with the LIFE runners! Contact [Clarence@81446143](mailto:Clarence@81446143) to register!