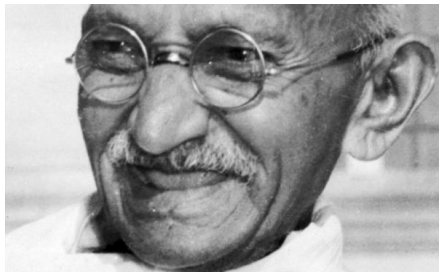


## **Gandhi. *Consistent.***

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869, and became the international symbol of the power of nonviolence. Gandhi was the most revered political and ideological leader in India during that nation's delicate transition to independence. His leadership of national civil disobedience led ultimately to India's separation from Great Britain, and

his work and writings have inspired nonviolent movements around the world.



He said, "Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong," and he rejected all forms of violence. As an advocate of the doctrine of *ahimsa* (non-violence toward and respect for all life forms) Gandhi became known as "Mahatma" (Great Soul). He rejected all forms of killing, including abortion. "It seems to me clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime."

Mahatma Gandhi championed *Satyagraha*, the force of non-cooperation with evil, whose methods might include boycotting products, refusing to work for unjust employers, refusing to supply services, and refusing to pay taxes. Gandhi showed that this "soul force" could be a powerful force for change.

"My faith is as strong as ever...There is no hope for the aching world except through the narrow and straight path of nonviolence. Millions like me may fail to prove the truth in their own lives; that would be their failure, never of the eternal law."

Gandhi led the world in respecting the sanctity of all life and opposing all forms of violence. Will you follow?

*We are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, the death penalty, and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a 'consistent ethic of life.' We challenge those working on all or some of these issues to maintain a cooperative spirit of peace, reconciliation, and respect in protecting the unprotected.*



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