

Oregon Right to Life Essay

Life begins in a flash, yep thats right I'm not joking it's true! When life starts in the womb scientists discovered a "flash of light" that happens. It might sound crazy, but I think of it as God lighting a fire of life creating a soul, making a unique individual unlike any other. Thats why I'm telling you to trust in God, because he has a distinct purpose for this life and every other. Some of these people may become doctors, world leaders, great musicians, and even someone who cures cancer. Can you imagine life without YOUR favorite people? A sister, an uncle, a best friend, or even a teacher?

Now I am going to list some important development stages before a baby is born. The first one is that the heartbeat starts early. The human heart begins to beat as early as 16 days after pregnancy. About 40 days after the heart beats, facial features develop, including eyes, ears, and nostrils are already recognizable. Thirty days after that, fingerprints will form and in 6th month the fingerprints will be fully developed. A pretty cool fact is that no two people will have the same fingerprint. Even identical twins will never have the same fingerprint, isn't that crazy?! By 12 weeks of life, the baby can taste amniotic fluid it swallows and studies show that babies exposed to different flavors in the womb may prefer those flavors after birth. This might be why I love chocolate so much! At around 25 weeks, the child can hear sounds outside of the womb, such as the mothers voice. Studies suggest that babies can recognize familiar voices after birth. The baby brain forms by the 3rd week and by the 6th month it contains all the

neurons it will need at birth. Even though the baby has no air to breath, it practices the breathing movements to breath on its own. These are all the stages that you went through before you were born. Aren't they amazing? Aren't YOU amazing?

Our sick and elderly are just as valued as anyone else and it seems their love light shines brighter the closer they are to God. Also, a reason why the sick and elderly are important is because they can teach us really valuable and amazing lessons. I have learned personally that beauty can happen in difficult times. When my Nana was dying from cancer, it brought our distant family closer together. I met my uncle, aunts, and cousins that I had never met before. We have remained close to this day and visit each other often. I found out from my Mom later that this was one of my Nana's dying wishes. Turns out her prayer was answered! Her life too had meaning and purpose up until the very end when she went to Heaven.

All human life is precious, unique, purposeful, beautiful, and a reflection of God's love. It's easy to love the heartbeat you know, but I challenge you to love the heartbeat you haven't yet met.