

Consistent Teachings through the Centuries into Our Modern Day

St. Thomas Aquinas: Teaches that "abortion is a grave sin against the natural law."

Martin Luther, *Luther's Works* How great, therefore, the wickedness of human nature is! How many girls there are who prevent conception and kill and expel tender fetuses, although procreation is the work of God. --, American Ed., (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing), v. 4, 304.

JOHN CALVIN: "The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of its mother, is already a human being and it is a monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light."

Pope Stephen V: "That person is a murderer who causes to perish by abortion what has been conceived."

Pope Sixtus V condemned abortion with the greatest severity.

G.K. Chesterton- Moral issues are always terribly complex, for someone without principles.

Pope Pius XI "Those who hold the reins of government should not forget that it is the duty of public authority ... to defend the lives of the innocent ... among whom we must mention in the first place infants hidden in the mother's womb. And if the public magistrates ... do not defend them, but by their laws and ordinances betray them to death at the hands of doctors and others, let them remember that God is the Judge and Avenger of innocent blood which cries from earth to heaven" (Casti Connubii No. 67).

Pope Pius XII "Every human being, even the infant in the mother's womb, has the right to life immediately from God, not from the parent or any human society or authority. Therefore there is no man, no human authority, no science, no medical, eugenic, social, economic or moral "indication" that can show or give valid juridical title for direct deliberate disposition concerning an innocent human life - which is to say, a disposition that aims at its destruction either as an end in itself or as the means of attaining another end that is perhaps in no way illicit in itself. Thus, for example, to save the life of the mother is a most noble end, but the direct killing of the child as a means to this end is not licit..." (Pope Pius XII, Allocution to Italian Midwives, October 29, 1951)

Pope John XXIII recalled the teaching of the Fathers on the sacred character of life "which from its beginning demands the action of God the Creator."

The Second Vatican Council, presided over by Paul VI, has most severely condemned abortion: "Life must be safeguarded with extreme care from conception; "abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes."

The same Paul VI, speaking on this subject on many occasions, has not been afraid to declare that this teaching of the Church "has not changed and it is unchangeable."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen To help stop abortion in America and the world, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying a ten second prayer that an unborn baby's life be spared abortion and be allowed to live. The prayer is:
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta - "Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother." Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers.