

Abortion

VIDEO LINK

<http://youtu.be/buvFoY1ehPY>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal of this session is for young people to come to a better understanding of why the Church is pro-life and fights so hard to help mothers who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy. Further this video reassures teens that they are not alone in fighting for the dignity of every human person. There are many pro-life young people in the country and the world.

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In this video, Chris is in Washington, DC for the annual March for Life. He explains that the current generation is pro-life and that science supports the fact that a fetus is a human life, and the negative impact of abortion upon women. He also deals with the difference between abortion and the death of a fetus due to necessary health care for the mother. Finally he demonstrates that if someone does not want their baby there is another person who does.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does it make you feel to know there are so many young people who travel to Washington, DC for the March for Life? Why?
2. Chris shared many facts that support that a fetus is a human person (they have a heart beat (18 days), brain waves (42 days), all body systems present (8 weeks), fingernails (11 weeks), vocal chords (12 weeks), can feel pain (20 weeks), and survive if born prematurely (23 weeks). Which of these was the most surprising to you to learn? Why?
3. What is something you can do, starting today, to contribute to end of abortion within America and around the world?
4. What are some of the examples of the negative impact of abortion upon a woman's health that Chris mentioned? Why do you think these are not talked about more often?
5. Chris mentioned a priest who saved a baby's life in 2013 by helping find a family for the child whose abortion was scheduled because (s)he had Down Syndrome. After putting out a call for help, this priest received over 900 emails and hundreds of phone calls. What insight does this give you about the value of a human life?

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Here we've seen that a fetus is a person, women who have an abortion suffer for years after from health problems associated with their abortion, and that there are people who want the babies that are being aborted daily in America. Witnessing to these truths with joy will open people's hearts to uphold the dignity of our unborn brothers and sisters.

Pray together the **Prayer to End Abortion**, from Priests for Life:

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!