THE THROWAWAY CULTURE

Pope Francis, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Francis and official teachings of the Roman Catholic Church

"WE ARE VICTIMS"

... We are victims of the throwaway culture... There is the throwing away of children that we do not want to welcome, with that abortion law that sends them back to their sender and kills them. Today this has become a "normal" things, a habit that is very bad; it is truly murder.

ASK YOURSELF

In order to truly grasp this, perhaps asking ourselves two questions may help: Is it right to eliminate, to end a human life to solve a problem? Is it right to hire a hitman to solve a problem? Abortion is this.

HONOR THE ELDERLY

And then on the other side, are the elderly: the elderly who are also a bit of "throwaway material" because they are not needed.... But they are the wisdom, they are the roots of the wisdom of our civilization, and this civilization discards them!

"WE DENY HOPE"

Yes, in many places there is a "hidden" law on euthanasia... It is the one that makes us say: "medicines are expensive, only half should be given". This means shortening the lives of the elderly. In doing so, we deny hope, the hope of the children who bring us the life that makes us go forward, and the hope that is in the roots that the elderly give us. Instead, we discard both.

BE CAREFUL

And then the everyday throwing away, that life is thrown away. Let us be careful about this throwaway culture... This is a path that we cannot take: the throw away path.

CAN'T BE DEAF

... The crisis of the pandemic has made "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" reverberate even more strongly (Enc. Laudato Si, 49). We cannot remain deaf before this dual cry. We have to listen to it well!

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