

Loving Life

Loving life encompasses so many aspects. As you know, we need to respect life. We need to respect people of all races, people of authority, people we do not even know and most importantly the unborn. Life is precious and everyone deserves to live their life to its fullest capacity. We are all the same in three ways: we are all made in God's image; we are all here for a purpose and our life is truly a gift. *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."* (Jeremiah 1:5) We must show love. We must take care of those who cannot take care of themselves. We are a united people. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable at any stage or in any condition. The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred. A person is the foundation of a moral society. It is because of this that we have the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching. A person is not only sacred but scientifically speaking is also social. In order for a human to survive and thrive, we must have human contact. God did not intend for a person to be secluded and alone. In the Book of Genesis, God said that it is not good for man to be alone. In society, economics, politics and laws directly affect human dignity. Marriage and family are at the very center of our society. These institutions MUST be strengthened and supported and certainly not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to seek a common good that leads to the well-being of all. Human life is sacred. Every human being has a right to life, food, shelter, education, employment, health care and housing, freedom of speech, religion and family life. None of this can take place if the flame is not lit that promotes and instills peace. We cannot have peace in the world if at the very foundation of our society life is not respected. *"Let there be peace on Earth, And let it begin with me. "Let there be peace on Earth, The peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, Brothers all are we, Let me walk with my brother, In perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now, With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow, To take each moment and live and live each moment with peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Sherrie Clutts DRE*
