

**The program is useful for:**

- RCIA
- Confirmation
- Adult Ed

**Format lengths**

- 1-Hour Segment
- Longer segments available

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# CATHOLIC TEACHING ON LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

First Theme of Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB)

We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Office of Life, Justice, and Peace

This newly developed training program is based on Blessed Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (Gospel of Life). Our interactive training is designed to elicit positive responses to each person's desire for life and for honoring the right to life of all.

Our Training Includes:

- Scripture and Magisterium Basis
- Dignity of Human Life
  - Abortion, Physician-assisted Suicide
  - Poverty, Violence, Injustice
  - War, Capital Punishment
  - Racism, Hunger, Employment, Education, Housing, Health Care
- Church's Role In
  - Public Involvement, Legislative Actions
  - Information
  - Education
- Pastoral Care for Parishioners
  - Pregnancy Resources
  - Post-Abortive Healing Reconciliation
  - Care for Ill, Disabled or Dying
  - Care for Prisoners, Victims of Crime, Death Row
- Prayer and Worship
  - First Defense for Life

