



# Franciscan Action Network

Transforming the World in the Spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare

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*“All praise be yours my Lord through all you have made”*

St. Francis invites us to a radical love and care for life. He teaches us that all life is filled with the presence of God. We are connected to that loving presence and we are happy when we celebrate it. On this 37<sup>th</sup> remembrance of Roe vs. Wade, we are challenged to reflect on the many ways that we fall short of celebrating and enhancing God’s gift of life. We are called to demonstrate in a public way that all life is sacred and our desire that our nation create and revise laws and policies that care and protect all life.

We stand here today mindful of our weakness and mindful of our self pre-occupation that insulates us from life’s potentials and life’s possibilities. We pray that in our God-given freedom we may consistently choose and embrace life, and that our lives bear witness to that embrace so that our laws and our public policies are a living proclamation of the value of life. We desire to live in a society where there is peace, economic justice, equality, a profound quality of family life, and a loving respect for children born and unborn.

Let this day be a time to appreciate our calling to be co-creators, to care for creation and to worship the God of life.

*Statement of the Franciscan Action Network  
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