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## Life and Creation: Learning to balance two sacred things

Environmentalists often look to population growth as one of the key factors affecting the environmental problems we face today. Many times the use of birth control and, more notably, abortion are seen as viable solutions to controlling the growth of our population and therefore alleviating strains put on our resources. Plainly put, this notion might seem logical but in reality it is ethically corrupt and actually goes against the environmentalists' concern for a healthier environment. Abortion cannot be seen as a solution to population control because it degrades human dignity and destroys creation rather than preserving it. As an alternative, I suggest that we make lifestyle changes to preserve creation with creating the destruction of human being

Abortion destroys life and therefore cannot be seen as a viable solution to rapid population growth. Abortion is a central example to the destruction of human dignity and life in our society today. It stops a beating heart; and for this reason it cannot be seen as a solution to any problem, no matter how dire. Because God created each one of us, we all have inherent dignity. Each unborn child has a unique set of DNA and a unique destiny. No one can replace the value of a life. It is precious and sacred and deserves out protection. My best friend Emily was adopted. Her birth mother was a seventeen-year-old woman. I don't live one day without being grateful for Emily's life; I don't know what I would do without her. It crosses my mind all the time how easily she could have been aborted. That is why I advocate for the protection of unique and precious lives like Emily's. We all deserve a chance to live and know God, and I admire Emily's birth mother for being brave enough to give her unborn child that opportunity. Abortion also seeks to silence the weakest and most vulnerable among us. It is unfair to propose that the most vulnerable be exterminated in order to curb a population growth. After all, we would find it cruel to exterminate every senior citizen or mentally sick person in our world. Each person has dignity, including the unborn. Abortion is not a viable solution to population growth because it is morally wrong and targets the least among us.

Also, the destruction of human life is counterproductive to the preservation of our environment. Why would we destroy part of creation in order to preserve another? After all, you are destroying as much as you protect. Environmentalists often overlook the fact that humans too are part of creation. God created us in His image to preside over and care for the rest of creation. Granted, man has not always followed through with this but one cannot deny that every person holds a vital role in the rest of the natural world. When did it become acceptable to kill human life in order to preserve the environment? It is simply not logical to seek to destroy the fulcrum of creation in order the save it.

Abortion is not a solution to the problem of population growth and its effects on the environment because it takes away human dignity and destroys creation rather than preserving it. I do believe it is possible to care for and protect

creation without sacrificing human life. Now more than ever, every person needs to fulfill his/her role as stewards to creation by making lifestyle changes to preserve this beautiful world God has given us. We need to become more conscious of how we use our resources and try to preserve our planet but degrading human life and dignity cannot do this. We truly need to realize how sacred both human life and creation are and strive to protect both accordingly.