

# TEACHING A PRO-LIFE ETHIC



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*“Roe v. Wade should not have been overturned... I am a man of faith, and as a person of faith, as a father myself, I have a profound reverence for human life, and I have a deep and abiding respect for choice.”*

Raphael Warnock



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Source: US Department of Transportation

“A lot of parts of the Bible that talk about how life begins with breath.”

Pete Buttigieg



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# WHAT DO CHURCHGOERS BELIEVE ABOUT ABORTION?

- 16% admitted to having at some point paid for, encouraged, or chosen to have an abortion.
- Basic identification: 63% identify as pro-life; 22% identify as pro-choice.
- 65% of churchgoers believe the Bible is “clear and decisive” on the morality of killing an unborn child; 15% believe the Bible is “unclear or ambiguous”; 13% do not think the Bible addresses the subject.



# WHAT DO CHURCHGOERS BELIEVE ABOUT ABORTION?

- 65% of churchgoers claimed that the Bible identifies when human life begins; 21% said the Bible does not.
- 44% indicated that their church had provided a sermon or teaching on abortion in the past year.
- 71% of churchgoers indicated that they want their church to provide additional biblical worldview training related to abortion and the value of human life.



# PERSONHOOD THEORY

“Being biologically human is distinct from personhood.”



# THE BIG QUESTION

Does the Bible prove the personhood of the  
unborn?





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The Bible is ardently and unequivocally pro-life.

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# PRO-LIFE THEMES IN THE BIBLE

- Image of God
- Prohibition against Shedding Innocent Blood
- Manslayer Laws
- Jesus' Ethic of Love and Embrace of Children
- Conception: An Act of God



# Psalm 139:13-16

For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

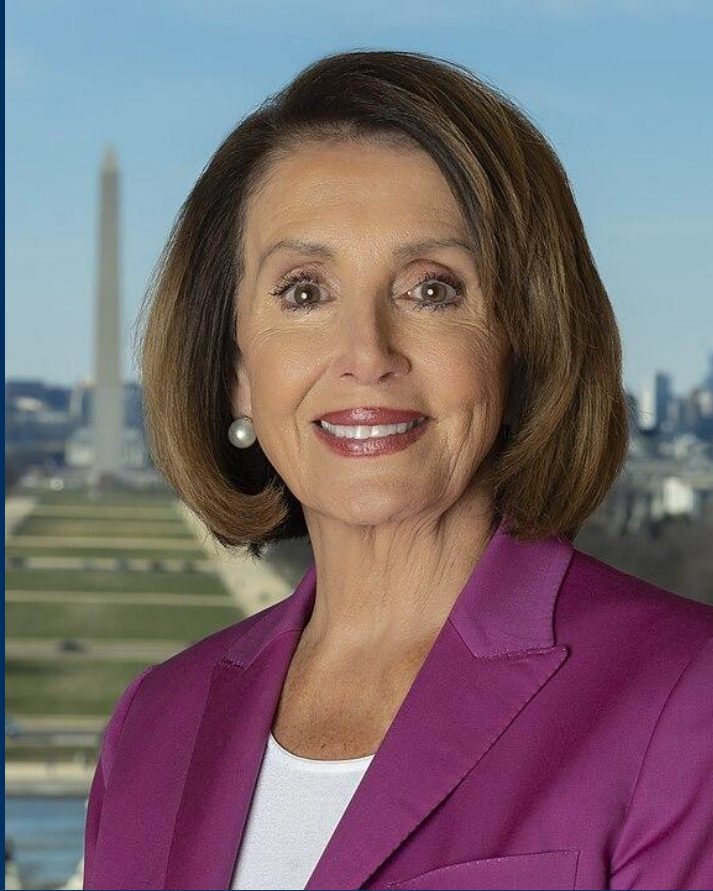
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.



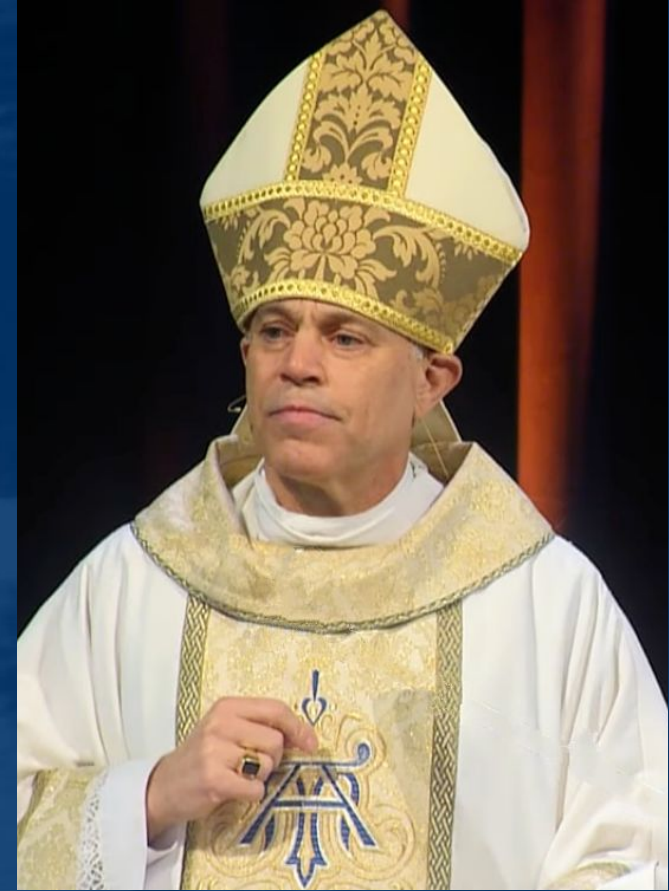
# Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”



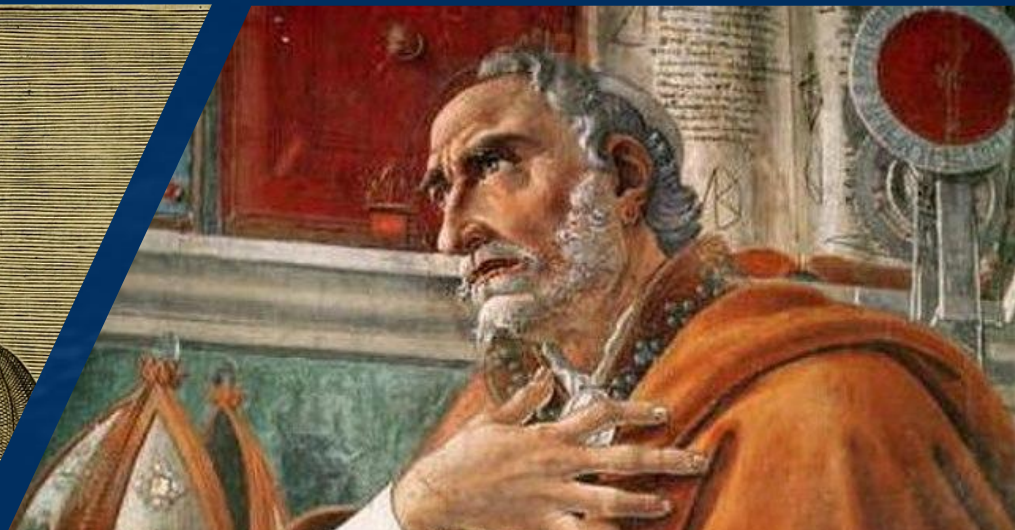


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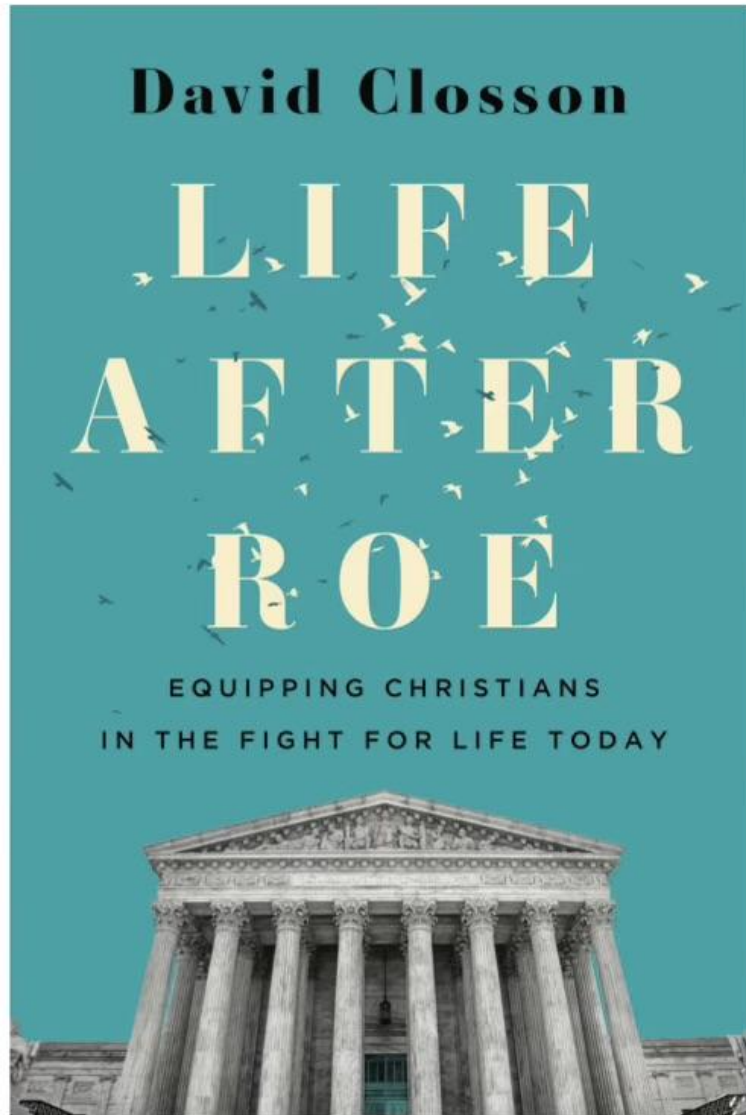
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# EXAMPLES IN CHURCH HISTORY





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