

Human Prenatal Development – Investigation 3: Faith and Reason Reflection Worksheet

Student Name: _____ *Date:* _____

Please answer the following questions thoughtfully and completely. Leave a blank line between each answer.

1. How does the development of a beating heart during the first trimester reflect the truth that life begins from the moment of conception?

2. The Catechism teaches that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” How does what you’ve learned about first trimester development support this teaching?

3. In Luke 1:41, John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb when Mary greeted Elizabeth. What does this reveal about the spiritual life and awareness of an unborn child?

4. St. John Paul II said, “Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.” How might understanding prenatal development influence how we use our freedom?

5. Choose two virtues from this list:

Wonder, Respect, Responsibility, Gratitude, Stewardship, Courage, Compassion.

For each, explain how learning about the first trimester can help you grow in that virtue.