



Pro-Life Bulletin Board

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Living the Gospel of Life

In Psalm 34:2-3 we read these words:

*I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise shall be ever in my mouth
Let my soul glory in the Lord
the lowly will hear me and be glad*

This Psalm reminds us that our responsibility as God's children is to celebrate our Christianity—our faith—by making sure others hear and see the Truth about God's creative love. And as Pope John Paul II teaches throughout *The Gospel of Life*, we can only do this if we remember three little words: *be not afraid*.

We live in a world that has a fascination with death. Those who favor abortion, euthanasia and other sinful acts against life don't admit that they are enamored of death. But when you stop and think about it, a person who claims to be "pro-choice" or defends "choice in dying" is a person who promotes and advocates death for *other* people.

Pro-choice is a nice way of saying *pro-death* as far as the child growing in his mother's womb is concerned. *Choice in dying* is a code phrase that lends support for the premature death of the elderly, the ill or the disabled.

Our response to such deadly sloganeering is joy: blessing the Lord at all times so that others "will hear me and be glad."

How valuable is the person who lives in the womb? Or the old or infirm person who at times seems overwhelmed with anguish and pain? Pope John Paul II

tells us how valuable every human person is. Here is what he says in *The Gospel of Life*:

"Whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God Himself." (#9)

"Life is always a good ... Man ... is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory." (#34)

"Whether man or woman, there is a reflection of God himself, the definitive goal and fulfillment of every person." (#35)

"Life is indelibly marked by a truth of its own. By accepting God's gift man is obliged to maintain life in this truth which is essential to it." (#48)

These short lines, from Pope John Paul II's love letter to all men and women of good will, make it clear that we have received a miraculous gift, an awesome present from God—our very lives! There is a great blessing that comes with knowing that each person is a reflection of God, created in His image. As each of us thinks about that, we get the idea that living the Gospel of Life begins with being positively radiant with glee.

The smile that we give to another is an expression of our understanding that God loves us so much He gave us a life that is a reflection of Himself.

The hug that we share with someone tells them that we know God is love, and we want to share His love with everyone we meet.

That is "Living the Gospel of Life."

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