



# the Gospel *of* *life*

The Gospel of Life  
& Our Protection  
of the Unborn



**“Before I formed  
you in the womb,  
I knew you;  
before you  
were born I  
sanctified you.”**

*Jeremiah 1:5*





In every human being there shines  
forth a reflection of God Himself

*St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, 34*



“My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book, before one of them came to be.” ***Psalms 139:13–16***





**The divine  
image is present  
in every  
human being.**

*Catechism of the  
Catholic Church, 1702*





**“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”**

*Message of Pope Francis for Day for Life in Britain and Ireland July 28, 2013*





“Each child is sent into this world by God with a ‘Unique Message’ to deliver, a new personal act of love to bestow.” JOHN POWELL S.J.





*There's some treasure you have to dig for, and babies like these, when you dig for this treasure you find treasure beyond what you could have imagined.*

*Cliona, Co. Dublin*





**“ We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.”** *Pope Benedict XVI, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005.*







**“Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on abortion. It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.” *Pope Francis’ Evangelii Gaudium (213-214)***



*“Don’t you know that you are Gods temple  
and that God’s spirit lives in you? ... God’s temple is  
sacred, and you are that temple.”*

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17**





“So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother’s womb, that no alleged right to one’s own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which ...can never be considered the ‘property’ of another human being.”

*Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 166. 83*







## LET'S REFLECT TOGETHER....

- What touches you personally about this understanding of life that the Church has taught through the ages?
- What is challenging here for you?





## QUESTIONS FOR VIDEO

- Cliona used the phrase ‘treasure you have to really dig for’. What do you think she meant by this? Is this speaking to you in your pair discussion in any way?
- The call to compassion has to be extended out from the unborn child diagnosed with a serious condition to others. Who else do you feel is crying out for this compassion?
- What makes compassion the most appropriate response in these kinds of situations, in the context of the Gospel of Life? What will compassion look like in practical terms in our communities and country?



The background of the slide features a collection of white line-art icons on a textured, light brown paper. The icons include a sailboat in the top left, two stylized figures in the top center, a chalice in the top right, an open book in the center, a globe in the lower center, a house with a heart inside in the bottom left, and a leafy branch in the bottom right.

## FINAL QUESTION

*Share with the person sitting beside you something that you have learned that you will be bringing away with you from this session.*