



# KNIGHTS FOR LIFE

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## December Talking Points -- A Pro-Life message for Advent:

Not only did Jesus teach that life in the womb is sacred- **HE TAUGHT THIS TRUTH FROM THE WOMB!** There are many places throughout scripture that teach about the sacredness of life within the womb, but none more beautifully than Luke's account of the Visitation. Scholars believe Jesus was perhaps a couple of weeks along from conception and John the Baptist about Six months from conception at the Visitation.

From *The Gospel Life*: The passage on the Visitation, "confirms the *indisputable recognition of the value of life from its very beginning*. It is precisely *the two unborn children* who reveal the advent of the Messianic age: In their meeting, the redemptive power of the presence of the Son of God among men first becomes operative. Elizabeth was the first to hear the voice; but John was the first to experience grace. She heard according to the order of nature; he leaped because of the mystery. She recognized the arrival of Mary; he the arrival of the Lord. The mother was not filled before the son, but after the son was filled with the Holy Spirit, he filled his mother too. This event shows clearly how even before their birth the two little ones are able to communicate: The child recognizes the coming of the Child and leaps for joy."

In all truth it can be said that John the Baptist already was making known the coming of the Messiah! This unborn person was already living out his calling. John the Baptist who years later would be heard to cry out "Behold the Lamb of God" was already crying out Behold the Lamb of God—silently, for both he and the Lamb were yet unborn.

What better place could Jesus have taught about the sacredness of life in the womb than from inside the womb Himself? And how profound it is that the first person He would teach was also in the womb!

**Fr. James Gilhooley in a Homily from 2000 states "Jesus has clearly taught us that abortion is wrong, by the decisive facts of His early days in Mary's womb."**

Both of these unborn Children were manifesting their Personhood- their unique individual identity. Pro Aborts say that the unborn are human but are not "persons", and yet clearly from all Christian teaching the Unborn Person in the womb of Mary was none other than the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. God became man, took on Himself the flesh of the Virgin. He became like us in all things but sin.

Here it must be remembered that our Lord taught in many different ways: With parables, from the scriptures, and through events around Him. But His greatest teachings were the ones where He taught not with words but by actions and example—preeminently His Holy Passion. So we can see that the Unborn Christ Child most fittingly taught about the sacredness of life within the womb not with words but by **His own Sacred Life within the womb**--which if prayerfully studied teaches volumes.

The points above are condensed from a lesson from A Catholic Respect Life Curriculum, which is available at the Knights for Life web site. **There is something that each of us can do to help end the holocaust of abortion. The first is to pray the Rosary; the second is to educate** our children and ourselves about the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. There is a wealth of educational material available at the Knights for Life web site.

Let us pray to Our Lady who gave to us the Word made Flesh, that we will see and love in the unborn of today what she saw and loved in her Unborn Son—a Child, made in the image and likeness of God.