

# THE DUTY TO PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND PROHIBIT ABORTION

## **I. The Word of God – universal, unchanging, Law of God (foundation for lawful law):**

“Then God said, ‘Let Us create man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over ... the earth.’ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:26-27; see Gen. 5:1-2; Isaiah 29:16; 45:9).

“Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things” (Eccles. 11:5).

“And God ... said ... ‘Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man’” (Genesis 9:1, 6).

“Then God spoke all these words, saying ... ‘You shall not murder’” (Exodus 20:1, 13).

“They have built the high places ... to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind. Therefore ... the land will become a ruin” (Jeremiah 7:31-34; see Jeremiah 19; 32:35; Leviticus 18:21; 20:20-5; II Kings 21:3-16; 23:10).

## **II. Clergy & the Church as “the pillar and support of the truth” (I Timothy 3:15):**

“Destruction of the embryo in the mother’s womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed upon this nascent life. ... To raise the question whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder.” – *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor in Germany, “Ethics”*

“Abortion has brought about the death of more lives than Nazism, Communism, Shintoism combined. ... Abortion worldwide has brought about the death of more human beings than have died in all of the world’s wars throughout human history. ... It’s all based on lies. The first, most important, most common one is that what is to be aborted is not a baby.”

– *Dr. D. James Kennedy, “Lies and More Lies,” sermon in Florida, U.S., January 19, 2003*

## **III. Righteous Government Leaders Standing for Life:**

“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.” – *Thomas Jefferson, 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States*

“Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born.”

“We have the duty to protect the life of an unborn child.”

“We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life – the unborn – without diminishing the value of all human life. ... There is no cause more important.”

– *Ronald Reagan, 40<sup>th</sup> President of the United States* (all 3 quotes)

“Destroying human life in the hopes of saving human life is not ethical – and it is not the only option before us.” – *George W. Bush, 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States*

## **IV. Righteous Laws and Policies:**

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life ....”

– *United States Declaration of Independence (National Charter) [July 4, 1776]*

“All men are, by nature, free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty ....” – *Article I, Bill of Rights, Ohio Constitution*

“Everyone has the right to life ....” – *Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 3 [1948]*