

Indifference

The opposite of love is not hate. It is indifference. If you have ever been ignored or treated with indifference, you know how it stings. As Catholic Christians, we are called to love God, to love our neighbor and even to love our enemies. In Luke 6:32 and Matthew 5:46, Jesus tells us not only to love those who love us. Jesus asks us to love those we may find it difficult to love, those we have to work at loving, going beyond ourselves.

We learn in the parable of the Good Samaritan, our neighbor is anyone and everyone. In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus judges the sheep and the goats by whether they fed, clothed, and welcomed the “least ones,” whom Jesus calls His brothers. It could be argued that these works of mercy are the definition of



loving our neighbor. Jesus is telling us that when we take these actions to meet the physical needs of those who are His least brothers, we are loving God Himself. Jesus expects us to love others with a love that takes action rather than a mere emotion or feeling of love.

One group of our neighbors, perhaps the “least” of all, are the unborn who have no human rights. An unborn baby, our neighbor, our brother or sister, is not protected by law until fully born. How do we love the unborn? We cannot really provide for their physical needs but we can speak and act on their behalf, to allow them to be born and thus protected by law.

Please do not be indifferent to our unborn sisters and brothers. Life is our most precious gift, it is something we all have in common with each other and with Jesus Himself. Please help support the pro-life cause by praying, fasting, attending vigils, voting, calling lawmakers, even signing petitions to end abortion and provide full human rights to the unborn.

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“Love life, cherish life, defend life, from conception to natural death”

– St. John Paul II, October 8, 1995