## A Right to Life

The first theme of Catholic Social Teaching is "Life and Dignity of the Human Person." Every person has dignity as a child of God.

Abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, suicide, and violence deny a person's right to life and dignity. Read the descriptions below and identify the proper term that relates to each.



Sometimes called "mercy killing," it hastens or causes the death of another person.	It involves the intentional killing of unborn babies.
It stems from poverty, drug abuse, racism, family disintegration, and easy access to weapons.	
An attempt by a depressed person to bring the suffering – mental or physical – to an end.	This allows the death penalty for those convicted of a serious crime, such as murder.
Choose one of the terms above. Describe some positive and practical actions that you might take to help prevent the continuation of that injustice.  Ways to bring an end to:	