



@ 17 weeks

Her heart has
been beating
since she was
18 days old...

**IS SHE A CHOICE
OR A CHILD?**



@ 14 weeks

From the moment of conception to nine months the child is developing and growing continuously within the womb. Like born infants, the growing child depends on her mother for nourishment, but the child's life is a separate one. The baby could have a different blood group, be a different sex or even a different race from its mother : - within but intrinsically individual.

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WHY ABORTION IS WRONG

- Every abortion kills a developing child
- There is never any medical need for an abortion
- Every person, born or unborn, has an equal right to life
- Women are being exploited by the abortion industry for profit

HOW ARE ABORTIONS PERFORMED?

- **DILATION AND CURETTAGE** - The mother's cervix is dilated and the living child is cut to pieces with a curette knife
- **SUCTION** - A hollow tube with a knife edged tip is inserted into the uterus. The suction from the aspirator tears the baby apart and sucks the pieces into a container. The head is crushed
- **DILATION AND EVACUATION** - The baby is manually crushed so he can fit through the cervix, a pliers-like instrument is then used to crush the skull, legs and arms
- **HYSTEROTOMY** - Somewhat like a caesarean section; the child is removed and left to die in a bucket
- **PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION** - The living baby is partially delivered with only its head remaining in its mother's womb. The head is pierced and the brain removed with a suction curette in order to collapse the skull. The child, now dead, is then removed.

WHAT ABOUT THE MOTHER'S HEALTH?

- Abortion is never needed to save the life of the mother. This is the expert opinion of the four main Professors of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Ireland (1992), the Irish Medical Council and the Irish Medical Organisation (1993)
- No medical treatment is ever denied to a mother. For example, in the case of cancer, chemotherapy may put the life of the child at risk, but the treatment will not be withheld. The unfortunate death of the child in the womb as a side effect from medical treatment given to a mother is quite distinct from an abortion where a doctor deliberately kills the child for profit

WHAT ABOUT THE CASE OF RAPE?

- Rape is a horrific act of violence against women who need long term compassion not a quick-fix solution
- Abortion does not reverse a rape - it kills the child
- Abortion is a second violation of the raped woman
- Abortion punishes the innocent child for the crime of the father
- The murder of a child, no matter how that child is conceived, is always wrong

WHAT IS THE LEGAL SITUATION?

- Despite the Supreme Court misinterpreting the 1983 pro-life amendment as permitting abortion, and despite two subsequent referenda, there are still no abortions being carried out in Ireland.
- A new threat to the lives of unborn children is the European Constitution Referendum which is to be voted on in 2005. In a Europe where every country bar Ireland permits abortion, it is inevitable this constitution will not provide any protection for Human Life from conception. Unless this is defeated it will supercede the Irish constitution and will apply throughout the EU.



@ 11 weeks

**A baby, once conceived,
has an absolute right to life**

WHAT ABOUT EMBRYONIC LIFE?

- 'Unborn Life at the earliest stage is under threat from a variety of abuses. These include embryo 'screening', embryo freezing, and embryos being created for experimentation and human cloning.
- It is imperative that we stand firm and counter these new attacks launched against innocent children. We must work to restore full constitutional protection for the unborn in this country.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join Youth Defence who are fighting for the right to life of the unborn. We'll send you regular updates on what is happening and inform you on what you can do to get involved. We'll also give you further information on the Life issues which affect you and your family.

I wish to become a member

(please write in capitals and send via post to the address below)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____

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I wish to take part in Education Street work

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I would like to receive your news email bulletins

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