

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

January 31, 2016

**Know Your Faith**

## **Abortion—Condemned from the Church's beginning**

*The Word of the Lord came to me, saying:*

***Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you.*** Jeremiah 1:4-5

**The Church has always condemned abortion** because the Church has always proclaimed the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. CCC 2270-2297

SINCE IT MUST BE TREATED FROM CONCEPTION AS A PERSON, THE EMBRYO MUST BE DEFENDED IN ITS INTEGRITY, CARED FOR, AND HEALED, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, LIKE ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING. CCC 2274



**Jesus' Incarnation occurred at His conception CCC 484**

**The first century Didache condemns abortion.** All the Church fathers spoke in clear and seamless unity that **abortion is baby-killing**. Abortion set Christians apart at a time when pagan culture actually encouraged killing babies whether in or out of the womb.

**Infanticide was a common and well-accepted practice in the pagan world; both by direct killing or just throwing them out alive! From the first to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, girls were especially disposable.**

**Then, as now, Christians have rescued these babies and encouraged their mothers to Choose life.**

Despite the efforts of pro-life Christians who stand and pray at abortion mills and man human life centers,

**Each day our culture sacrifices more than 4000 unborn children to the gods of convenience and fear---and with unspeakable cruelty.**

## **Obamacare provides free contraception and chemical abortion coverage**

Obama's Health and Human Service Mandate requires all employers to provides free contraception and abortion coverage---**even the Little Sisters of the Poor.**

## **What are you doing to stop abortion?**

Mike Aquilina. Roots of the Faith Chapt. 11 "Defending Human Life, the Early Church & Abortion" (Servant Books, Cincinnati, OH, 2010) p. 121-129

----- "What Does Gehenna Mean?" The Catholic Answer Magazine Jan./Feb., 2013 Vol. 26:no. 6 p. 9