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Defending non-negotiable principles

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Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two

years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." (Matthew 2: 13-18)

Jesus immersed himself in human history and survived the wickedness and sinfulness of men who tried to kill him from the beginning of his life. At that time, as now, there are many people who take advantage of the defenceless, from the womb to old age. Let us, therefore, ask ourselves whether, by our choices, we are on the side of the modern Herods or on the side of the defenceless by explicitly denouncing and fighting against crimes against life such as abortion and euthanasia.