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By CHRIS KLEE McQuaid

Life is so wonderful, so beautiful so great. Let us be thankful and pause to appreciate.

Life is a gift. It's given to us by God. And God alone should be the person to take it away. That's why I cannot comprehend the Supreme Court's ruling on abortion. They have made abortion legal on demand. Who are they to cancel God's gift to man?

Recently, the U.S.C.C. (United States Catholic Conference) proposed that the Supreme Court reverse its decision and instill "legal personhood" to the unborn. They asked the court to abandon its decision in favor of giving the unborn a chance to "live and grow." Many people have worked tirelessly on this project for U.S.C.C. Catholics as well as non-Catholics have fought together in the pro-life battle. There are still campaigns, protests and anti-abortion events taking place in an effort to reverse the decision rendered by the court, Jan. 22, 1973.

These people are fighting for a cause aimed at the protection of the right to life for the unborn. After all, the right to life is one of the truths stated in the Declaration of Independence.

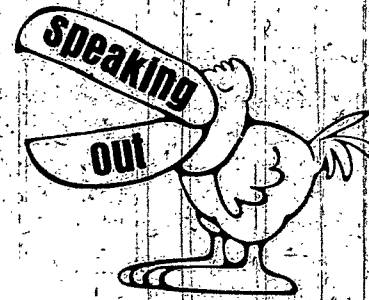
Ten years ago, the Second Vatican Council stated this basic principle on human life: "God has conferred on men the surpassing

ministry of safeguarding life in a manner that is worthy of man. Therefore, from the moment of conception life must be guarded with the greatest of care, while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes."

I believe these words are very important to any couple considering the destruction of a child's life. People should realize that human life is sacred, granted by the grace of God, and it should be viewed as beautiful, dignified and worth preserving.

Statistics show that a hundred million unborn children are slaughtered yearly under the present abortion law. This obvious disrespect of human life makes no sense at all. That is one hundred million children slain yearly — children never given the chance to employ and apply God's gifts of thinking, choosing, caring or loving. This isn't a worthless object that's being mistreated and abused, but a human being. A person, too innocent to know, and too young to retaliate.

I've listened, read, and attended discussions on abortion. The people who are pro-life feel its worth the hassle and time to rectify this situation. So do I. I've seen death. I've witnessed it happen to people who were very close to me. Their lives are over now, but at least they had a chance to experience them.



Kendall Tops DeSales

By JOHN DOSER

The broadcast of the Section 5, Class C DeSales of Geneva-Kendall basketball game last week over WGVA-Geneva was barely audible in Fairport where I live.

But what was clear among the steady stream of whistles and static was the fact that Kendall was ahead, and by a lot.

The final score read unbeaten Kendall 77, DeSales 43, the victory by the state's top-ranked small high school team keeping intact the state's longest winning streak — 54 wins in a row.

DeSales, no pushover in its own back yard where the Saints compiled an 18-2 record in Wayne-Finger Lakes action, failed to put a point in the hoop for one eight minute stretch in the first half which allowed Kendall, with 6-11 center Roosevelt Bouie, the state's most sought after cager, to pile up a 32-14 advantage.

Two DeSales players told a reporter there are two ways not to lose to Kendall, which doesn't at all guarantee a win either way.

John Serafine says to "box out better than we did," which might keep the score a little closer, but Lou Quethera, who may find throwing football touchdowns a lot easier, may have been closer to the truth when he quipped, "Don't show up."

The game was played before 3,000 fans at Geneseo State College and the Saints' supporters groaned early when Kendall ripped off a 16-4 lead in the opening period.

DeSales was forced to stay outside looking inside as the Bouies, Roosevelt and cousin Nate, shut the shooting space floor and threw the key away.


DeSales had to shoot from way out side, while Kendall shooters enjoyed excellent target shooting behind the Bouies without any

Saints getting close to getting in the way.

Bouie, Roosevelt, i.e., took only 14 shots, made 11 and finished with 24 points besides grabbing 16 rebounds.

Cousin Nate only had nine rebounds, prompting Kendall coach Dick Reynolds to explain that Kendall wasn't missing too many shots for the players to grab rebounds.

The winners sank 34 of 65 shots while DeSales took enough, 62, but only saw 19 connect.



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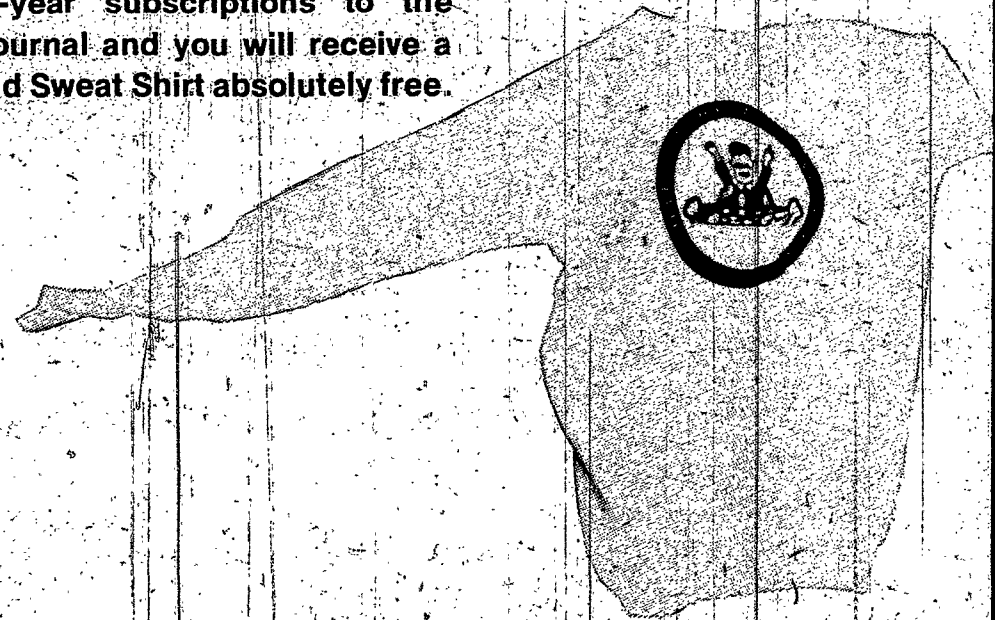
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