



All Saints' Day – Proclaiming the Sanctity of Life

Every year on All Saints' Day, we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,” who have gone before us.¹ While their baptized bodies sleep awaiting the resurrection, their souls continue to live in God's presence. Indeed, as we are gathered to receive God's gifts and return our sacrifices of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, they are with us.² Together with them we joyfully anticipate the Last Day, when we too will rise again, “clothed in robes made white by the blood of the Lamb.” We will spend eternity in pure bliss, sheltered in His presence, serving Him, and singing His praise.³

All human life is important to God. After all, He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross to atone for our sins and those of the world and rise again to declare us right with the Father. He does not wish that any should perish but that all should be saved, come to the knowledge of the truth, and live eternally in His presence.⁴ On All Saints' Day and throughout the Church Year, we thank God for His great gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, gifts too great to adequately describe.⁵ In return, we proclaim to our neighbors the sanctity of life from fertilization to forever, in both word and deed. In so doing, we ultimately proclaim Christ Himself.⁶

Notes:

1. Revelation 7:9
2. Hebrews 12:1
3. Revelation 7:9-17; c.f. Romans 8:18
4. 1 Timothy 2:3; 2 Peter 3:9
5. 2 Corinthians 9:15
6. John 11:25