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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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