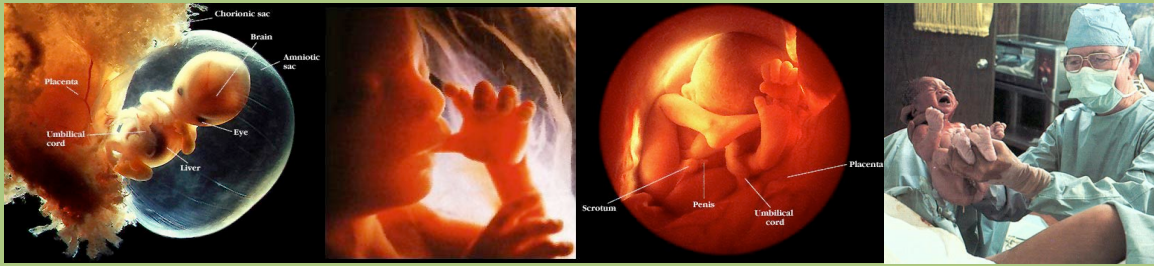


Abortion Awareness



In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord recalls the commandment, "You shall not kill,..." (2262)

What does our Catholic faith say about abortion?

Our Catholic faith is very specific about abortion: it is the killing of a developing human being and a lack of respect for human life. Two key sources of information that expand on this are the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the encyclical *Evangelium vitae* written by the Servant of God Pope John Paul II.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, specifically states at Article 5 The Fifth Commandment, under the section of Respect For Human Life, *"...Scripture specifies the prohibition contained in the fifth commandment: Do not slay the innocent and the righteous." The deliberate murder of an innocent person is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human being, to the golden rule, and to the holiness of the Creator. the law forbidding it is universally valid: it obliges each and everyone, always and everywhere.*" (2261)

The Servant of God Pope John Paul II in his encyclical, "Evangelium vitae" regarding abortion states, "...in many people's consciences, the



perception of its gravity has become progressively obscured. The acceptance of abortion in the popular mind, in behaviour and even in law itself, is a telling sign of an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil, even when the fundamental right to life is at stake. Given such a

grave situation, we need now more than ever to have the courage to look the truth in the eye and to call

things by their proper name, without yielding to convenient compromises or to the temptation of self-deception. In this regard the reproach of the Prophet is extremely straightforward: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness" (Is 5:20). Especially in the case of abortion there is a widespread use of ambiguous terminology, such as "interruption of pregnancy", which tends to hide abortion's true nature and to attenuate its seriousness in public opinion. Perhaps this linguistic phenomenon is itself a symptom of an uneasiness of conscience. But no word has the power to change the reality of things: procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth..." (58)

Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Protectress Of The Unborn



On December 12th, 1999, the Servant of God Pope John Paul II in his homily from the Solemn Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, during his third visit to the sanctuary, declared the date of December the 12th as a Liturgical Holy Day for the whole continent of North America. It was during this same visit that he entrusted the cause of life to the loving protection of Our Lady Of Guadalupe and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born. Please pray to Our Lady Of Guadalupe for those precious lives who are vulnerable to the evil of abortion.

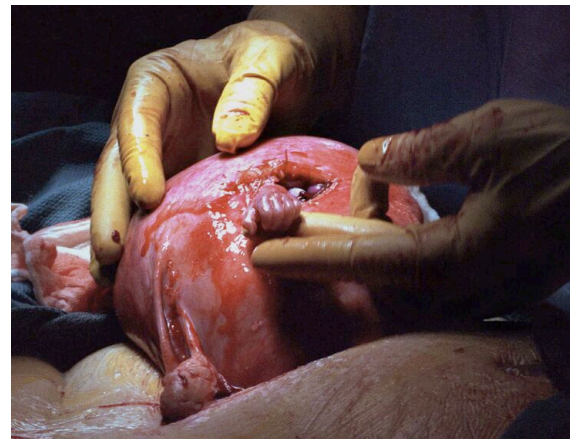
Novena Prayer To Our Lady Of Guadalupe: <http://www.sancta.org/novena.html>

Prayer For Life by the Servant of God Pope John Paul II: <http://www.sancta.org/patr-unb.html#prayer>

The Wonder Of Life In The Womb

The Amazing Story Of Baby Samuel: The Conversion Of A Photographer

NASHVILLE, September 23, 2002 (LSN.ca) - The famous photo of baby Samuel's hand reaching out from the uterus of his mother at 21 weeks gestation during foetal surgery, has turned the veteran photo journalist hired by USA Today for the shoot into a pro-life activist. Michael Clancy, who snapped the photo after seeing the baby's hand jut out of the hole in the womb made by the surgeons, now offers his image free of charge to pro-life groups.



On his website, Clancy explains that "During a spina bifida corrective procedure at twenty-one weeks in utero, Samuel thrusts his tiny hand out of the surgical opening of his mother's uterus. As the doctor lifts his hand, Samuel reacts to the touch and squeezes the doctor's finger. As if testing for strength, the doctor shakes the tiny fist. Samuel held firm. At that moment, I took this 'Fetal Hand Grasp' photo."

In his Mission Statement Clancy says he wants to "print the picture of Samuel on posters for donation to Crisis Pregnancy Centers," and billboards are next on the agenda. "If you think you could help in putting the picture of Samuel on billboards, preferably next to high schools and abortion clinics, please email me with your suggestions," writes Clancy. Visit his web site at: <http://www.michaelclancy.com>

Links On Abortion Awareness

- **Windows To The Womb:** <http://www.lifesite.net/fetaldevelopment/windowstothewomb/index.html>
19 beautiful photos of the unborn from Life Issues Institute
- **Just The Facts:** <http://www.justthefacts.org/clar.asp> - Amazing flash presentation on the many facts of pregnancy and pre-born child development
- **Abortion Methods:** <http://www.lifesite.net/abortiontypes> - An expose on the horror of abortion methods including surgical abortions, chemical abortions and abortifacient contraceptive