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A church of life

This past Friday, many of our parishioners participated in the annual March for Life in Washington. When many think of the Catholic Church and her teaching on life, they only associate the church with its anti-abortion teaching. It is a very important part of the church's teaching on life. However, two other life issues were raised this past weekend. Pope Francis called us to prayer and also asked for support of refugees and migrants who seek freedom and often are fleeing violence to find a safe and better life for their families. Yesterday, we remembered the courage and action of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior to bring an end to the scourge of discrimination and racism.

The church's teaching on life is complex and multifaceted, but it begins with the goal of affirming the dignity and respecting the value of life at all moments. It is a call to me to make sure that there is no bias, prejudice or exclusivity in my heart or thoughts. It's also a call to generosity to help others have the necessities of life. I pray that we as a community and as the church continue to lead by example in the way that we seek to help all live dignified lives and receive the respect deserved to each of God's beloved sons and daughters.

Live Jesus!

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