

Every Life is a Gift: We are all Called to be Custodians of Life from Conception to Natural Death

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Every life is a gift and we are all called to be custodians of life from conception to natural death. We are to build a culture of life by making choices of self-donation, by making daily gestures of love, by having a heart of solidarity and concern for others, thus making this world a home for the human person.

If we could only stop being so self-referential and selfish and look around us to see the needs of others, and we respond with love to the sufferings and needs we see, our world will be much better.

If we see a poor child, and you give him a plate of food, or pay for his school, for a pair of shoes, or clothing, that child will believe that there could be a future, that there can be hope. That all is not dark in his future, that there are doors that could be open for them.



If you see sick persons and you visit them and spend time listening to their sufferings or concerns, and give them the consolation of your prayers and friendship, those persons will know that they don't suffer alone and that is a source of strength. They do they are not forgotten.



When you see people torn by war, by totalitarian systems, and great injustices in their countries, and you open your heart to them first in prayer, and also they can find a home that receives them to live in this world, you let them now that they have the same dignity as yours.

When you find a pregnant mother in a moment of crisis, and you extend your hand to help her celebrate the life she carries within, and help her with your presence and resources throughout her pregnancy as to receive the child with great joy and hope, then we have given a triumph to the culture of life.

When the elderly become important to you and to your families, and you honor their lives, their sacrifices, their history and all they did for you...for their families...and you stand beside them when their strength has waned, and their capacities are failing, you show the virtue of gratitude and respect.

Once they gave it all for you...now you must do the same for them. When this takes place we have given a triumph to the culture of life.

To build the culture of life in the world that is to be a home for the human person is much simpler than what it looks. It only takes understanding the dignity of each life... and to do small and constant gestures of love for others. It only takes that we make love concrete and visible, so people will believe that they also have the capacity to love, and they will begin to do the same. In this way we create a big wave of love that begins to build a culture of life.

