

Proud to Be Pro-Life

I am proud to be Pro-Life, because I believe that all life is important from early pregnancy to your last breath. When my mom was a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee, I got to see babies that were born prematurely. Some babies were born four months early and weighed only one to two pounds! Since I was able to see them, I was able to understand that it was really a human baby and not just a bunch of cells. Premature babies can see, hear, taste, feel sensation and even pain. Maybe the people that don't believe this have never seen what I did, and maybe if they did, it would change their minds about being Pro-Life.

Being Pro-Life is more than just talking about babies. When a mom chooses to have her baby, we have to support the family too. I remember helping my mom at a community center that supported pregnant moms and their families. We collected baby items, and food for those that needed it. We even helped one family move. All of these families were in poverty and some of them felt like they could not afford to have their baby. Others thought that they were too young and were not ready to have a family of their own. But with education and support, these moms did choose to be Pro-Life also. Their example can be an example to others around them in the community and even in their own families. We are all children of God and we should be thankful for the life that He gives us. That is why I am proud to be Pro-Life.

Life and Dignity for All Humans

Less than 1% of abortions are performed to save the mother's life during a pregnancy. Often, pro-choice advocates use the mother's risk as reason abortion should be kept legal. Usually this isn't the case, so a baby's life is at stake versus the mother's lifestyle.

From the time I could understand words, my parents drilled into me the importance to respect all life. Whenever I would encounter a situation, in a book or on tv, in which abortion was present, they'd tell me that it was bad and killing an innocent baby. In sixth grade, I learned about the Catholic Social Teachings. One of them calls for the life and dignity of all humans. Abortion doesn't abide by this teaching. It says that everyone's life and dignity has to be respected from the beginning of their lives until a natural death, and abortion does not follow that instruction.

Some science textbooks state that life begins at conception, and even the earliest human embryo meets the characteristics of life. They are composed of cells, have different levels of organization, use energy, respond to stimuli, grow, have the ability to reproduce, and adapt to their environment. Therefore, abortion is killing an innocent baby. People are sentenced to life in jail for killing, yet abortion occurs every day.

It made me sad to see how pervasive abortion is in our country. There are nearly 2,700 abortions every day, and about one million each year. That's 2,700 lives every day that are ended just after they begin. I was shocked when I read that 22% of pregnancies in the US end in abortion. About 1/3 of women by the age of 45 have had abortion. These facts just solidify my decision to be pro-life.

In conclusion, I am pro-life because I was taught that abortion is wrong, and I was appalled by the statistics about it. My parents taught me to respect life, and I believe that it's just wrong. Babies do not have a choice in that situation. Their lives are in their parents' hands.