



TOPICS FOR 2010 ESSAY CONTEST

Grades 7 & 8

Discuss the current trend in our culture to only want a perfect child, resulting in the abortion of unborn children with any type of abnormality. Some even advocate the elimination of already born children with disabilities. Do you know anyone who is mentally or physically imperfect, yet has many gifts to share with us? How can we, both as a society and as individuals, protect and encourage them? How can we educate society to recognize and celebrate their gifts?

Grades 9 & 10

What can be done to promote respect for human life during its late stages? Discuss the apparent growth of support for euthanasia. How is language being used to soften opposition to it, i.e. the use of terms like “death with dignity” or “my right to choose how and when I die”? Where has assisted suicide been legalized in the world and in the United States? How has it affected our culture? Does this approval lead to euthanasia?

Grades 11 & 12

What can be done to prevent the incidence of teen pregnancy? Do you know someone affected by a teenage unplanned pregnancy? Does your school or church offer a program to help these young women? What else can be done to help pregnant teens?