

LifeLines

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😊 Life Support

Sue and Bill were watching TV. Bill turned to Sue and said, "Look honey, I've been thinking; if it ever gets so bad that I'm hooked up to a life support machine, just pull the plug."

Sue got right up and pulled the plug on the TV! 😊

**Euthanasia:
Unfortunately it's No Joke.**

Euthanasia: "the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person."

St. John Paul II

Is euthanasia always wrong? Yes, always.

Can't you "pull the plug" in good conscience?

Ending or refusing "extraordinary measures" is not Euthanasia, deliberately taking a life is. Seek sound advice from your priest or contact the Family and Life Office. Clear moral guidelines exist that can help in every situation so you can then find true peace of mind and a clear conscience before God. See the *Catholic Health Ethics Guide* or consider attending or organizing a **Dying Healed Seminar**. Contact: **Family and Life Office at 306-653-0138 Ext 228.**

But what if the person is really suffering?

Call the priest to come and visit and give the Sacraments. It is a time to pray, maybe like we have never done before, staying close to the patient with strong love and support - like we've never done before.

If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint.

St. Ignatius Loyola



What if the pain is really too much?

Look for another doctor; seek another opinion. Palliative care doctors will affirm that there is almost always effective means to manage pain.

Can you remove nutrition and hydration?

A statement from the Vatican recently:

Nutrition and hydration constitute a form of essential care ... to nourish a sick person never constitutes a form of unreasonable therapeutic care ... provided this does not cause intolerable suffering or prove damaging to the patient.

The removal of such care represents, rather, a form of abandonment of the patient, based on a pitiless judgment of the quality of their life, the expression of a throwaway culture that selects the most fragile and helpless people, without recognizing their uniqueness and immense value.

Joint Declaration of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and the Pontifical Academy for Life on the case of Mr. Vincent Lambert, 21.05.2019

A Father Chooses to Support his Wife in Life!

Luigi Quattrocchi (d.1951) was a good man in his youth though not very religious. That changed after his



marriage to his beloved Maria. They went to daily Mass and prayed the family Rosary. He became an ideal father, providing selfless care to his family also serving in community organizations.

Maria suffered great difficulties in her first three pregnancies. "I'd prefer anything to another pregnancy!" she wrote to a friend.

Then another baby was conceived. Maria developed severe complications. The best doctors suggested there was elevated risk and advised abortion.

But Luigi, remembering our heavenly Father and his own fatherhood, **encouraged and supported his wife's decision to persevere in the pregnancy.** Together they declared, "No abortion!", despite the risks.

Through their faith, God faithfully took care of them. A healthy baby was born at seven months and Maria lived many more fulfilling, happy years to the age of 81.

The couple lived an ordinary life with extraordinary and heroic faith, hope and love. Together with Maria, Papa Luigi was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 2001.

Blessed Luigi, pray for all fathers

Hurting or haunted by a previous abortion?

For help and healing. Call Pregnancy Options:

Saskatoon : [\(306\) 665-7550](tel:3066657550) or

Regina: [\(306\) 757-3344](tel:3067573344)



The Heart of a Father

Sharon O. recalls: "A young man briefly told me his story. His girlfriend who was carrying his child decided to have an abortion – against his wishes." To this day, years later, he grieves the loss of his child.

Amy W. remembers holding a sobbing young man in her arms, his heart breaking. His fiancée was next door preparing for an abortion.

He was encouraged to talk to his fiancée "one last time". Assuring her of his love and support she decided against abortion.

Someone must have been praying...

SAVE A LIFE

Pray for a man who is being tempted to take his wife or girlfriend for an abortion:

Lord, give him a FATHER'S HEART to love and protect his child AND the mother.



Father, provide for them in all their needs.