

# Choose Life 2013



Each week over the next ten weeks the Catholic Communications Office will circulate to you for your parish newsletters and websites information promoting the Church's position on unborn human life.

## Church Teaching

From the moment of conception, every human life is beautiful, every human life is precious and every human life is sacred.

When we say that human life is sacred we are recognizing something that is sensed not only by religious people but by everyone who appreciates the wonder of human life. As human beings we depend on one another and so others have the right to expect something from us - it is the right to be recognized and respected and never to be treated as less than he or she is. That is true at every moment of life - from its first beginning to its natural end. (Bishops' *Day for Life* Message 2012)

## Abortion Legislation

It has been reported that there is no change to the law on abortion in Ireland.

This is untrue. If there was no change this legislation would not have been published. The proposed legislation gives practical effect to the X Case decision which permits abortion up to birth where suicide is threatened. Ireland is about to cross a fundamental moral rubicon - the direct and intentional killing of the innocent.

## Liturgical Resources

The following prayers of intercession are recommended for use at Mass:

**Prayer 1:** That as individuals and as a community we will celebrate and cherish the gift of life in all its stages. *Lord Hear Us*

**Prayer 2:** That all will come to recognize life as a gift from God and help to build a culture of respect for the life and dignity of every person. *Lord Hear Us*

### Weekly Quotes

"The child in the womb is not a 'potential' life, but a human life with potential." - Bishops' *Day for Life* message 2012

"Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it." - Pope Francis 2005

To avail of Cura's crisis pregnancy support service see [www.cura.ie](http://www.cura.ie) or call 1850 622626

### Life Website

See [chooselife2013.ie](http://chooselife2013.ie) which includes an educational and discussion video featuring personal testimonies. It also includes news, links and prayers including the *Prayer for the Child in the Womb*.