

## Why I Am Catholic

Because we speak out when science oversteps its boundaries.

Science has opened Pandora's Box. Artificial insemination and fertilization has led to more than 50,000 frozen embryos (sperm and egg combined to begin a life) in our country alone--human beings who are not allowed to grow and to be born. Human life that sits in refrigerators waiting for someone to allow them the basic human right to be placed in a mother's womb and to have a chance to be born.

This has led to the issue of stem cell research involving frozen embryos--something that would be a horrific violation of their human rights and human dignity. The argument is: let's use frozen embryos for scientific knowledge and to possibly save other lives. Let's take human lives that have never had a chance to be born and "use" them for our own scientific progress. What parent would allow this to be done to their child? And that is what they are: children who are being forgotten and neglected and now abused. All because we live in a nation that plays God: We decide when life begins (see *Roe vs. Wade* and Partial-Birth Abortions). We decide when a baby is a baby.

Every Sunday Catholics and other Christians say the Nicene Creed and then forgot one of the most important statements of faith: "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life."

But stem cell research is only the next place on the slippery moral slope of playing God. We have scientist who are racing to clone human beings. In the name of fame, profit, etc. How will they explain this to their Maker?

And with frozen embryos, the conversation is constantly about selectivity and not wanting children with disabilities or birth defects. Not merely about viability, but a quest for "perfect babies." Usually only the "good" embryos are implanted. And if after implantation in the womb, the chosen embryos have health problems, doctors almost always recommend abortions. In many cases, there are two or three embryos implanted and doctors often continue the selectivity process. If one embryo seems healthy and the other two have problems, the recommendation again is abortion of the weak ones.

At what point will people begin to realize this Human Selectivity (called Eugenics) is moving to the same place as Adolph Hitler and Nazi Germany and the quest for the master race. And should remind us of the experiments done at his concentration camps by Dr. Josef Mengele (the "Angel of Death of Auschwitz") and other mad scientists.

We are already a good ways down the road of death. Mother Teresa of Calcutta at the National Prayer Breakfast in February 1994 spoke passionately and said: "And for this I appeal in India and I appeal everywhere, 'Let us bring the child back.' The child is God's gift to the family. Each child is created in the special image and likeness of God for greater things --to love and to be loved. In this year of the family we must bring the child back to the center of our care and concern. This is the only way that our world can survive because our children are the only hope for the future. . .

"But what does God say to us? He says: 'Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of my hand.' We are carved in the palm of His hand; that unborn child has been carved in the hand of God from conception and is called by God to love and to be loved, not only now in this life, but forever."