

HOMILY SUGGESTIONS — HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

First Reading: Genesis 9:1-7

From man in regard to his fellow man I will demand an accounting for human life

- Every person is created in God's image...how will we remember those aborted who were created in His image?
- Nations as well as individuals must follow God's Law...political response supporting pro-life candidates and initiatives is necessary
- Pre-born children have no recourse to the law...we must be their advocates
- Silence diminishes our Christianity- we cannot run from the issue of abortion because it is controversial...not speaking out is the suppression of truth
- To stand with Christ is to stand for life...any modification of this position distances us from Jesus
- How can we maximize our individual talents to end abortion and support the whole Gospel of Life

Psalm 139 1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24

With all my ways you are familiar...You knit me in my mother's womb...Probe me, O God and know my heart

- God "loves" each one of us into existence...we are all unique and unrepeatable
- Choice to be a mother/father is not merely a human choice...God is the creator
- "Love one another as I have loved you"...abortion is the ultimate violation of this command
- "You can save someone's life today"...foster a robust parish outreach to those who may consider abortion

Gospel: John 6:35-40

And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me

- Church doors are wide open to post abortion women (and men)...Jesus will not reject anyone who comes to Him...we need to facilitate this reconciliation
- Offer alternatives to abortion...be prepared to act on advice you offer
- Abortion violates justice...those who hunger for justice can never support abortion
- Do justice...come to the aid of those who are helpless...do not reject anyone who asks for assistance
- Abortion adversely affects a woman's (and man's) mental health, is never "safe" for the child, and is the ultimate form of child abuse...all violating the will of the one who sent Jesus Christ

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