Seán’s Story  “The up and coming referendum on the Eighth Amendment essentially provides for the removal of the most fundamental human right – the right to life of a little baby.

“Repealing the Eighth Amendment will have a significant impact on the unborn, on mothers, on families and on society as a whole. Protecting the Eighth Amendment is a positive thing for Irish society because it protects the lives of both mother and baby equally.

“It is a scientific fact that the life of a little baby begins at the moment of conception. The heart starts beating at 21 days. By week 8, everything found in a fully grown person is formed. All that is needed is time to grow and develop. The biggest growth spurt in our lives takes place during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy and we will never grow at that rate again.

“These gestational milestones are something that pro-choice advocates deny when they refer to the baby as a ‘foetus’ and a ‘blob of tissue’. Without the Eighth Amendment an entire group of human beings will be denied their right to life. This is also a threat to the hope of society, as who knows the potential an unborn child could have when they are born?

“I am challenged on my views a lot because I am a man. I like to engage with my friends and encourage them to take part in this important debate. Some people feel I shouldn’t have an opinion. As a father, I say we should all have a voice in this debate. It’s a family issue at heart.”

Séan Feeney with his son Aaron from Castleknock, Dublin 15

What can I do?
Have a conversation with a friend or family member about the fact that at least 100,000 Irish lives have been saved by the Eighth Amendment.
Church teaching

A culture of life, Our Common Humanity

Making abortion freely available desensitises people to the value of every human life, especially lives that are vulnerable. The scientific evidence about the beginning of human life has never been clearer.

It is a great irony that we in Ireland are for the first time in our history losing our clarity about the right to life of the unborn. Knowledge about the mysterious workings of DNA and the stunningly vivid evidence of ultrasound images of little persons in the earliest weeks in the womb should be making us more committed than ever to the protection of unborn life.

Supporting and sustaining a culture of life in Ireland is in the interests of every generation and it defines us as a society.

Human Rights Law

Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

“Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person”.

Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it ‘as of right’, whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it.

For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step.

It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice.

Cura is an agency of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference which supports women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. If you need Cura’s help call 1850 622 626 or visit Cura.ie

“I wasn’t with my girlfriend long when she got pregnant. I was so stressed out. A friend recommended Cura. It really helped to talk to someone who didn’t know me personally. I’m working through things now with my girlfriend.” Michael, 35.

To access videos, testimonies and frequently asked questions visit www.chooselife2018.ie