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It's Not Up To Us

I am pro-life because of these three reasons: life should always be preserved no matter how old or young someone is, every life is beautiful and can make a difference, and no matter how helpless a situation seems God can always use it for good.

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Every life is beautiful and can make a difference. My grandfather has Type 1 diabetes and some people might think that because of all of the medications and monitoring he cannot do a lot and we should not work to preserve his life. He means a lot to me and he has shown me how to be mature and how to pass from being a child to a young man. He has been an influence in different areas of my life, including, spiritually and emotionally. He has always been a motivation for me to do my best when I played soccer and now that I am running. I cannot imagine life without him.

No matter how helpless a situation seems God can always use it for good. We found out early on that my mom's pregnancy with my brother was going to be high risk and dangerous. The doctor said that he was going to be a preemie and that he and my mom might not make it. I prayed every day for him and my mom and God heard my prayer! I do not think that our family would be complete without him because we were just getting over my mom's miscarriage. If we had decided not to have him I would not get the everyday joy of being a good influence on him. Some people might have decided not to have him because of the fear of the NICU and the dangers my mom faced. I am joyful that he is in my life.

In conclusion, I know that God has a plan for everyone, whether old, young, unborn, or disabled and that only God knows the number of our days. Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For I know the plans I have for you." declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you a hope and a future. Only God knows the number of days according to his plan. I agree with Job's words to the Lord: "You decide how long anyone will live. You have established the number of his months. You have set a limit to the number of his days" (Job 14:5). Finally, according to Romans 8:28, we can trust that "all things work together for good..." And this is why I am pro-life.