

# LifeLines

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## How to Get to Heaven 😊

A teacher asked the children, "If I gave all my money to the church, would I get to heaven?"

"Nooooo!" the children all answered.

"If I make my bed and eat my veggies will that get me to heaven?"

Again, they answered, "Nooooo!"

"Well," she continued, "then how do I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out,

"You gotta be *dead*."



## Euthanasia – Why Never by Fr. Dean Dowle, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist

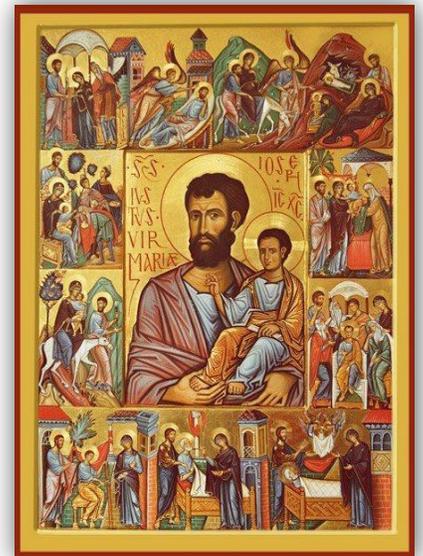
*Euthanasia* is a deceptively simple term. If we argue that euthanasia will end Mom's suffering, the implied deception is that suffering is not part of a "worthwhile" human life. False.

The inherent worth of a person begins with the Truth: God made us in His image and we belong to Him. Living this truth means seeing Christ in those around us and imitating Christ, who suffered for us through a painful death. Suffering is an integral part of our lives. If we suffer with Christ and help others through their suffering to a natural death, we are living in Christ, in Truth. This creates courage and strengthens Christian love in family life, Church and society.

Euthanasia does the opposite; it lies, destroys, kills. It reduces and robs us of a true experience of Christ in ourselves and in one another. So, in knowing this, *euthanasia* is not a question of "Why not?" but ever an assertion of "Why never".

## Prayer for the Dying

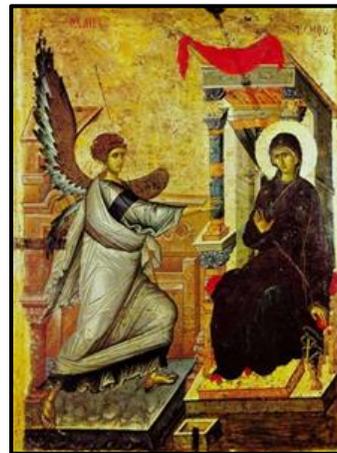
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
I give you his heart and his (her) soul.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
May he (she) breathe forth his (her) soul  
in peace with you.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
assist him in his (her) last agony.



# Pray for Life

*Taking place in Ukrainian Catholic Parishes across the Eparchy!*

**Check your bulletin for events and activities;  
Invite your friends to pray with us on the  
Feast of the Annunciation.**



## SHE SCHEDULED A DAY TO DIE



Consuelo Cordoba wanted to put an end to her life. Disfigured after her ex-husband attacked her with acid 16 years ago, she underwent surgery a hundred times. Yet she stood firm, and was outspoken against marital violence.

At age 56, however, a brain ailment led her to wish to die, “to put an end to suffering.” She scheduled euthanasia for September 29, 2017. But she wanted to receive the Pope’s blessing, so she could “rest in

peace.” She was able to contact him during his visit to Columbia (Sept. 6-10, 2017): “Then he saw me and made a sign to me, like this,” she said, her left arm stretched forward.

“And there, I said to myself: ‘Thank you, God, because he is coming for me,’ ” she said. The Pope took her in his arms and blessed her, putting his right hand on her head and convinced her to continue to live.

“There won’t be euthanasia,” affirmed Consuelo in front of the television cameras. It was difficult for her to speak, her head covered with a hood, her left eye bandaged, but her right eye bright with a new hope. She bears the name of Our Lady of Consolation, celebrated on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

From Bogota, Columbia, Pope Francis said on September 7<sup>th</sup>: “Children, young people, adults and elderly persons, who want to be bearers of hope, may difficulties not oppress you.” And again, on September 10<sup>th</sup>: “To the culture of death, of violence, let us answer with the culture of life!”

For a CONFIDENTIAL referral or information in the case of a crisis pregnancy, post-abortion suffering or end of life care concerns: Call the Eparchial Family and Life Office; Deborah Larmour, Office: 306-653-0138 Ext. 228 or Cell: 306-717-2756

### RESOURCES:

Go to The Art of Dying Well website: <https://www.artofdyingwell.org/>

Produced by St. Mary’s University. It is highly recommended!

**Book a Dying Healed Seminar for your parish!**

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