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Martin Sheen. *Consistent.*

Martin Sheen is an actor. He is best known for his performances as Captain Willard in the film *Apocalypse Now*, Confederate General Robert E. Lee in *Gettysburg*, and President Josiah Bartlet in the popular television series *The West Wing*. Mr. Sheen has worked with some of the world's most noted directors, including Martin Scorsese, Steven Spielberg, Oliver Stone, Francis Ford Coppola, Richard Attenborough, Terrence Malick and Mike Nichols.

Martin Sheen also believes in the consistent life ethic. He rejects all violence, from abortion to war.

Inspired by a deep Catholic faith, Sheen has put his beliefs in action for almost 50 years. He supported Cesar Chavez during the early days of the farm worker movement in California, and has worked tirelessly on behalf of a variety of peace and justice causes. He has spoken out about political repression in Central America, marched on immigration reform, fought against the Salvadoran death squads, and supported the closing of nuclear test sites. He has been arrested on a number of occasions for nonviolent civil disobedience.

"Peacemaking is the greatest need of the world today. We are the daughters and sons of God, and that means we are called to be peacemakers, whether we like it or not."



Martin Sheen knows how tough it is to maintain a consistent life ethic—to say no to abortion and the death penalty, to euthanasia and militarism. It is in his relationship with Jesus that he has found the courage to publicly and repeatedly affirm his commitment to life.

Sheen once said in an interview, "I never despair, because the political powers that be are not running the universe. They may be running the United States, they may be running the military, they may be running even the world, but they are not running the universe, they are not running the human heart. A higher power is yet to be heard in this regard, and I'm not so sure that we haven't already heard. We just haven't been listening. I still believe in the nonviolent Jesus and the basic human goodness present in all of us."

Martin Sheen is a supporter of Consistent Life. Will you join him?

We are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, capital punishment 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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