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*I will praise thee; for I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made: marvelous are thy
works; and that my soul
knoweth right well...Thine
eyes did see my substance,
yet being imperfect;
and in thy book all my
members were written,
which in continuance were
fashioned, when as yet
there was none of them.*

Psalm 139:14, 16

Mark Your Calendar!
Sanctity of Life Sunday,
January 17th, 2021

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Life or Death Consequences

The choices we make in life echo in eternity. That isn't a Bible verse, but it is clearly a biblical concept. Those choices include but certainly are not limited to the choices we make for elected officials, because the legislation they support and pass has real life consequences, which again, in turn, echo in eternity. Case in point? Supreme Court justices, chosen by duly elected presidents, and confirmed by duly elected senators, gave us the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision on January 23, 1973. Those were very real choices and the echoes continue to be resoundingly loud.

Ronald Reagan, the first pro-life president elected after *Roe v. Wade*, issued Proclamation 5147 on January 13, 1984.



The title was "National Sanctity of Human Life Day, 1984." The declaration says, in part:

The values and freedoms we cherish as Americans rest on our fundamental commitment to the sanctity of human life. The first of the 'unalienable rights' affirmed by our Declaration of Independence is the right to life itself, a right the Declaration states has been endowed by our Creator on all human beings—whether young or old, weak or strong, healthy or handicapped.

Since 1973, however, more than 15 million unborn children have died in legalized abortions*—a tragedy of stunning dimensions that stands in sad contrast to our belief that each life is sacred. These children, over tenfold the number of Americans lost in all our Nation's wars, will never laugh, never sing, never experience the joy of human love; nor will they strive to heal the sick, or feed the poor, or make peace among nations. Abortion has denied them the first and most basic of human rights, and we are infinitely poorer for their loss.

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Pray

- More than ever we need to pray for our elected officials. They will one day stand before God and give an account of their stewardship.
- We need to pray for Joe Biden and Kamala-Harris who have made it clear that defending abortion and government funding for abortion would be top priorities in their administration.
- We need to pray for our country. The moral revolution has broken us as a people. Our only hope is the Lord. The last chapter has not yet been written. If we seek His face in the spirit of I Chron. 7:14, He may yet send revival.
- We need to pray that our speech will be with grace, seasoned with salt. As Ambassadors of King Jesus, our speech should not be vitriolic and hateful, but kind and helpful. We must speak the truth passionately and boldly, but we must also do so in love.
- We need to pray that we as God's people will faithfully continue to defend the right to life for all, regardless of birth status, gender, race, or ability. Every human, born and unborn, is an image-bearer and deserves to have his or her life protected and respected.

We are poorer not simply for lives not led and for contributions not made, but also for the erosion of our sense of the worth and dignity of every individual. To diminish the value of one category of human life is to diminish us all. Slavery, which treated Blacks as something less than human, to be bought and sold if convenient, cheapened human life and mocked our dedication to the freedom and equality of all men and women. Can we say that abortion—which treats the unborn as something less than human, to be destroyed if convenient—will be less corrosive to the values we hold dear?

...It is fitting, then, on the anniversary of...*Roe v. Wade*...that we reflect anew...on our corresponding responsibility to guard with care the lives and freedoms of even the weakest of our fellow human beings.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 22, 1984, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to...give thanks for the gift of life, and to reaffirm our commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of each human life.

President Trump has issued a similar proclamation every year he has been in office. A Presidential Proclamation is not law and does not even have the force of an executive order. But a proclamation tells you something about the heart of the elected official who issues the statement. Just as telling is the decision by those presidents who have refused to issue a Sanctity of Human Life proclamation.

Without the right to life, all other constitutional protections become meaningless. The right to life is the foundation on which all others stand. Once this right is removed, other rights will suffer. This is already happening in our country.

Pro-life presidents have consistently issued pro-life proclamations and denounced abortion, while those who defend abortion have consistently celebrated January 23rd and applauded abortion providers. Elections truly do have life or death consequences.

*Heartbreakingly, this number now stands at over 60 million.

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986.

We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening, preserving and promoting marriage, family, life and religious freedom in our state.

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