

Pope Francis writes: " *Defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right...It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems. Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be.*"

Every spring (Lent) and fall (October), Immacolata participates in 40 Days for Life, a worldwide prayer and fasting campaign outside abortion clinics. The St. Louis 40 Days for Life campaign is coordinated by the Coalition for Life St. Louis, which also has a year round, 6-day/week prayer and sidewalk counseling presence outside the Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Parkway, where they provide life-affirming options on the sidewalk to men and women facing crisis pregnancies. Some of our parishioners are regular volunteers. College internship opportunities are also available with the Coalition for Life. See <http://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/> for details.