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Ways to bring an end to: abortion – talk with friends about the value and sanctity of life		
capital punishment, euthanasia – send letters and emails to elected officials calling for		
fair laws and regulation of medical personnel to protect life		
suicide – listen to someone who is depressed and encourage him/her to get counseling		
violence – avoid association with bullies and drug users, and refrain from bullying or		
using drugs yourself		

Parents, Catechists, Teachers: These issues expand on the chapter focus relating to the dignity of life. They are important issues for young people to address with persons they trust.

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