

# THE MEANING OF LIFE

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## DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITES

*USCCB* [Search for these titles at www.usccb.org.](http://www.usccb.org)

- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Living the Gospel: A Challenge to American Catholics, A Statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States (also available in Spanish)
- Made in the Image of God
- USCCB Respect Life Program (resources available in Spanish)
- Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching (also available in Spanish)
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Teaching the Spirit of Mission Ad Gentes
- Human Life and Dignity
- Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty
- Human Life and Dignity, Abortion
- Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life
- Propositions on the Dignity and Rights of the Human Person (also available in Spanish)
- Fact Sheet: Respect for Unborn Human Life: The Church’s Constant Teaching (also available in Spanish)
- Abortion and Catholic Social Teaching by Rev. Thomas D. Williams, L.C., 2007
- Abortion and Breast Cancer: The Link that won’t Go Away by Angela Lanfranchi, M.D., 2007 (also available in Spanish)
- Human Life and Dignity, End of Life Issues
- Human Life and Dignity, Assisted Suicide
- Euthanasia
- Evangelization and Social Sin
- Documentation on the Right to Life and Abortion
- Go and Make Disciples, A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States (also available in Spanish)

### *Other Resources*

End of Life Healthcare, Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops

[www.flaccb.org/healthcare/endoflife/index.php](http://www.flaccb.org/healthcare/endoflife/index.php)

Catholic Living Will and Other End of Life Resources, Office of Advocacy and Justice

[www.orlandodiocese.org/images/stories/advocacy\\_justice/downloads/life/livingwillformENGLISH.pdf](http://www.orlandodiocese.org/images/stories/advocacy_justice/downloads/life/livingwillformENGLISH.pdf)

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## VATICAN DOCUMENTS

Search for these titles at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

- Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church (also available in Spanish)
- Pope John Paul II’s Encyclical Gospel of Life
- Humanae Vitae (On Human Life, Pope Paul VI) (also available in Spanish)
- Centesimus Annus (On the Hundredth Year of Rerum Novarum, Pope John Paul II) (also available in Spanish)
- On Social Concern (Pope John Paul II) (also available in Spanish)
- Charity in Truth (Pope Benedict XVI) (also available in Spanish)
- Deus Caritas Est (Pope Benedict XVI) (also available in Spanish)
- Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (also available in Spanish)