

Baptism

Life Begins

UNDERWATER!

Most of your growth before birth took place in a “bag of waters” known as the “amniotic sac” filled with, you guessed it, amniotic fluid! Growing inside your mom, you did **COOL STUFF** as you floated around like an astronaut in space. You could

- do somersaults,
- swim (favorite move—backstroke!),
- tread water,
- kick your mom (not recommended after birth!), and
- be safe and protected.

Mom supplied your oxygen and other needs through the umbilical cord. Otherwise you would have drowned!



Confession

BIG SINS? Little sins?

Is there a difference?

IN OUR EYES MAYBE, BUT NOT GOD’S

But some sins are more difficult to deal with

ABORTION IS THAT KIND OF SIN.

Imagine how you would feel if you accidentally started a fire and burned down your neighbor’s garage. What if his dog died in the fire? His daughter? The guilt would be tremendous.

Now imagine making a choice that results in the death of your own son or daughter through abortion.



At first you might feel relief that the “problem” has been taken care of.

But the guilt will come sooner or later. It will be unbearable. That’s why many try to stuff it down deep inside, but it will come out.

The Creed

Life is special!

You are special!

WHY???

Good looks?

1,000 friends on

Facebook?

Great abs?

Sports hero?

Math genius?

Gamer extraordinaire?

Talented artist or
musician?

WRONG!

*Want to know the
REAL answer?
Turn this over!*

Prayers For Life Based on the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father

We dare call You Father because You adopted us as Your children (Galatians 4:4-7). Be with and bless all adoptive families.

Hallowed Be Your Name

May we keep Your name holy by respecting the value You give to human life (Psalm 8:4-5).

Thy Kingdom Come

Give us Your Holy Spirit that we might lead godly lives and make godly, life-affirming choices (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

Thy Will Be Done

Hinder the evil plans of the devil who seeks to profane Your gift of life (Hebrews 2:14).

Sacrament of the Altar

Life Can Be Good!

You passed the test!

You made the team!

He smiled at you!

But Life Can Be Rotten

None of the above

happens—ever!

And Life Can Be REALLY Rotten

Someone you love dies.

Your parents divorce.

A friend gets cancer.

Where is God when life is rotten???

*Guess what?
You can meet God!
To find more, turn
this over!*

The Sixth Commandment

MARRIAGE is the place for **SEX**.

Sex is a gift from God (Genesis 1:27, 2:24-25). **Marriage** is a holy institution between a man and a woman, reflecting Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:32). **Chastity** is the choice of **Champions** (those created, redeemed, and called by God). *That’s you!* **Chastity** is also the positive choice **Champions** make to honor God inside and outside of marriage.

Inside marriage = faithfulness to your spouse. Outside marriage = choosing to love and honor your future spouse.

*“Huh? How can I love
my future spouse?”*

*Turn this over to
learn more about
loving your future
spouse!*

The First Commandment

Can death be a god?

YES!

When we turn to death to rescue us from our problems, that makes

ABORTION and
ASSISTED SUICIDE
and **EMBRYONIC
STEM CELL
RESEARCH**

IDOLATRY!

*Why? Death becomes
a god—the solution to an
unplanned pregnancy,
pain and suffering, and disease.*

*To find a much
better answer,
turn this over!*

Give Us Our Daily Bread

Provide all our needs that we might be able to provide for and care for our neighbor, especially the weak and vulnerable (Luke 10:25-37).

Forgive as We Forgive

Enable those who have made bad choices and sinned against life to know of Your forgiveness and mercy (John 12:46).

Lead Us Not into Temptation

As we trust in You, our Redeemer, help us make choices that honor and respect life (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Deliver Us from Evil

Bring an end to abortion in our land and restore us as a nation that respects the value You give to every human life (Psalm 33:12).

BECAUSE ...

GOD CREATED YOU!

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13)

GOD REDEEMED YOU!

"[F]or you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:20)

GOD CALLS YOU!

"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you" (Isaiah 42:6a)

... THESE TRUTHS GIVE VALUE TO EVERY HUMAN BEING—BORN OR UNBORN, FIT OR SICK, SPORTS HERO OR NERD—YOU!

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Did you know that women who have abortions

- are four times more likely to abuse drugs than those who haven't had an abortion;
- have high divorce rates;
- are often violent;
- are five times more likely to commit suicide than those who haven't had an abortion; and
- experience a multitude of physical, emotional, and spiritual problems?

They feel unforgiven, unforgivable, and unable to forgive themselves.

But the Good News is clear!

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

The **SIZE** of the sin—the **KIND** of sin—doesn't matter! You don't have to feel forgiven! Sometimes you just can't forgive yourself. **The blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin!** (1 John 1:7). Confession is good for us **ALL!**

Know someone burdened by a past abortion? *There are people who care.*

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New life BEGINS UNDERWATER!

Your new life as a child of God began under the waters of Baptism (Romans 6:4).



You grow as a child of God in a "bag of waters," that is, surrounded by God's grace for you in Jesus (Romans 6:14).

Living under the waters of Baptism means you can do some pretty **COOL STUFF**! You can:

- Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)
- Make good choices (Philippians 4:13)
- Live like a Champion! (Romans 8:37)
- Receive and share forgiveness (Colossians 3:13)
- Love and serve your neighbor (Luke 10:27)
- Be safe and protected (Isaiah 12:2)

God supplies all your needs through His Word and Sacraments (God's umbilical cord!).

LIFE UNDERWATER

– born/reborn



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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

Fifth Commandment

IN GOD'S EYES

An embryo is a person!
The unborn are people!

"A person's a person no matter how small." *Dr. Seuss*

TO KILL THEM IS MURDER!

IN GOD'S EYES

The sick and weak are people!

TO KILL THEM IS MURDER!

There's a better way! People are our neighbors!

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 19:19b)

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AS A CHAMPION YOU CAN

- Trust in God's love for you (Romans 8:38-39).
- Respect yourself as God's Champion (Romans 8:37).
- Respect others as God's Champions, not objects (Philippians 2:3).
- Save your gift of sexuality for your future spouse in marriage (Hebrews 13:4).
- Choose friends wisely and date in groups with fellow Christians (1 Corinthians 15:33).
- Dress with modesty and show off your inner beauty and strength, not your body (1 Timothy 2:9).
- Avoid tempting situations (1 Corinthians 6:18).

All of these will enable you to love and honor God and **YOUR FUTURE SPOUSE!**

The Sacrament of the Altar is not some ritual you participate in at the front of church.

GOD IS THERE!

In the Sacrament of the Altar you meet your Savior! He gives you:

- His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine and
- forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

And because of that, you can be assured of God's love.

NO MATTER WHAT

You can be assured God is with you.

NO MATTER WHAT

You can be assured God will strengthen you.

NO MATTER WHAT

When Life Is Good or

When Life Is Rotten

Your Savior is there in the Sacrament of the Altar.

He invites you to come.

Go there to meet Him often.

Leave there and take on life.

HE GOES WITH YOU!



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