

Grade 6 - Lesson 7

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

God is the giver of life. The Fifth Commandment forbids taking innocent life or causing harm to another.



Catechetical Points

- The Fifth Commandment
- Abortion, Euthanasia, Suicide

Materials

- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - **The Dignity of Human Life (Part 1)**
 - <https://formed.org/study/551c19b9927f85200dda7c60/lesson/54f4c27565f211981622a756>
 - **Unplanned Movie Trailer:**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww>
 - **Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide FAQ Video 1 and 2** by AdvoKate Life and Education Services
 - https://youtu.be/kk0_X7Yb7jA
 - <https://youtu.be/lkXU6XOFKoU>
 - **Talking about Suicide** by Fr. Mike Schmitz
 - <https://youtu.be/U2KwIFx6jeQ>

[5 min] **Opening Prayer**

- Ask the students if there is anything they would like to pray for.
- Pray the **Memorare** (p. 151 in the student text / p. 262 in the teacher's manual.)

[15 min] **Human Dignity**

- The Fifth Commandment says "You shall not kill".
 - Killing includes abortion, euthanasia, and suicide.
 - The Church teaches that in some cases, it is ok to kill out of self-defense or when fighting a just war, but otherwise, life must always be protected.
- Watch **The Dignity of Human Life** (Part 1)
 - <https://formed.org/study/551c19b9927f85200dda7c60/lesson/54f4c27565f211981622a756>
 - Note: To access [FORMED.org](https://formed.org), create your own account at stmichaelwi.formed.org
- Read the first 3 paragraphs on page 54 in the student text (page 92 in the teacher's manual).
- Read Genesis 1:26 and 2:7.
 - **What do these Scripture passages teach us?** *That man is made in God's image. We are persons with a body (matter) and spirit (soul).*
- **Are we the only beings with spirits?** *No, angels are pure spirits without bodies.*
- **Knowing that we have a soul, and that our souls will live forever, how should we live to keep our souls in right relationship with God?** *Avoid sin, live in the state of grace, learn about God, grow in virtue, pray.*

[10 min] **Abortion**

- Read the first paragraph under the Right to Life section on page 54.
- Abortion is always wrong. It is particularly evil because an innocent life is killed, who has no voice in society.
- Many people think that abortion is a matter of choice, since it is legal. Even though it is legal, it is morally wrong.
- People who work against abortion are called "Pro-Life", those who support abortion call themselves "Pro-Choice".

- Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider. Recently there was a movie called Unplanned that tells the true story of the conversion of the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic.
- Watch The **Unplanned Movie Trailer**:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww>
- **Why does the Church teach that abortion is always wrong?**

[15 min] **Euthanasia**

- Read the first 2 paragraphs in the second column of page 54.
- God is the author of life. It is only God who gives life and only God who can end life. God has a special plan for each of us. Every person, including the sick and elderly, has great value. We must give all people treatment to keep them alive.
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- **Why is Euthanasia sometimes called “mercy killing”?**
- **Why is it not merciful?**

[15 min] **Suicide**

- Finish reading the second column on page 54.
- If you feel your group will be ok discussing this topic, watch **Talking about Suicide** by Fr. Mike Schmitz
 - <https://youtu.be/U2KwIFx6jeQ>
- **What should you do if you or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts?**

[10 min] **Proper Care of Our Bodies**

- Read page 55 in the student text.
- At the end of time, Jesus will establish a New Jerusalem and all souls will be reunited with their bodies. **Knowing that our bodies will be resurrected, how should we treat the body?**

[10 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Pray an **Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be** for the protection of life, from conception until natural death.