



**MISSION:** *We are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, capital punishment, and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a "consistent ethic of life." We challenge those working on all or some of these issues to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, reconciliation, and respect in protecting the unprotected.*

## About Us

Consistent Life is a network uniting those who support the consistent life ethic (CLE) of reverence for all life. Our work involves spreading the vision throughout our nation and world by placing ads, attending and presenting at conferences, and producing free literature showing that consistent opposition to killing is a stance of many well-known anti-abortion and anti-war activists and faith groups. We keep the consistent pro-life community updated on relevant issues, news, and action opportunities via our one-page e-letter (weekly). We are trying to achieve a revolution in thinking and feeling; an affirmation of peace and nonviolence; recognition of the value of the life, happiness, and welfare of every person; and all the political and structural changes that will bring this about.

## FAQ

### **Q: Are you a religious or partisan organization?**

A: No. The majority of our member organizations and members are Christian, but we welcome good people of any or no faith. We are not affiliated with any political party and do not endorse political candidates. We seek to *broaden* the pro-life movement in order to strengthen protection for life.

### **Q: Are you "really" pro-life?**

A: Yes. Consistent Life decisively and actively opposes all lethal violence against humans and the root causes of that violence. Many of our Board members are regulars at the March for Life, most traveling many hours to D.C. Our Board members are active in sidewalk counseling, pregnancy center volunteering, and church-based activities that raise awareness on abortion and other lethal violence.

### **Q: Aren't abortion and euthanasia intrinsic evils, while war and capital punishment may be acceptable in some cases?**

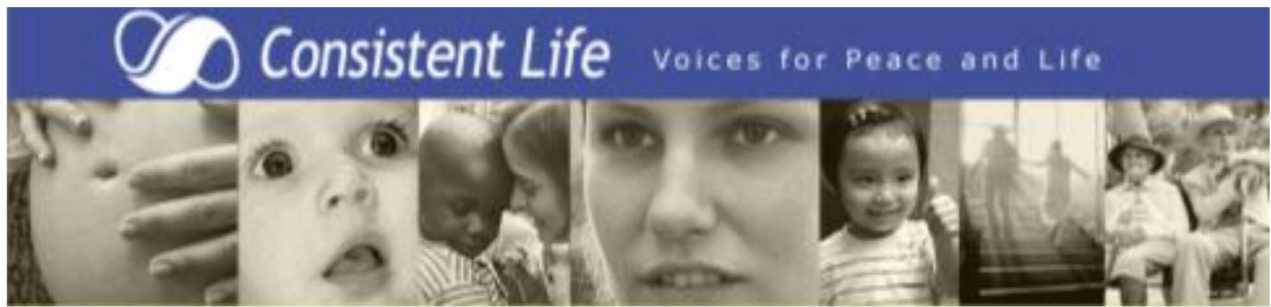
A: The teaching about intrinsic evil is promoted by many respected thinkers and faith traditions. It should be noted that the CLE dates back at least to the Hippocratic Oath, which opposed abortion and euthanasia, and to the earliest (pre-Constantinian) Christians, who did not participate in abortion or capital punishment (e.g., Clement of Rome, Justin Martyr) or kill in war. More recently, the Vatican, without changing its teaching about intrinsic evil, has spoken quite strongly about the need to oppose war and the racism that feeds it (e.g., *Gaudium et Spes*, 79-82), and has urged that "bloodless means" of punishment be favored over the death penalty (Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 1995).

### **Q: OK, I am against most or all violence in principle but I still feel called to focus on abortion and euthanasia. Is there a place for me in Consistent Life?**

A: Absolutely. We welcome supporters who hold a variety of views on our life issues and do not actively oppose us on any issues (e.g., by working or volunteering at an abortion clinic or participating in a racist or pro-war demonstration). Strong anti-abortion members are especially welcome, because the Consistent Life Ethic lends credibility to the pro-life movement among people on the fence about abortion (we can't be accused of not caring about children or parents after birth), and the spirit of unity that we promote can encourage broader thinking and even pro-life "conversions."

### **Q: How can I get involved?**

A: Help us broaden the pro-life community by distributing literature or speaking about the CLE in your local church, school, community, or any anti-violence groups in which you are involved. We can also use volunteers, especially those with special technical and translation skills. Email us at [info@consistent-life.org](mailto:info@consistent-life.org) for ideas. Look at our website for further inspiration. Subscribe to our free e-letter or sign up yourself or your group as a Consistent Life member!



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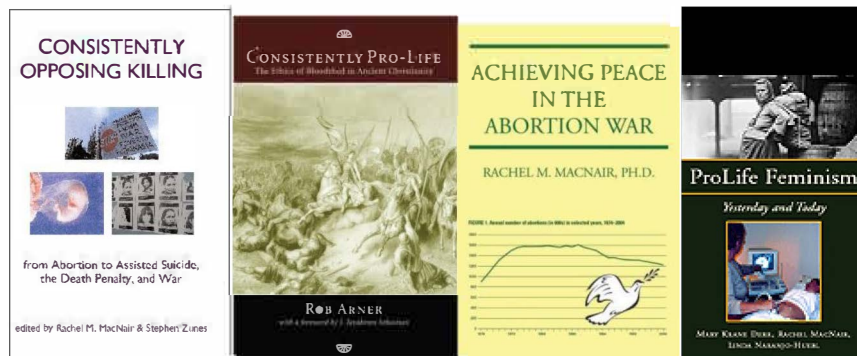
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**Recommended books** – to buy, to recommend to friends who need peace-movement or feminist approaches to be convinced of the pro-life view, or to ask your library to order:

*Consistently Opposing Killing: From Abortion to Assisted Suicide, the Death Penalty, and War*, edited by Rachel M. MacNair & Stephen Zunes, published by Praeger

*Consistently Pro-Life: The Ethics of Bloodshed in Ancient Christianity*, by Rob Arner, published by Wipf & Stock

*Achieving Peace in the Abortion War* [applying peace psychology to the practice of mass feticide], by Rachel M. MacNair, published by the Feminism & Nonviolence Studies Association with iUniverse

*ProLife Feminism: Yesterday and Today*, edited by Mary Krane Derr, Rachel M. MacNair, and Linda Naranjo-Huebl, published by the Feminism & Nonviolence Studies Association with Xlibris

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