

HUMAN DIGNITY OUTLINE | [thecultureproject](#)

I. **Dynamic video & Introduction**

- a. Video of epic stunts and tricks by humans.
- b. Meant to inspire the students to understand that humans are capable of amazing things.

II. **Knowledge, Love, & Action**

III. As great as it is to do incredible stunts or possess incredible skill, it is even greater action is to love another person. In order to love someone, we need to know them, to care for them, and to put that knowledge and care into action.

a. **Story & Video: Corporal Kyle Carpenter**

- i. US Marine who jumped on a grenade to save the life of a fellow marine and survived. Interview video shown here.
- ii. Leads into a brief discussion on human value

IV. Everything has different levels of value, but human beings have a great value regardless of who we are or what we have done.

V. Our great value comes from our ability to love and sacrifice, just like Corporal Kyle Carpenter loved and sacrificed for his fellow Marine.

VI. This value leads us to know that humans possess a great dignity, and it's our job to uphold that dignity to each other. It would be wrong for me to disrespect you—to treat you in a way that doesn't give you dignity.

VII. **Violations of Human Dignity & Value**

- a. But we live in a world where the dignity of human persons is violated every day. Consider these examples:
 - i. James Foley- executed by terrorists in the Middle East
 - ii. Violence/Murder
 - iii. If a pregnant woman is murdered in America, according

to our law that murder will be charged with a double homicide.

- b. Let's look at another daily happening in America and think about what it means:

VIII. Abortion

- a. Defining the term: “the intentional termination of a human pregnancy.”
- b. Breakdown definition:
 - i. “Intentional termination” = “choosing to end”
 - ii. human pregnancy – to breakdown this part, transition into fetal development slides.

IX. Fetal Development

- a. Walk through several stages of development
 - i. Moment of fertilization (video)
 - ii. 8 weeks
 - iii. 12 weeks (video)
 - iv. 25 weeks (video)
 - v. 8 months (video)
 - vi. collage of all stages

X. Living in an Abortion-Minded Culture

- a. 3,300 abortions happen daily
- b. Inconsistency: why is it a double homicide when a pregnant woman is murdered, while 3,300 abortions occur daily?
- c. Planned Parenthood: The world's largest provider of Abortions
- d. 1 out of 3 women will experience abortion– abortion is relevant and affects us today.
- e. Abortion is wrong!

XI. Forgiveness & Hope

- a. Lumina Video – personal stories from women who have experienced abortion. Non-graphic.
- b. Post-Abortive healing: Project Rachel
www.hopeafterabortion.com
National Telephone: 888-456-HOPE(4673)

Rockville Center: 516-766-2538

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XII. Inspiring Virtue

a. Vander Woude Family story

XIII. Family of 5, youngest son (Joseph) has Down Syndrome. Joseph accidentally falls into family septic tank outside and Mr. Vander Woude jumped in to save him. Mr. Vander Woude saved his son Joseph and died in the process. Oldest son, Tom Vanderwoude Jr., is a Catholic Priest who became inspired by father's heroic life and actions and ends up helping save a pre-born down syndrome baby who is almost aborted by a family who didn't want him. Fr. VW posted a status on facebook seeking help and received over 800 e-mail responses and phone calls.

a. Virtue is contagious

i. In story above, one mans act of virtue inspired another man to do something virtuous as well. We can do the same!

b. Changing minds AND hearts.

XIV. Invitation to Participate

a. Join movement by living lives of dynamic virtue!

b. Like CPI on our social media presence.

*There are no graphic images and/or videos in this presentation.