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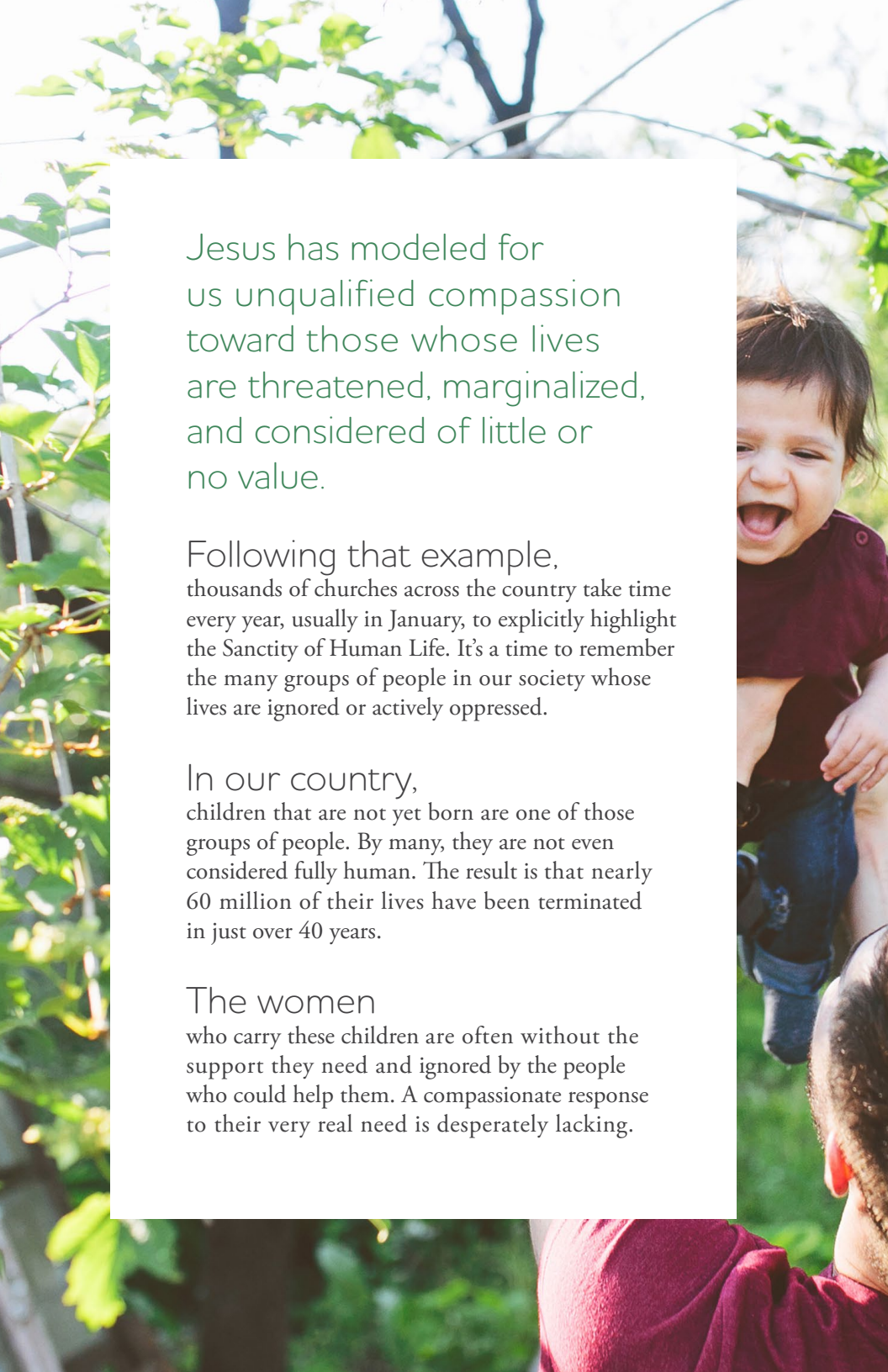
CELEBRATE

THE SANCTITY OF

HUMAN LIFE



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A young child with dark hair is laughing joyfully, mouth wide open, while being held by an adult. The child is wearing a dark red top. The background is filled with green leaves and branches, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall mood is bright and happy.

Jesus has modeled for us unqualified compassion toward those whose lives are threatened, marginalized, and considered of little or no value.

Following that example, thousands of churches across the country take time every year, usually in January, to explicitly highlight the Sanctity of Human Life. It's a time to remember the many groups of people in our society whose lives are ignored or actively oppressed.

In our country, children that are not yet born are one of those groups of people. By many, they are not even considered fully human. The result is that nearly 60 million of their lives have been terminated in just over 40 years.

The women who carry these children are often without the support they need and ignored by the people who could help them. A compassionate response to their very real need is desperately lacking.

The Sanctity of Human Life Celebration is an opportunity to live out the compassion of Jesus by actively supporting the people that are cast aside or whose lives are threatened.

First Image is working to live out the compassion of Jesus by supporting over 4,000 women facing a potential unplanned pregnancy in the greater Portland area every year. These women can come into one of our pregnancy centers and immediately receive judgment-free, practical support at no cost to them.

The support we offer gives many women and men the courage to parent their child.

When women see their baby on an ultrasound screen, 94% of those who are vulnerable to abortion choose to give birth to their child.

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*Turn this over to see how you can get involved and work with us to live out the heart of God to support our world's most vulnerable people.*

## THE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Many churches choose to participate in this celebration in a practical way and together raise funds for First Image and our family of programs by hosting a Baby Bottle Drive. We offer bottles that you can take home and fill with loose change, cash, or checks. There is also an online fundraising option available in lieu of or alongside filling bottles.

Your church will designate a time for all filled bottles to be collected and returned to First Image to be totaled up, with all money going towards giving the most vulnerable in our city the compassion and life-giving support they deserve as people created in the Image of God.

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*Interested in getting your church involved? Contact our Events Coordinator at [kelsey@first-image.org](mailto:kelsey@first-image.org) or call 503.256.0808 x58 to get more information!*

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