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A Generation At Risk: Faces of Terrorists

- There is mounting evidence that our society, and in the global community as a whole, the disregard for the value of human life has wrought unspeakable tragedy. One only need mention the cities of Blacksburg, Detroit, Tucson, the sites of recent fatal shootings, to be vividly reminded that the absence of a sanctity of life results in the destruction of human life.
- There is a generation of young people who think that war is a normal way of life.
- The world is learning to live and accept terrorism and violence as a way of life.
- The average age of a terrorist recruit is 13.
- Gangs recruit kids in the same way that terrorists do.
- In Israel, 29 suicide attacks have been carried out by youth under the age of 18, 22 shootings attacks and attacks using explosive devices.
- More than 40 youths under the age of 18 were involved in attempted suicide bombings that were thwarted. (*"2004 Global Report on the Use of Child Soldiers"*).
- Arab and Iranian groups tend to use boys aged 14 to 15 for dangerous missions, in part because they are less likely to question instructions and in part because they are less likely to attract attention. (*The Sociology and Psychology of Terrorism*, Russell & Miller).
- Holding life as sacred and honored is needed now more than any other time in history.
- One Life Alliance was formed to create a universal dialogue between people of all ages, races, religions and gender about the sacredness of life.