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THE POSITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON BIOETHICAL PROBLEMS OF ABORTION AND EUTHANASIA: PHILOSOPHICAL AND LEGAL THINKING

The Catholic Church closely monitors all processes and scientific discoveries in modern medicine. The result of such researches is a large number of documents, reports, books and articles that represent the official position of the Church on issues that are at the intersection of science and morality, namely bioethical issues. Bioethics concerns important anthropological issues and values and is the subject of special attention of the Catholic Church.

Catholics defines human life as the highest social value, and therefore it must be properly protected by state mechanism. Human life as the highest priority should be guaranteed by positive law, regardless of person being born or unborn, sick or healthy, socially active or one that needs to be protected by the state.

Secularization, which finds frequent expression in recent years resulting in

loss of understanding of the value of human life, leads to the legalization of abortion and euthanasia, which is contrary to morals. Now there is an obvious need in monitoring of all processes in modern medicine by the Catholic Church, because the latest scientific developments in this area are often close to the edge of acceptable and ethical. Any interference into the natural processes of the human body according to the Church must first of all be guided by respect for human life and dignity.

The Catholic Church protects the life and dignity, regardless of their health condition, age or stage of development.

The article deals with official documents of Church on bioethical issues of abortion and euthanasia highlighting its strong position which completely rejects the possibility of their implementation.