

**Dear Parents,**

**I encourage all of you to take a moment to read this beautiful article on pro-life. Please continue to pray and support pro-life. Thank You and God Bless!**

**Father Thomas Balluff**

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Millions of horrified Catholic parents have helplessly watched their teens lose their faith and/or their respect for the right to life without understanding what was happening sufficiently to stop the process. This email is a first step, written by a mother, which gives parents a tool to begin protecting their children and also gives the author's email address to those seeking more specialized help.

### **How to help your children to be pro-life?**

I have designed a practical, simple, fun way for pro-life parents to teach their children to be pro-life and a follow up way to help keep them pro-life as they mature. The total time required averages less than a minute a day. There need be no cost.

It is important to cause your child's heart to be pro-life early because people's earlier opinions determine what new information they later believe or reject.

How much you love your loved one is partly a function of what they do for you, but it is far more a function of what you do for the loved one. Causing children to invest in pro-life thinking by doing something such as praying for the babies or the right to life will help win their hearts for God and the right to life.

Parents should begin at a time when their very young child can be enthusiastic by praying with the child or showing him/her a video of pre-born babies, such as can be found at [babystepsdvd.com](http://babystepsdvd.com). Ideally, older children or relatives should watch the video with parents and child and should comment enthusiastically such as: "That's what you were like before you were born!" Keep it short! If you can't make it fun, stop immediately! Parents should consider teaching their children the following baby prayer written by Archbishop Sheen, and try to say it nightly with them. Start them young, and ask only a tiny little bit so each child can succeed. Start older children this same way. Praise them and make sure they feel success and that they know they are doing something important. Praying daily for a baby helps children identify with the babies. "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [child picks baby's name if you wish] an unborn baby whom I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion, and Jesus have mercy on the perpetrators."

Parents should help their child occasionally do age appropriate things for the right to life, and let the child know that being pro-life is very important to the child's parents and family. It is important to give the child an anti-abortion peer group initially comprising relatives, because the pro-abortion effort relies on media and peer group pressure to snatch young hearts and minds for the pro-abortion movement.

After the child enters elementary school, parents continue to encourage saying the baby prayer nightly. They should educate their child about right to life issues appropriately as the child matures. At least once a year mother could motivate the older children by discussing Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25:31-46 or motivational thoughts such as the following judgment description by Congressman Hyde: "When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God, and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of tiny voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world, and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him, because he loved us!"

Parents should encourage their older children to continue praying and occasionally perform adult-like actions, such as learning and understanding the adversary's techniques, deeper study or paper writing assignments,

letters to the editor, attending a life chain, praying outside a clinic, joining their church or local right to life group, or social networking such as email, twitter, or facebook, et al. to communicate pro-life messages. The pro-abortion movement influences children with propaganda at surprisingly early ages, so it is important to prepare your children early. Tell each child in general terms what is coming at them from the pro-abortionists so they can better resist pro-death propaganda as they mature. When the child enters junior high school or before age fourteen, as much as possible of what should be known by an adult should be explained, taking account of the age and maturity of the child. This includes, as is appropriate, explanations and photos of aborted babies such as are in "Truth Unmasked" by Willke at [www.lifeissues.org](http://www.lifeissues.org). Show your child age appropriate educational and motivational DVDs. Describe the system by which the pro-abortion media and elites teach pro-abortion propaganda. Show how this technique is misleading, omits the most important facts, and develops both virtual and actual pro-abortion peer groups.

Many of Mother Teresa's statements are worth mentioning and discussing occasionally as you try to make your instruction positive. Among these are: "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." "Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."

This article contains only a summary. Those having suggestions, wanting more information or detailed assistance, to see answers to parent questions organized by problem type, et al. You can email me at: [m777mary@yahoo.com](mailto:m777mary@yahoo.com)