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By Living Chastity

My name is Hope Dery  
I'm thirteen years old.  
Am I pro-life or pro-choice?  
Which stance will I hold?

Being created in God's image  
Gives all humans dignity  
So abortion is wrong  
Thus, "Pro-life" it makes me.

But I'm also pro-choice.  
What? You might say???  
Free will says I can choose  
To call the game play...

Any good sports team  
Has as its aim  
Both an offense and defense  
If it is going to win the game

If we are going to end abortion  
Our offense should be  
To live the Church teaching  
About Chastity

Chastity is a virtue  
I am *choosing* to live now  
It entails living abstinence  
It's sort of like a vow.

And If I live abstinence,  
It is no distortion  
That I will never have to make  
A decision about abortion.

*Choosing* to live chastity  
Will help me grow holy  
It will set me apart  
And strengthen me slowly

**Choosing** to live chastity  
Will help me be healthy  
It will prevent some diseases  
And keep me stealthy.

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that  
Living Virtue makes us happy  
So happiness I choose through  
The living of chastity.

The Church gives us wisdom  
To help us get through...  
**Theology of the Body**  
Will show us what to do.

Our game plan should also  
Include a defense  
To help us fight  
Against ...concupiscence

What is that, you might say?  
It's the tendency to sin  
To blow us off course  
Into near occasions of sin.

To prevent this from happening  
I must guard what I see  
What I hear in songs  
What the media throws at me.

In **choosing** to live chastity  
We must choose how we dress  
As sons and daughters of the king  
For this, God will bless.

So my stance is pro-life  
I know abortion is wrong.  
I will pray and I'll march  
I will always stay strong.

My stance is pro-choice  
My **choice** you will see...  
Is to conquer abortion  
By living chastity.

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