

DAUGHTERS *of* CHARITY

OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, USA



Corporate Stance on the Consistent Ethic of Life

We, the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul of the United States and Canada, believe in the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death and adopt a unified stance to uphold a consistent ethic of life.

We commit ourselves to:

1. **Praying** for:
 - a. the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help government leaders and others discern and take actions that support life at all stages.
 - b. the courage and strength to defend all life and to amplify the voices of the vulnerable.
2. **Educating** ourselves and others on how to walk in solidarity with the most vulnerable, and how to promote and protect a culture of life by even the smallest action.
3. **Advocating** for policies that:
 - a. put an **end to abortion** and the negative circumstances that lead to it.
 - b. provide **support to families** including affordable childcare and paid parental leave.
 - c. provide all people with **the basics** they need to live a dignified life including a living wage, affordable housing, access to nutritious food, and quality healthcare.
 - d. support and affirm the **dignity of all human beings** regardless of gender, lifestyle, or social status.
 - e. put an **end to gun violence** and promote healing in communities.
 - f. put an **end to euthanasia**.
 - g. put an **end to the death penalty** and **support those in our criminal justice system**.
4. Continuing our work on the key issues named in our **corporate stances**, recognizing that these, too, are life issues: [care of Earth](#), [homelessness and insecure housing](#), [human trafficking](#), [hunger](#), [immigration](#), and [racism](#).

We firmly believe that all of these issues are linked under a consistent ethic of life and challenge ourselves and others working on all or some of these issues to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, respect, and, where possible, collaboration in protecting the most vulnerable.