



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

According to the Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, there were 664,435 legal murders in 2013. In other words, there were 200 abortions performed for every 1,000 live births (CDC). LifeNews.com reports that National Right to Life estimates 58,586,256 abortions had been performed from when Roe v. Wade was passed to January 14, 2016 (Ertelt). How many classmates am I missing? How many inventors, artists, and world-changers haven't been born because their lives were selfishly taken from them?

I suppose I am particularly sensitive to the topic of abortion: I was born when my mother was 17, broke, and helpless. But she was not hopeless and I was put up for adoption. I was adopted when I was around eight months old, and have been living my life as a testimony to the prolife movement ever since. When I was younger, my parents introduced me to the prolife movement by bringing me to different prayer services. We participated in the 40 Days for Life festivities (prayer chain was always on our calendars!), the March for Life, the Novena for the Protection of Life, and volunteered at BirthRight. These activities I did as a child helped to form me and enforce how important life is at all stages.

This past year I moved to Wisconsin and began going to a private school. I joined the ProLife club and have taken advantage of every opportunity I can to make a difference. I helped to start a knitting club under the leadership of my friend (I didn't know how to knit at first, but I liked the idea!) where we knit hats for premature babies, I have been on numerous walks to a local Planned Parenthood where we prayerfully protest, and I helped plan a ProLife prayer service. Most of all, I enjoyed leading the 9 Days for Life Novena: every school day for nine days, I began the school day by speaking over the intercom in prayer for the protection of life from the womb to the

tomb. I prepared reflections and found that each day the preselected reading and prayer fit perfectly into what I needed to hear. Each announcement over the intercom lasted about 10 minutes, but they were always the highlight of my day.

And yet, abortion is still going on. Although the number of abortions is decreasing, we still have a lot of work to do (Ertelt)! And I'm going to help do it. I plan on studying Politics, Philosophy, and Economics at The King's College in New York City and then working for the government after I graduate. By working hard and being motivated, I will hopefully one day be in a position to seriously help implement policy change. But until then, there's plenty of ways to be a testimony to life. First and foremost, I can be sure to respect all people and show them God's love. Secondly, I can get involved at college to fight for the defenseless members of society. By being involved on a college campus and in a city like New York, I will have plenty of opportunities to talk to people and help them to respect life. It is through those relationships and encounters that the ProLife Generation will change people's hearts, and therefore change the world.

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