

“ I Wish that My Child Should Live,”

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The Catholic faith teaches us every life is precious and valuable. Every life plays a huge role in the world around us. So many people touch many hearts. Just because someone doesn't look right, has certain disabilities, or is an elder, doesn't mean they are worth any less. Mankind is special. If God didn't care about us why would he create us in his image and likeness? There is a purpose for everyone out there, you just need to find it. Two great role models of this Catholic teaching, pro-life, are St. Gianna Molla, and St. Teresa of Calcutta.

St. Gianna faced a tough decision. Should she have an abortion? She needed medical treatment in order to live; however, this medicine would kill her baby in the womb. The Catholic Church states: we support life from conception to natural death. Knowing this, St. Gianna said no to an abortion. She stuck to her belief that no life is better than the other. St. Gianna gave her life for her baby. She simply told the doctors, “I wish that my child should live.” St. Gianna's daughter became a doctor of geriatrics (Minnesota Catholic Conference). If St. Gianna had an abortion, her daughter, Dr. Molla might not have been able to help many people.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, or Mother Teresa, exemplified that no life is useless or worthless by caring for the hungry, poor, sick, and marginalized. She treated each person equally; no one was better or more precious than the other. She cared more for others than herself, showing that everyone matters and nobody is more important than the other. One of her inspiring quotes is “do small things with great love.” You don't have to do everything Mother Teresa did to be pro-life, just simply treat others with the respect and dignity they deserve. The little things you do for others can change a life.

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Every life is valuable. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect from in the womb to natural death. No one should be treated any worse than the other. Abortion and discrimination is wrong. Live out the Golden rule: “treat others as you want to be treated” (Luke 6:31). Nobody is better than anyone else. We were all created in the same image and likeness as God.