



THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF PASTORAL CARE OF HUMAN LIFE

I. The foundations of the interconnectedness of the Pastoral Care of Human Life

1. Personalist anthropology
2. Jesus, Good Shepherd,
“is the face of the Father's mercy”
3. The people of life and for life



Meaningful experiences



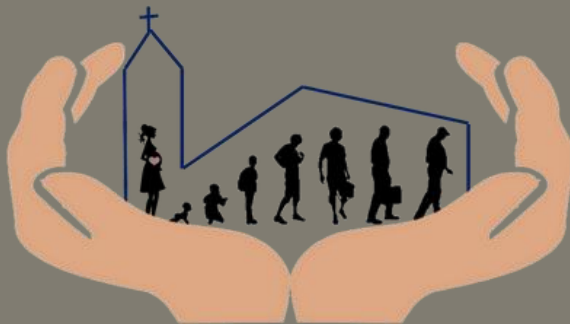
a. Prolife net



b. The National Team for the Pastoral Care of Human Life



c. Parish Pro-Life Committees





II. Characteristics of the Pastoral Care of Human Life

1. The value of the life of every human being must be embedded in the whole process of evangelisation.

- The pastoral care of human life is at the heart of the proclamation of the Gospel and must therefore be present in the ordinary pastoral care of the Church as a dimension of the Church's mission.
- It is urgent in the ecclesial sphere to offer accompaniment and formation that promote the culture of life in order to give concrete answers to the problems that arise in this area of the family and of life.

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2. The Pastoral Care of Human Life has to walk according to the times of life itself: generation, development, suffering and decline!

- Pathways which, in the light of faith, accompany the times of human life, which can be in accordance with the moments of development of the person, as presented by psychology in the stages of the life cycle, and which illuminate those significant moments of existence.



Some significant experiences of accompaniment at different moments of life:

1. Training in natural methods of fertility regulation.

2. Accompaniment in pregnancy. The Pregnancy Itinerary

3. Abortion prevention and post-abortion healing

4. Protection and accompaniment of fragile human life with initiatives that take into account the needs of the individual.

5. Promoting a culture of care for the elderly and the terminally ill



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3. A Pastoral Care of Human Life that extends to other pastoral areas.

What does interconnectedness mean? It means that it is not limited to a restricted field of pro-life actions, but is inserted in other pastoral areas.

- a. The Pastoral Care of Human Life is intertwined with the Pastoral Care of the Family.
- b. The Pastoral Care of Human Life is open to the horizon of Integral Human Development.
- c. The Pastoral Care of Human Life is at the heart of the Pastoral Care of Health.
- d. The Pastoral Care of Human Life requires the protagonism of children, young people and educational pastoral care.

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4. A Pastoral Care of Human Life integrating the historical dimension and human sciences


The analysis of the historical and cultural context, as well as the scientific advances, developed in the honest search for truth, help to discover ways for the Proclamation of the Gospel of Life.





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5. The first urgency is the training of trainers.

- It is urgent to propose a path of formation for the laity that is accessible in its pedagogy, in its economic value, in which they can be linked according to their academic level and their work dynamics.
 - It is important to insist on permanent campaigns that help the faithful to go to the fundamentals to give reason for their faith and their hope in the dignity of human life.
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Final remarks



The Good News of the Gospel of Life challenges us to develop a Pastoral Care of Human Life that is integrated within the evangelising mission, that generates ways and opportunities to promote human life, according to the design of the Creator and healed by the Redeemer.

The transversal dimension of the Pastoral Care of Human Life allows us to be a place of encounter and experience of evangelising communion and the construction of a new civilisation.

