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Culture of Life Essay

In June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court decided to outlaw Roe vs. Wade, which was a Supreme Court decision from 1973 that said that it was illegal to outlaw abortion in any state. With the overturn of this court ruling, the decision of whether abortion is legal is now left up to each state. As Christians and supporters of the pro-life movement, we should do whatever we can to foster a culture of life. There are many ways we can protect the gift of life here in America.

One way of promoting the culture of life is to have life chains. Many churches have these events. It consists of a group of people from that church or organization that stand by a road showing signs supporting the pro-life movement. These events also consist of praying together for our nation's guidance and sometimes putting little crosses by the road signifying all the innocent lives lost to abortion. Without being rude, mean, or pushy, this can change the hearts of people driving down the road.

Another way to foster a culture of life in America is to support pro-life organizations, pregnancy centers, and churches with our time, money, and talents. These places do so much for the pro-life cause and by supporting them it really helps the cause. The most important way to help these places, however, is to pray. God can do way more than we can, and we should realize how important prayer is. We should also pray about the pro-life movement in general. This includes praying for women in crisis pregnancies faced with hard decisions.

The final way to foster a culture of life is to really live life as though all lives are very precious. What we say, how we think, how we act, how we vote, and in everything we do, we

should view life as the most important thing on earth. This also means that we should treat others kindly and respectfully. No matter what their religion, view on abortion, or politics are, we should love them the same as anyone else. Not only should we remember that unborn lives matter, we should also remember that all people matter, including our enemies. The kindness we show might make people who support abortion change their mind about those for pro-life. When talking with someone considering an abortion, we should never be confrontational or tell her she has to do something, but instead state what the Bible has to say and that Jesus loves her and her baby. We can also have conversations like this with other people who support abortion. These conversations can save lives.

Now that Roe vs. Wade has been overturned, we can foster a culture of life in many ways, but the most important of these is praying and knowing in our heart that life is precious.