



From the Pastor's Desk:

Did you pray on Friday for the “Right to Life” efforts that took place in Washington, D.C. and across the country? Did you unite yourself in prayer even though you could not be there at a “Rally for Life” in person? Do you pray for the innocent unborn who will die today or tomorrow? Do you pray for the women, who daily are told they have the God given right to decide whether the child in their womb lives or dies?

The nation heroically and selflessly rallied to the aide of the people of Haiti as the tragedy of the earthquake hit with an immense threat of the destruction of human life. We rightly pray earnestly for the people of Haiti, living and dead. It is easy to see the destruction of life in such dramatic coverage the suffering, death, and even bloody violence that surrounds such a natural disaster in the midst of a poverty stricken people. It is right for our minds, hearts and tangible support to go out to sooth, comfort and remove the pain. And I know that you have prayed for the rescue workers, the innocent lives, the living and the dead.

The Right to Life efforts is on an equal par with our concern for those natural disaster efforts. But the Right to Life efforts focuses on two vulnerable groups of human beings, the innocent unborn and the innocent elderly. These two groups need our prayers and our rescue efforts along with everyone else on earth who suffer from the ravages of oppression, hatred and murder.

We, as a parish, do very well in supporting the material needs of the Right to Life movements here on Long Island. Birthright, the Long Island Right to Life Coalition, and others have expressed over and over again their appreciation of our support as a parish.

I wish the leaders of our nation who support abortion would look deeply into the eyes of a forming human fetus and then tell the world that this is not human life. When the egg of a woman and the sperm of a man unite there is an instantaneous and undeniable beginning of the life of human being conceived with the right to life in and outside of the womb.

The gift of life is an intricate design of God's creation of man and woman. This is a design so perfect, so complex that it begins to respond to its environment from the moment of conception. Prayer for Life is not a matter of choice. Prayer for Life is a matter of necessity if we hope to see our world survive. It is horrifying to see the death of hundreds of thousands of children when disaster strikes. Should it not be horrific to see the death of 50 million unborn children who have not died from a natural disaster, but from the deliberate hands of an abortion team?

Pray for an end to abortion, pray for pregnant women, pray for life for all the unborn.

May God +bless you, and yours, now and forever.

Father Anthony