

From the West Meadow  
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In 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 27 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The term 'sanctification' means 'to set apart', 'make special', or Biblically 'to make Holy'. So, who and what makes human life sanctified?

In the creation chapter of the Bible, God is shown as creating all manner of life, big and small and everything in between. He created the living creatures to reproduce after their kind. “ 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to it's kind'; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to it's kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to it's kind. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:24-25, NKJV.

God next forms human kind and only into mankind did the Holy God personally breathe His breath of life, setting mankind apart from the animal kind. “ 'Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it', Genesis 1:26-28, NKJV. It was God who sanctified and set apart mankind from all other living things, creating mankind to reproduce according to the god kind. “But did He not make them one (husband and wife), having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring.” Malachi 2:15, NKJV. God created mankind in His image and likeness so they would fill the earth with godly offspring. The apostle Paul explains to the Corinthians that they could have a Father/child relationship with God. “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:18, NKJV.

Again, we were created in the image and likeness of God – no other created being, not even the angels – were created in God's image and likeness. See Hebrews 1:5. We were given life by the very “breath of the Almighty”, Job 33:4, NKJV. “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7, NKJV.

So what now? Created and set apart by the living God – who desires to have a relationship with us, His creation – to that end God sent His only begotten son that we may have an abundant and fulfilling life, now and forever more. John 3:16 and 10:10.

God has done His part in breathing into us the breath of life – Jesus Christ has done His part in dying for us, see Romans 5:8. Now it is our turn to do our part. “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God”, John 1:12, NKJV. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Believe in Him and you will be sanctified forever.