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By taking a quick look at our television shows, music, and general culture, one would quickly realize that over the past century, America has dug itself into a bottomless pit of death and darkness. Something that greatly contributed to this great cultural shift was the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in the Roe v Wade case of 1973. Since that ruling, it is estimated that 60,069,971 babies have been aborted. That comes to 1 approximately 3, 657 abortions a day.

As Catholics, it is our duty to protect the weakest among us, those both inside, and outside of the womb. It is especially time for Millennials and Generation Z members to step up and fight against this massacre of innocent lives. There are numerous ways in which this can be done. Many Catholic schools have pro life clubs that do great things such as fundraising and volunteering at crisis pregnancy centers. Even if joining a club is not possible, there are many other ways that one can support the pro life movement. Spiritually adopting a baby, donating to pro life organizations, praying for those considering abortion, or even attending the March for Life, either in Washington DC or locally, are all tremendous ways to aid in the fight against abortion. Praying outside abortion clinics is also an exceptional way to witness to the sanctity of human life. Not only does it cause women arriving for abortions to rethink their decisions, but it also tells society that we, as the pro life movement, truly want the best for both the women and their children, and that we simply want them to welcome this beautiful gift from God. Another great tool to be harnessed is the advancement of modern technology and social media.

Lila Rose, founder of pro-life organization Live Action, got her start in the pro life movement by posing as a pregnant teenager looking for an abortion at a Planned Parenthood. She secretly filmed how staff at the facility ignored their duty to report statutory rape and instead told young girls to lie about their age, and sent them back to their abusers. Rose then uploaded these videos to YouTube, where they have been viewed by thousands of people, changing the minds of countless individuals and exposing the evil ways of Planned Parenthood. This is a perfect example of using modern technology and social media to spread the pro life movement. People spend hours scrolling through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, so why not use that to our advantage? Social media is a great tool that we can use to bring about a culture of life in our country.

It doesn't matter how we promote a culture of life, it just matters that we do it, because babies are counting on us, and more importantly, God is counting on us.

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