



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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### This week's Topic: Grandparents

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**Education:** Grandparents can take such delight in their grandchildren! Yet some parents of young women in crisis pregnancies will encourage their daughter to abort. They focus on their daughter, and the life they want for them, and see abortion as removing an obstacle to their hopes and dreams for their child. Or they may be unwilling to share the burden of raising a young child, which they know their daughter cannot handle alone. (Parents of teen fathers may also encourage abortion to avoid the burden of parenthood for their son.) Legally, the choice to abort lies with the mother alone, regardless of how young she may be.

While the parents of a teen are obliged to provide her care, they may not coerce or force an abortion. Doing so can in fact be interpreted as child abuse.

Parents of pregnant teens need to understand the reality of their grandchild. If the child is born, the grandparents very often do take normal delight in the child, and rejoice that abortion was not chosen.



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please have mercy on parents of pregnant teens. Help them to accept the situation, and extend to their children the support they need. Help them to feel your presence and look to you for guidance and strength to do the best they can for the new family. Help parents of both mother and father to encourage the choice for life and to help their children to become responsible parents themselves, or to make an adoption plan to provide a good home for the baby, if the birth parents are not ready or able to parent at this stage of their lives.



**Action:** Rejoice with your friends who are grandparents, regardless of the circumstances of the pregnancy. Discuss with friends who are parents of teenagers how they might react to a pregnancy. Share your belief in the sanctity of every life, and your knowledge of the help that is available at pregnancy help centers for the whole family. The Option Line is available 24/7 at 800-395-HELP, or online at [www.OptionLine.org](http://www.OptionLine.org).