

Affirming Life: Our Response to God's Love

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Understanding the dignity of being created in the divine image is the impetus that forms in us a deep respect for all human life and that propels us to safeguard it with the utmost zeal and paramount care. Affirming human life, however, should not be reduced to a single issue or narrow political stance. Rather, the church's teaching on the primacy of life among our inalienable human rights is at the heart of our greatest expression of charity both to God, who is the Author of Life, as well as to our neighbor, for whom we selflessly lay down our life.

In many ways, it forms the human movements of all of our interpersonal and social relationships. From abortion to euthanasia, to poverty and immigration, to war and the death penalty, life issues impact people at every age, ethnicity, and socio-economic level. *Affirming Life: Our Response to God's Love* takes a comprehensive approach to teaching youth about the significant issues threatening the life of the least among us.