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Abortion is the Greatest and Gravest Moral-Pastoral issue facing the Universal Church
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Among the many needs and evils facing the worldwide church, like poverty, starvation, immigration and others, abortion as it is designed to brutally destroy the weakest and most vulnerable tiny persons, the precious children of God, and because of the staggering magnitude and unbelievable worldwide numbers of abortions, this makes it the most urgent, greatest, and gravest, moral pastoral issue facing the universal Catholic church and the church in the USA. The statistics about this heartbreaking reminder of the huge prevalence of abortion, the intentional killing of the unborn, compiled by the Worldometers indicated there were 42.6 million people worldwide tiny children who died from abortions in 2021. This independent site collects data from government and other reputable organizations. In the USA, Planned Parenthood, and other abortion centers, murder close to one million precious unborn babies each year. Sadly, statistics indicated that most of these are elective abortions. Since Roe v Wade decision in 1973, it is calculated that 63 million unborn babies have been killed in abortion. And sadly, the present presidential administration is constantly promoting plans and programs, with taxpayer funding, to increase these radical numbers, even infanticide to directly kill precious little images of God who survive brutal abortions, and even codify abortion as a permanent law. When compared to COVID, the number of people died from abortion dwarfs the number of COVID deaths. Worldometers indicates that about 3.5 million people died of COVID in 2021, while the magnitude of abortions is increasing worldwide. Alveda King, the niece of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., proclaims that abortion is now the greatest civil rights issue in our country.

The life of every human being truly matters for God, their creator and for us as Christians, committed to living the gospel of life of Jesus. Every human being from his or her very beginning at conception is a unique living person who has value because he or she is one of a kind irreplaceable, made in the image of God. Filled with the love and compassion of Jesus for the unborn, our Catholic church and all pro-lifers must adamantly refuse to allow our country to sink deeper into the moral abyss of abortion on demand and be repulsed by the thought of infanticide which is now a central component of a powerful political block that has no qualms about advocating abortions up to the moment of birth. As recently as September 2021, Pope Francis repeatedly said that “abortion is murder” and compared the accepting of abortion to “accepting daily murder” around the world. He also spoke explicitly against treating precious human life as “waste material”. At the same time, Pope Francis stresses the closeness compassion, and tenderness we need to have for all women dealing with an abortion decision and offer them spiritual, human, and financial means to assist them with their many needs, and to encourage them to save their babies. For unborn babies, living boys and girls, people do not have to be religious to recognize that it has been our logic, our constant biblical belief, based on several passages of Sacred Scripture, and the constant teaching of our Catholic church and is now confirmed repeatedly by medical scientific research, that human life begins at conception.

As we pray and encourage all Catholics and prolife Christians around the world to join efforts to stop the enormous magnitude of abortions, we focus our attention on our country and working with our bishops, our priests, religious, deacons and all dedicated lay people to make a super new effort to pull America back from the brink by those who believe in the Constitutional principle of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all beginning with the tiny persons in their mother's womb. Recent court rulings are helping to open the door to finally restore reason and compassion to the abortion issue. As followers of Jesus, we understand that when a nation abandons the conviction that all life matters from its very beginning, the end result is barbaric. We must now work to overcome this result. There is no better word than barbaric to describe the efforts of those who constantly continue to promote the murder of unborn children and those born who are breathing, whose hearts are beating. We bishops must make a concerted effort as pastors and leaders of our people to speak out strongly with a united voice, to develop prayer programs, centered on the Eucharist, the constant praying of the rosary in front of abortion centers, and to be much more proactive in promoting pastoral action, formulating pro-life plans for all the Catholic parishes of our country. We must never lose hope that we can overcome this barbaric evil, as the Holy Spirit is constantly offering us the wisdom, knowledge, the inspiration, and courage to formulate plans and programs that promote strong pro-life education, and pastoral actions at many levels.

Our pastoral actions must include working with government and court agencies at a local state and national level. As we mark the remembrance of the Supreme Court decision on abortion in 1973, we must now more than ever promote legal and civil action to overcome this death sentence. We need to remember and take action from what the Supreme Court admitted in Roe v Wade: "if...personhood (for the unborn) is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the 14th Amendment". Based on this conditional statement, and science has confirmed that life begins at conception, so the members of the Supreme Court are obligated to rescind the decision of Roe v Wade. The 14th Amendment to the Constitution states: "nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of the law, nor to deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law". Science is now totally clear that human life begins at conception when a new human being is formed, and the American people must now oppose abortion on demand and want innocent life to be protected especially when it is most defenseless. It now belongs to congress, if the Supreme Court does not reverse itself to resolve the question of when human life begins. For this to happen, we must all now support A Life at Conception Act, by declaring that unborn children are persons legally entitled to constitutional protection. This fact will rescue millions of unborn children from dying by abortion on demand.

We must be very passionate about this life and death issue for the precious unborn as Christ wants us to be. Now more than ever working together as co-workers in the life vineyard of the Lord, we have the means guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit to overcome the ever-increasing magnitude of abortions at a worldwide level and right in our own country. We bishops and priests must take a more forceful leadership in this regard and follow the lead of dear Pope Francis who is constantly calling us to have a new respect for human life at all levels, beginning with the precious unborn and he reminds us that this is the preeminent life issue. We keep in mind the inspired words of Elizabeth in her Visitation with Mary, who after proclaiming to Mary, "most blessed are you among women" then proclaimed, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb". Mary our model and Mother, wants to teach and guide mothers and us how to protect each and every precious unborn. Our heavenly Father, the giver of all life, extends the same blessing over the womb of every mother who is bringing, supported by the father of the infant, into our world a precious new child, destined to live forever in peace and love with all of us in the heavenly kingdom. Our constant pro-life motto then is "choose life for both the mother and the child".