

## Deacon's Beacons

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For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

This life means nothing. Our life with Christ is what matters. Does that mean we should do nothing in this life? No, for St. Paul tells us that those who do not work should not eat. Does it mean that we should take action to end this life so as to move on to the next? Absolutely not. God is the Giver of life and only He has the right to end it. Some may think that helping those who are suffering to end their lives is an act of mercy but we know that it is not. It is a serious sin. We have spent so much time battling abortion (rightly so) that the real possibility of euthanasia is on the horizon and actually legal in some states and nations and we have not done much about it. Life is the entire spectrum. We cannot claim to be pro-life if we are not defending all aspects of life, from conception to natural death and all other factors in between, like proper dignified life sustaining wages and access to health care for everyone. Otherwise, we are turning our backs on the people of God who are suffering.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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