



# Pro-Life Bulletin Board

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## Thinking the Gospel of Life

One of the most intriguing aspects of Pope John Paul II's encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, is how it can become part of the way we talk—about abortion, about the value of the baby and about the miracle of life. The more we study his words, and pick out those certain statements that touch our hearts, the more comfortable we become in allowing those words to roll off our tongues as we engage in discussion, debate or dialogue with those around us.

Here are a few short excerpts from *The Gospel of Life*. These are words to reflect upon when you contemplate the value of the human person. The more we think about the things we can do or say to help others see the horrendous consequences of “choosing” to abort, the closer our world will be to existing in a culture of love and life.

- By living as if God did not exist, man not only loses sight of the mystery of God, but also of the mystery of the world and the mystery of his own being. (Section 22)
- To celebrate the Gospel of Life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life. (Section 84)
- Whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God Himself. (Section 9)
- The glory of God shines on the face of man. (Section 35)
- Where God is denied and people live as though He did not exist, or His commandments are not taken into account, the dignity of the human person and the inviolability of human life also end up being rejected or compromised. (Section 96)
- When conscience, this bright lamp of the soul, calls “evil good and good evil,” it is already on the path to the most alarming corruption and the darkest moral blindness. (Section 24)
- Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection. (Section 73)
- Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. (Section 81)
- [The family is] a community of life and love, founded upon marriage [that has a special responsibility that] is a matter of God's own love, of which parents are co-workers and as it were interpreters when they transmit life and raise it according to His fatherly plan. This is the love that becomes selflessness, receptiveness and gift. (Section 92)
- The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognize that we are dealing with murder. (Section 58)
- Each and every person, in the name of God, is called to respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness. (Section 5)

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