

End of Life Issues

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The present loss of the sense of sin along with the ever pervading desire for comfort and quality of life has led to a new horror in our society, the sin of euthanasia. It is something that we have to fight in our present society, but before we can do that, we need to be aware that there is a serious problem. This problem is just one in the series of sins that result from the culture of death that Pope St. John Paul II spoke about. The Roe vs. Wade ruling that ushered in the era of abortion on demand was made in 1973. Since then over 60 million children have lost their lives. But the killing does not stop there. Now the elderly are more and more at risk of this culture of death.

In 1974, Dr. R. A Gallup said these frightening prophetic words:

Once you permit the killing of the unborn child, there will be no stopping. There will be no age limit. You are setting off a chain reaction that will eventually make you the victim. Your children will kill you because you permitted the killing of their brothers and sisters. Your children will not want to support you in your old age. Your children will kill you for your homes and estates. If a doctor will take money for killing the innocent in the womb, he will kill you with a needle when paid by your children. This is the terrible nightmare you are creating for the future.

Dr. Gallup's words are sadly coming true. There are a number of places where euthanasia is permitted in the U.S. and the pro-euthanasia groups keep trying to pass legislation in other places also. In California assisted suicide has been transformed from a crime to a "medical treatment". Now it happens that insurance companies will not pay for medication or treatment that patients need; rather, they will pay for doctor-prescribed suicide since it is now a less expensive medical treatment!

A few years ago, Rita L. Marker, Executive Director of the Patients Rights Council gave a talk at a FSSP priest meeting in Nebraska. She is doing a tremendous work at combating this scourge on our country, but you can imagine how difficult a task she has. She set up this council to help fight this sort of legislation and educate people concerning their rights when it comes to end of life issues. She put together this booklet "Closing the Road to Death on Demand". There are a limited number of booklets available at the entrance of the chapel on the table that you are welcome to take home and read, but please bring them back when done to make them available again so others can read them. You can obtain your own personal copy from her website: www.patientsrightscouncil.org. The website also has packages available with information concerning living wills and medical power of attorney as they apply in the state of Texas. Please keep up the prayers to end abortion and euthanasia.

May God have mercy on us.

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