

Sanctity of Life Sunday 2023 (Psalm 139:13-16)

Verses to Remember: “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them” (Psalm 139:13-16).

Notes and Scripture references:

“The concept of the imago dei (image of God) is the idea that all men have something within them that God injected. And this gives everyone a uniqueness, a worth, a dignity, and we must never forget this as a nation. There are no gradations in the image of God. Every man from a treble white to a bass black are significant on God’s keyboard, precisely because everyone is made in the image of God. One day we will learn that. We will know one day that God made us to live together as brothers and to respect the dignity and worth of every man.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

- Human life is extremely special, having been made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28 cf. James 3:8-10).
- From the womb, every human is a person in the image of God (Isaiah 49:1; Luke 1:41).
- Innocent human lives are not ours to take (Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:16-19 cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- All of us have sinned and fallen short of treating all lives with dignity and sanctity (cf. Romans 3:23).
- There is total and complete forgiveness available to us through Jesus (1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:11-12; Isaiah 1:18; Ephesians 1:7 et. al.).
- While we can be forgiven, we are not to use that as an excuse to go headlong into sin (Romans 6:1).

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