

Answers to Quiz Questions

- 1. B)** To be pro-life is to believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. This also involves opposing any practice that deliberately kills human life, including abortion and euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAiD).
- 2. A)** Yes. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to defend innocent human life from conception to natural death. As Catholics, we must accept all of the Church's life-giving teachings. In Pope John Paul II's encyclical, he stated that "The Gospel of life...consists in the proclamation of the very person of Jesus" (Evangelium Vitae (EV), 29).
- 3. B)** At conception, a new life is created and has his or her own distinct DNA. At this point the genetic plan is in place for the new human being's development.
- 4. A)** Abortion is the taking of innocent Human Life and therefore is never acceptable. Each life is a gift from God regardless of the circumstances of conception and is not ours to take.
- 5. B)** No. Medical science has advanced to the point where abortion is *never* necessary to help the mother of an unborn child survive. As Dr. Roy Heffernan said in 1951, "Anyone who performs a therapeutic abortion is either ignorant of modern methods of treating the complications of pregnancy or unwilling to take the time to use them."
- 6. B)** False. In 2021, the removal of the criteria that natural death be reasonably foreseeable in order to obtain euthanasia, expanded access to euthanasia (MAiD).
- 7. B)** No. Euthanasia and assisted suicide undermine the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The Church acknowledges euthanasia and assisted suicide as murder, "a false mercy, and indeed a disturbing 'perversion' of mercy." (EV, 66) When in the sacrament of reconciliation and confessing, you cannot receive absolution in advance of committing sin.
- 8. B)** False. There are many things you can do to help stop abortion and euthanasia! Beginning with prayer as a powerful step, you can help through supporting loved ones in choosing life, assisting your parish pro-life group, donating to pro-life groups, supporting and volunteering with pro-life groups, activism, and so much more! Every bit of support helps.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing an *unplanned pregnancy*, help is available:

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Are Catholics pro-life? Are you pro-life? Take the Quiz!



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Quiz Questions

1. What does it mean to be pro-life?

- A. To be thankful for the life you were given. B. To believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

2. As a Catholic, do I have to be pro-life?

- A. Yes B. No

3. When does human life begin?

- A. At the age of viability B. At Conception C. When the heart begins to beat

4. What is the Catholic Church's official position on abortion?

- A. Abortion is never acceptable. B. Abortion is acceptable in some cases. C. There is no Church teaching on abortion.

5. Is abortion needed when the mother's life is at risk?

- A. Yes B. No

6. True or False? Euthanasia is only available to terminally ill seniors.

- A. True B. False

7. Can I receive the Anointing of the Sick if I am scheduled for euthanasia?

- A. Yes, if I'm a baptised Catholic. B. No. C. On the condition that I go to confession in advance.

8. True or False?: I am pro-life but euthanasia and abortion are going to happen anyway. There is nothing I can do to help stop the killing.

- A. True B. False

Although there is no law governing abortion in Canada, both abortion and euthanasia (MAiD) are commonplace. However, Saint Pope John Paul II stated that, "true compassion leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear." Mother Teresa also wisely said that "peace begins in the womb." We live in a culture of death.

In an age of extreme abandonment, we must remember God's faithful promise: "*I will never forget you*" (Isaiah 49:15). God's words speak to our eternal call as Christians to be witnesses to the dignity of each human person. Together, we can resolve never to forget the child in the womb, the mother with an unexpected pregnancy, the person living with a disability or mental illness, or the senior who needs good care (not killing). God's promise in Isaiah reminds us of our responsibility to one another, teaching us that each soul is unique, purposely created in the image of God.



A Message from the Archbishop

"I will never forget you"

In life, memories intertwine with the essence of being, immortalizing those who have touched our lives with their presence. Each person leaves an indelible mark, a unique imprint upon our souls, shaping us in ways both subtle and profound.

The sanctity of life extends beyond the mere preservation of biological existence; it encompasses the reverence for the inherent dignity and worth of every being. From the moment of conception to the final breath, each life is a sacred gift, deserving of respect, compassion, and empathy. "I will never forget you," we vow, acknowledging the intrinsic value of every human being, irrespective of race, creed, or circumstance.

In a world too often fraught with indifference, the affirmation of the sanctity of life becomes a beacon of hope, a testament to the power of love and connection. It urges us to cherish each fleeting moment, to embrace the beauty of diversity, and to cultivate a culture of empathy and understanding. "I will never forget you," this year's National March for Life theme, resonates the solemn promise to honour the sanctity of life in all its myriad forms, for it is in this collective remembrance that humanity finds its truest expression.

God bless.

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