

# Life Matters

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## An amicus brief

This amicus brief was filed before the U.S. Supreme Court in the cases of *Loce v. New Jersey* and *Krail et al. v. New Jersey* in February 1994

By: Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Full text available at

[http://groups.csail.mit.edu/mac/users/rauch/nvp/roe/mothertheresa\\_roe.html](http://groups.csail.mit.edu/mac/users/rauch/nvp/roe/mothertheresa_roe.html)

Submitted by: Mary Taylor

Your opinion stated that you did not need to “resolve the difficult question of when life begins.” That question is inescapable. If the right to life in an inherent and inalienable right, it must surely exist wherever life exists. No one can deny that the unborn child is a distinct being, that it is human, and that it is alive. It is unjust, therefore, to deprive the unborn child of its fundamental right to life on the basis of its age, size, or condition of dependency. It was a sad infidelity to America’s highest ideals when this Court said that it did not matter, or could not be determined, when the inalienable right to life began for a child in its mother’s womb.

America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts—a child—as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered domination over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And, in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many

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women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners.

*Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign.*

I have no new teaching for America. I seek only to recall you to faithfulness to what you once taught the world. Your nation was founded on the proposition—very old as a moral precept, but startling and innovative as a political insight—that human life is a gift of immeasurable worth, and that it deserves, always and everywhere, to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect

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## The Catholic Vote

Submitted by Mike Taylor

The following URL will take you to a 3:35 minute inspirational video. Please take a few minutes, turn on your speakers and visit <http://catholicvote.com>

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill. Matthew 5