

First Place – Junior High Division

Pro-Life Movement and Beyond

By Madison D.

Why I am pro-life? The reason I am pro-life is because I feel that every child in the womb deserves to live a happy and healthy life. Also, as Jeremiah 1:5 states “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.” Which entails that God has a plan and a purpose for each and every soul even if they are still in the womb.

I currently am part of the pro-life movement in Nassau County, New York. I have attended a protest and held signs to help support the pro-life movement and spreading the word. This was very eye opening to see people's opinion on this topic. Most people honked in support and some yelled but we did not engage. Another thing I have participated in, is I have also raised money at my local Church, filling baby bottles with change and getting donations from families and friends for the Long Island Life Center helping mothers and babies in need, instead of getting abortions. This year I also attended a shower for unborn children where all the donation's have gone to Momma's House for babies and mothers who needed help.

I am trying to raise awareness within my community and friends on why abortion is so gravely wrong and to save babies' lives. Psalms 62:13 states " Also Yours, O Lord, is loving kindness. For You reward a man for his work " Which shows that God will repay those who work and the good deeds that they have done. I feel I have found a voice in trying to help save unborn children. If I could just save at least one or more babies, I will go further and further into the pro-life movement and keep spreading the word wherever I go. In conclusion, since I have started this movement last year, this has been a rewarding and uplifting experience and I already feel like it's making a difference in people's lives that I have personally spoken to and I will continue spreading the word in years to come.

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A Life Worth Protecting

By Sarah C.

“She’s worthless. You shouldn’t keep her. Get rid of the baby.”

Those were the cruel, terrifying words that likely echoed in my grandmother’s mind when she realized she was pregnant - words she feared her husband would say. My mom could have been aborted. And if that had happened, neither of us would have existed today.

It’s incredible how easily we forget that the people we love - our parents, siblings, best friends - weren’t necessarily guaranteed. Their existence hung by a thread. My mom came close to never being born. She almost missed the chance to live, grow, laugh, cry, and become the woman who raised me.

My mom is one of the most amazing and influential people in my life. She’s been my guide, my teacher, and the one who brought me closer to God - not just through words, but through the way she lives. She’s taught me how to love, forgive, and cherish every moment. I’m so grateful she’s here.

My mom’s story reminds me why I’m pro-life. Every life - no matter how small - is a miracle. From the moment of conception, a baby is growing, forming, becoming. It may not have a voice yet, but it is alive. Abortion ends that miracle before it unfolds.

I know many women face fear and uncertainty. The decision of choosing life can feel impossible - especially when support is missing. These moments are real and painful. But even in those hard places, that tiny life is precious. It deserves love, protection, and the chance to be known. That is why I choose life. Because life is divine. It’s not something to be dismissed; it’s a beautiful gift, woven with purpose and meaning. Every heartbeat, every breath, every moment we share with those we love reflects that miraculous design created by God. My mom is a miracle – a living testament to grace and resilience. Her presence reminds me that life is not random or disposable. It’s intricate, beautiful, and not to be played around with. It is something to be kept and cherished, an amazing gift given by God.

I believe in protecting that gift. I believe in honoring the life of every human being, born and unborn. I believe that every life carries a story waiting to unfold – a story that deserves the chance to be written. Choosing life is not just a moral stance; it’s a commitment to compassion, to hope, and to the belief that every soul matters – to us, and most importantly, to God.

To choose life is to cherish love. It means to stand for the vulnerable, to speak for those who cannot yet speak, and marvel at the miracle that is life. Life is not perfect, but it is precious. And I will always stand for protecting it.

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Everyone Deserves a Chance to Live

By Ella Y

Even before the heart of a baby starts beating it is already alive and completely unique. Many people would say that the mother should chose, that it is her body. But if you were to ask me, “Why are you pro-life?” my answer would be this: everyone deserves a chance to live. That small life form has the same rights as you and me. Are you really willing to put an end to this child’s short life? If you really feel you are not able to raise or care for a child for whatever reason, there is always someone willing to adopt.

Everyone is a unique person. Someone who cannot be copied, ever. They are still their own person when in their mother’s womb. In their own way, everyone is beautiful. Even if you have some disfiguration, God still created you, and you are perfect in your own way. Every baby, every embryo, is a masterpiece of God and is perfect in his eyes. I am pro-life because I fervently believe that everyone, no matter how big, small, disfigured, or disabled, deserves a chance to live. That is their right.

Our country states that you cannot take a life away, that life is a right. So, when does life begin? At the earliest stage of development, the smallest cell is alive. Abortion is destroying the life of an undeveloped child. From the moment the cell is created, the baby has its own DNA that is completely unique. There is not a single person in the world with that DNA, unless you are an identical twin. But even then, the twins are not the same, they are still different people. If the baby could speak, would he or she choose life? Everyone deserves a chance to live, a chance to be an individual.

The child in the womb has the same human rights as you and me, and yet this right is being denied to an innocent being. A child in the womb cannot make him or herself heard.

Every other Monday, my family and I go and do volunteer work at a pregnancy care center, that helps people deal with having a child for the first time. Some of these people are thinking about abortion, or struggling with a terrible situation, trying to decide what’s best for the child. Every time I am there, I help bag diapers for mothers who cannot afford them. It is a wonderful feeling to help those in a tough place.

I am pro-life because I believe every child deserves the chance to live, to have a birthday, to simply be. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to share my opinions with others and I hope this essay makes a difference to those who read it.

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