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News Notes

Public hospitals that deliver babies must provide abortions, even if owned by Catholics

By Ben Johnson

Public hospitals that receive funds to deliver babies must also provide abortion and contraception, even if they are absorbed by Catholic health care providers, according to a legal opinion delivered by Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

"Public hospital districts may not administer or fund programs to provide 'maternity care benefits, services, or information to women' without also making provision for 'contraception' and for women 'to voluntarily terminate their pregnancies,'" Ferguson wrote.

The opinion came after Democratic State Senator Kevin Ranker of Orcas Island raised concerns about public hospitals potentially merging with Catholic health care providers who oppose abortion, contraception and physician-assisted suicide.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued Ethical and Religious Directives forbidding faithful Catholics from engaging in such practices. The First Amendment protects conscience rights.

However, Ferguson wrote that in 1991 Washington state voters passed Initiative 120, which stated, "Every individual has the fundamental right to choose or refuse birth control," and "to choose or refuse to have an abortion."

The attorney general ruled that since public hospital districts represent the state, they cannot "discriminate against the exercise of these rights," nor can organizations that absorb them—even if such procedures violate their religion.

The decision is not the first time state lawmakers have tried to link the right to life with the right to an abortion.

The ruling echoes the debate over the "Reproductive Parity Act," which would have forced any insurance company that offers prenatal coverage to also pay for elective abortions. The

bill passed the House but died in the state Senate this spring.

Human Life of Washington warned the bill would lead to "the taking of human life in violation of conscience for the first time in the history of our nation."

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of Seattle called the bill "utterly indefensible" and "a grave infringement on the rights of conscience."

Americans United for Life President and CEO Charmaine Yoest agreed, "Clearly, Big Abortion's agenda has effectively moved from 'choice' to coercion as they focus their legislative efforts on forcing Americans—including those in the health insurance industry—to acquiesce to their radical agenda or face severe consequences."

—Excerpts from *LifeSiteNews.com*
August 21, 2013

Unborn Baby Shortly After Conception is "Not a Living Being"

By Steven Ertelt

The *Washington Post*, in an editorial attacking pro-life Virginia gubernatorial candidate Ken Cuccinelli, includes a rather un-scientific claim: that an unborn baby shortly after conception is "not a living being."

From the *Post* editorial: The practical effects of "personhood" measures, including the one in Virginia to which Mr. Cuccinelli affixed his name, would easily include banning the most popular forms of contraception. This is because the pill, as well as other forms of birth control, work partly by preventing the implantation of eggs in the uterus wall after they have been fertilized. If the "preborn" are protected "from the moment of fertilization," as the 2007 bill demanded, then contraception—which defeats a fertilized egg's chances of becoming a living being—could be prohibited. In fact, the legislation seems to demand it.

Jonathan Imbody of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, tells *LifeNews*: the newspaper has basic science wrong:

The *Post* is entitled to its own editorial opinions but not its own facts, and scientific fact clearly contradicts the assertion that "contraception... defeats a fertilized egg's chances of becoming a living being."

Embryology textbooks clarify the lay term "fertilized egg" as "...a zygote or fertilized ovum which is the primordium or beginning of a new human being. Human development begins at fertilization... This highly specialized, totipotent cell marked the beginning of each of us as a unique individual."¹

"Although life is a continuous process, fertilization is a critical landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new, genetically distinct human organism is formed..."²

So contrary to the *Post*, not only is a "fertilized egg" a living being; he or she is a human being. A human being is by nature a person, defined as "a human being regarded as an individual."³

But political ideology prevents the admission that abortion claims the life of a moving, smiling, hiccupping, grimacing, living human being—a person.

¹Keith L. Moore & T.V.N. Persaud. *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology*, 6th Edition, 1998. ²Ronan O'Rahilly & Fabiola Muller, 2001 *Human Embryology & Teratology*, 3rd Ed. ³Apple Inc. dictionary, ver. 2.21.

—*LifeNews.com*, September 17, 2013

Good News

Recently, a Texas Planned Parenthood affiliate agreed to a \$4.3 million dollar settlement after investigators found it had engaged in waste, abuse and potential fraud in billing the Texas Medicaid program out of millions of taxpayer dollars, providing even more evidence supporting the urgent need for a federal investigation.

On August 6, a spokesperson for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), an independent non-partisan investigative arm of Congress, confirmed that it will begin a nationwide investigation into how Planned Parenthood and other Big Abortion allies spend federal government funding.

Christmas Cards 2013

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call your local Right to Life - LIFESPAN office: Oakland/Macomb **248-816-1546** or Wayne County/Downriver **734-422-6230**.



Peace

This striking card depicts the midnight sky and star of Bethlehem. The word PEACE is spelled out in large, embossed, gold-foil letters. All the important people for a Nativity scene are portrayed on this card. The embossed figures are all tastefully robed in rich tones of many colors. This outstanding rendition is on a high quality, smooth finish, ecru colored card. Gold-lined matching envelopes are included.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 7-7/8"

\$17 per box of 20

Verse: *May the Spirit of Christmas be with you
Its Gift cherished
Its Hope brighter
Its Peace enduring
And its Reverence for Life celebrated
As we rejoice in the Birth of Our Savior
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

Love

This selection captures the emotions of love and tenderness as Mary gently holds her newborn Son, Jesus, and kisses the face of God. The ink colors on this glossy-finish card are primarily shades of blue, beige and gold. White envelopes are included.

Actual size: 4-7/8" x 6-3/4"

\$7 per pkg. of 10

Verse: *So gentle this time of wonder
So holy His moment of birth
So wondrous this Gift of Life
When Love was born on earth*

*May the Lord of Life bless you this Christmas
and throughout the coming year*



Religious Ornament

This card portrays a dark blue Christmas ornament on an ecru felt-finish background, beautifully embossed in decorative gold foil and reveals Mary and Joseph lovingly gazing at the newly-born Son of God. Gold, foil-lined envelopes are included.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 7-7/8"

\$15 per box of 20

Verse: *Come and behold Him
born the King of Angels*

*May the love of the Infant Jesus
in Whom all Life begins
be yours this Christmas and always*

Merry Christmas



*A limited quantity of this card from 2012 is available
at the reduced price of \$15.00 per box of 20.
All cards are made in the U.S.A.*

Right to Life - LIFESPAN



In 1980, Right to Life - LIFESPAN arranged for the dignified burial of five unborn children. On September 14th, LIFESPAN hosted a memorial service at their gravesite, in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, as part of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Approximately 100 people attended the service.



All who attended Lifespan's annual Pro-Life Breakfast, held on September 7, were inspired and informed by our speakers, Steven Ertelt, Rep. Martin Howrylak, Mary Dudley, Pastor John Hearn and Miranda Kasprovicz.



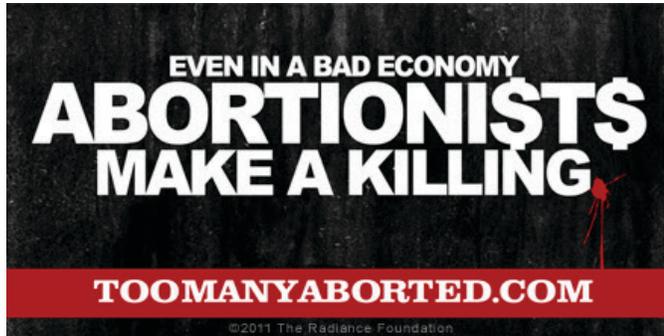
Bake Sale! St. Mary Church in Wayne will host a **Bake Sale** on the weekend of **October 26 and 27**. If you can bake for this event, items can be dropped off at the LIFESPAN Wayne County/Downriver Chapter office, 14600 Farmington Rd., Ste. 108, Livonia, on Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon or at the church after 2 p.m. Any special treat is greatly appreciated and helps to make a successful fundraiser.

Lifespan's 24th Annual Baby Shower! If you or your church would like to co-host a baby shower on **Sunday, March 9, 2014**, please call 734-524-0162. Showers may be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m. or simply as a "drop-off" shower after church services. Shower donations benefit local pregnancy help centers.

How Does Planned Parenthood Get Away With Claiming Only 3% of its Business is Abortion?

By Dave Andrusko

Listen to Planned Parenthood and “providing” abortions is not only a public service, it is such a small part of all that it does that it hardly merits mentioning. It’s only those mean old pro-lifers—such as Dr. Randall K. O’Bannon, NRLC’s Director of Education—who insist on making the insignificant (abortion makes up “only 3%” of PPFA’s services) seem significant.



Of course as Dr. O’Bannon has explained many times, that 3% figure is ridiculously misleading. Recently, Rachael Larimore, writing on Slate.com, did an excellent job illuminating what she calls “The Most Meaningless Abortion Statistic Ever.”

She unpacks that lie (my word, not hers) primarily in two ways. First, Larimore explains a key PPFA trick: “Planned Parenthood ‘unbundles’ all of its services so that a pack of pills, an STD test and an exam are three separate services.”

Second, without belaboring how the 3% underestimates the real percentage of services abortion constitutes, Larimore then brilliantly illuminates how PPFA hides what a cash cow abortion is for PPFA.

“Undoubtedly, some of those services are cheaper than others: To illustrate this, let’s make a comparison with an actual business.

Say I open a watch store. I sell lots of those cheap plastic digital ones that you can get at discount stores. And I sell some Timex and Casio, and also some nicer designer watches. But then I also keep a few superexpensive Brightlings and Patek Phillipes in stock. And maybe those only make up 3 percent of my sales.

But selling only a handful of fancy watches brings in far more than 3 percent of my REVENUES. And so it is with abortion.”

So how much money DOES PPFA take in from performing abortions?

I asked Dr. O’Bannon for a more exact breakdown, based on his years of experience following Planned Parenthood. He told NRL News Today:

“Abortion is a huge profit center for PPFA. At going rates for a standard surgical abortion performed at 10 weeks, the

333,964 abortions Planned Parenthood performed represent an income of at least \$150.6 million. And it is no secret that Planned Parenthood advertises and performs more expensive chemical and later surgical abortions, indicating that abortion revenues are likely considerably higher. Collectively, the organization and its affiliates took in nearly \$1.2 billion in revenues (\$1,199,100,000 to be exact).”

Referring to PPFA’s Planned Parenthood’s 2011-2012 Annual Report, O’Bannon added,

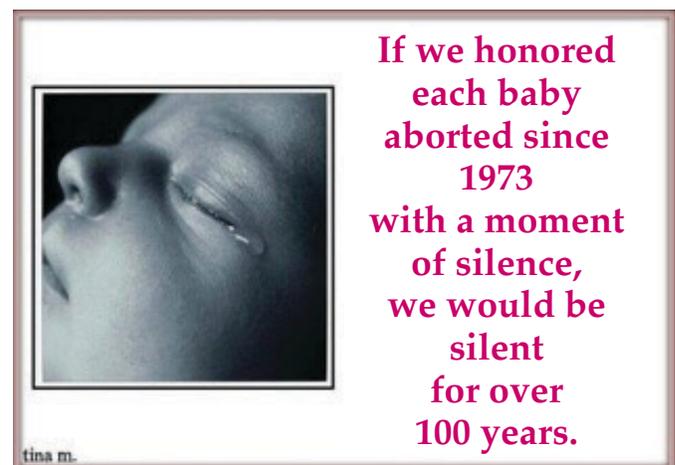
“Planned Parenthood received over half a billion dollars (\$542.4 million) in ‘Government Health Services Grants and Reimbursements.’ This represents more than 45% of the group’s annual revenues. While federal monies for abortion are currently limited by the Hyde Amendment to cases of rape, incest, or life of the mother, at least 17 states and several local communities can and do fund abortions. With the onset of ObamaCare, that amount could mushroom.”

We all understand why PPFA minimizes the enormous amount of money it takes in from abortion; why it would prefer to talk about anything other than the 339,964 abortions it performed in 2011 (that’s one lost life every 94 seconds); and most of all the grim truth that about one out of every nine women coming through Planned Parenthood’s door will have an abortion!

But all the misleading talk in the world about “only 3%” of its services can’t obscure the reality that PPFA is the largest abortion provider in the nation and is taking aggressive steps to expand that murderous empire — building central abortion megaclinics, adding chemical abortions to their smaller offices, experimenting with technologies such as “webcam” abortions. This can only mean more victims and higher revenues at the abortion giant for years to come.

Dave Andrusko is the editor of National Right to Life News and an author and editor of several books on abortion topics. This article first appeared in National Right to Life News Today — an online column on pro-life issues.

—LifeNews.com, August 29, 2013



Youth News



Happy Fall to all junior high, high school and college students, parents of teens, young adults, youth group leaders, coordinators, ministers at schools and churches, teachers, principals, administrators, pastors, deacons, priests and all volunteers who work with young people!

Just to keep you updated...

the "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip Registration Forms have been coming in steadily! Buses 3, 5, 6 and 7 are full and include the Crusaders for Life Detroit group, Our Lady of the Lakes High School/Parish group, and Ladywood High School. I am waiting on final registrations to come in from other groups that include St. Mary's Port Huron, St. Mary Queen of Creation, Our Lady on the River, St. Faustina, Zion Christian Church, U of D Jesuit High School, Loyola High School, etc.

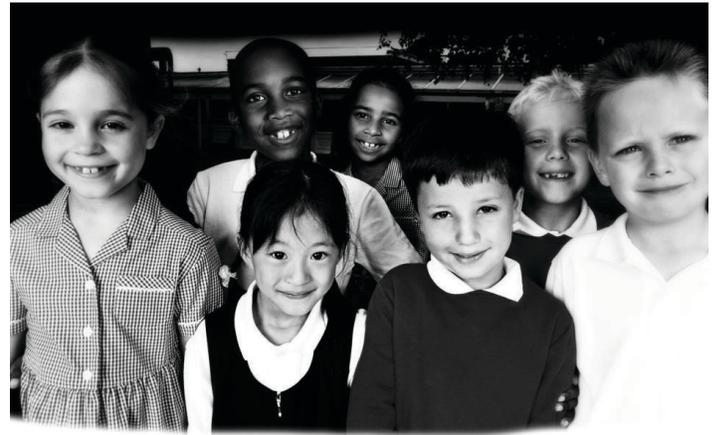
The Youth Bus Trip T-Shirt Design Contest will end October 30th. I am excited to see who will have the winning design for the 2014 Youth Bus Trip!

Thanks to all the young people who participated in the annual National Pro-Life Chalk Day on September 5th, the annual Right to Life - LIFESPAN Fall Breakfast on September 7th, the first National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on September 14th, and the National Silent Day of Solidarity on October 15th!

The annual CIDER Walk (Children In utero Deserve Equal Rights) will take place on Sunday, October 20th at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. See pages 8, 14 and 16 for more details. Will YOU be a leader and organize a



Paige Pilarski, *Ava Maria University*, and Marissa Rosenbaum, *Madonna University*, volunteering at the registration table for the Pro-Life Generation event held at Oakland University on August 10. Sponsored by Educational Center for Life and Right to Life - LIFESPAN, it was a very rewarding event for all attending.



NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

team of walkers to participate from your school pro-life group, from your college/university campus Students for Life group, and from your parish/church LIFE Teen, YOLO, Crusaders, Operation Abolish Abortion and other youth groups?

Call or e-mail Eileen at 734-524-0162 or mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org for more details on how to sign up.

I always like to share worthwhile pro-life articles with you! Take a few minutes to check each of them out! Pass them along to others!

www.lifenews.com "Baby with Trisomy 13 Lives 135 Days, Reaches 500,000 Facebook fans," by Nancy Flanders, 9/13/13.

www.nrlc.org "Abortion Clinic Closures: Truth and Fiction, part one," by Dave Andrusko, 9/6/13.

www.lifenews.com "Doctor Sings Happy Birthday to Every Baby He Delivers," by Steven Ertelt, 8/1/13.

www.lifenews.com "Pope Pledges to Baptize Mother's Baby After She Rejects Abortion," by Steven Ertelt, 9/6/13.

www.liveaction.news "Should College Students be Able to Refuse Graphic Sex Ed Info?" by Christina Martin, Live Action News, reprinted in LifeNews.com, 9/5/13.

Secular Pro-Life "The Latest Pop Culture Defense of Abortion: Everybody's Doing It," by Kelsey Hazzard, reprinted in LifeNews.com, 9/5/13.

www.nrlc.org "Fascinating Research Demonstrates Unborn Children Can Learn," by Luis Zaffirini, 8/29/13.

Human Exceptionalism Blog "That Unborn Babies Can Recognize Words Before Birth Proof of Their Humanity," by Wesley Smith, JD, reprinted in LifeNews.com, 8/28/13.

Live Action News "Why I am a Young, Black Woman Who is Proudly Pro-Life on Abortion," by Christina Martin, Live Action News, reprinted in LifeNews.com, 8/28/13.

Stay tuned for more details in the next few months of an upcoming pro-life event for high school and college students that will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Madonna University in Livonia! :o)

Your friend for LIFE!!!

Lynn Gura, Youth Director
Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

11 Things “Pro-Choicers” Don’t Get About Abortion

By Kristi Burton Brown

1) It’s not about choice; it’s about abortion.

I mean, really, what “choice” are we talking about here? The “choice” to what? We’re not debating the “choice” to keep your child and raise him yourself. We’re not arguing over adoption, either. The sole thing we have a difference on is *abortion*. That’s what we’re debating here. So let’s get real.

You’re either pro-abortion or you’re pro-life. If you support the “choice” to abort, then you are pro-abortion. And if you have a hard time with that, maybe you should reconsider your beliefs...

2) Abortion DOES hurt women.

This is part of the reason it’s “tragic,” in the words of many on both sides of the issue. It’s disingenuous to act as though abortion isn’t a painful decision for many women (not all). Read these true stories: <http://ireport.cnn.com/topics/921603>. And these: <http://teenabortionissues.com/teen-regrets-abortion>. And these: <http://www.teenbreaks.com/abortion/abortionhome.cfm>. Here’s more: <http://silentnomoreawareness.org/testimonies/index.aspx>.

3) Level of development and degree of ability don’t determine worth.

Just because an unborn child isn’t able to _____ (you fill in the blank), that doesn’t make her unworthy of life. Think of all the born people you know who are less able than others. Think of the degree of dependency an infant has on his mother. (Currently, I’m experiencing this with my son!) Arguably, the elderly experience a decline in development as they age. Should they be deemed unworthy to live?

4) Size doesn’t determine worth.

Nope. This one doesn’t matter, either. Whether we’re talking about an unborn child who is smaller than a peanut or the world’s tallest man, what makes us worthy of the right to life is our inherent humanity. Every human being—small, large or medium—deserves to be equally respected with the right to life.

5) Just because you’re in someone’s body doesn’t mean you are her body.

It should be obvious, but instead, it seems to escape many people that an unborn child is *not* a part of his mother’s body. I mean, really, think about it. Yes, when I was pregnant, my son was inside my body. But he was not *me*. His body parts were not mine. He was (and is) a unique, separate and living individual.

And just because his place of residence happened to be inside an organ of mine specifically designed for him to



inhabit, that does not mean I had the right to end his life for the 40 weeks and 3 days he stayed there.

6) Men have a right to be pro-life.

Really, every person technically has the “right” to take whatever position he or she wants to. (Some are clearly more correct and humane than others, but that’s another issue altogether.) Women have always objected to being defined solely by our gender. It’s not fair in the least to turn around and insist that men and their views on abortion be defined by their gender. What’s fair for the goose is indeed fair for the gander. But please, go here: <http://liveactionnews.org/if-you-dont-have-a-uterus-zip-it/> and read someone far more convincing than me.

7) Women are strong enough to make this work.

Pro-choicers like to argue that women should be “trusted” to make their own decisions about “their own bodies.” Okay, we’ve already covered how we’re not talking about your own body. (Is it your own life you’re ending? I didn’t think so.) But let’s flip the coin.

Shouldn’t women be trusted to be strong enough to care for their children, despite their circumstances? Instead of saying, “Oh, we trust you to take a way out of this by killing your innocent, helpless child,” shouldn’t we be saying, “We trust that you are strong enough to handle this. We trust that you are strong enough to care for this child who needs you to make a choice for life. We trust that you can make this work. We trust that you can be an awesome mother. And what’s more, we’re going to help you do it by doing _____”?

That would be actually serving and caring for women. It’s easy to say, “It’s your choice. I won’t interfere.” It’s

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Lifespan Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

Wayne County/Downriver

Christmas Cards

The cards are due to be delivered to our offices on October 9th. Many area churches will be offering the cards to their faith communities, and we will have them here in the office. Don't wait too long though—they are beautiful cards and when they are gone, we can't order anymore this year.

Remembrance Ceremony

The Remembrance Ceremony for the unborn babies LIFESPAN provided burial for 30 years ago was a truly beautiful memorial. About 100 people attended our service at White Chapel Cemetery and one could not help but be moved by seeing the small headstone covered with 55 red roses, signifying the lives of 55 million babies lost to abortion in the last 40 years.

Breakfast

Congratulations to the Wayne County/Downriver Chapter for another successful Breakfast. The main speaker, Steven Ertelt, provided great information and State Representative Martin Howrylak (R-41) brought us up to date about activity in Lansing.

Cider Walk

This year's Cider Walk, Sunday, October 20, will be a combined effort of the Oakland/Macomb and Wayne County/Downriver Chapters of Lifespan. We encourage all our members, regardless of where you live geographically, to make the effort to join other pro-lifers for this important fundraiser.

For some of us, it may be a little distance to go, but our destination is the beautiful **Heritage Park in Farmington Hills** where there is something for all the family members to do. Bring the picnic basket, come early and stay late!

The funds raised from this WALK for LIFE will go into the Lifespan Educational Fund and donations are tax-deductible. Getting sponsors is so easy and can be handled completely by e-mail. Let your friends and relatives know that you are walking for the endangered child in the womb and for an end to abortion. Ask them to sponsor you with a pledge and to send their checks to your home address. Then, you pass them onto Lifespan. THAT'S IT! How easy is that?

This is a family-oriented event and some of your party will be coming to "walk for LIFE," while others, unable to walk, or with small children may visit the playground or Nature Center. This center introduces interpretive exhibits, reflecting our natural world such as a life-sized animal habitat with over twenty different animals on display. Other exhibits include a backyard habitat viewing area, native fish aquariums, a nature library and activity table, as well as a hands-on-touch table, Discovery Cove and more.

Petition Drive

By the time you receive this edition of *LIFESPAN News*, the petition signatures will have been turned in to the State for inspection. Collecting more than 300,000 signatures is not easy, but all of you who circulated petitions did a great job. You were not always met with approval from those you approached, and that is hurtful, but we were successful. Now, it is up to our Michigan legislature to vote again to exclude abortion as a covered benefit in health care plans.

Movement in Motion

If you are planning to go to Washington, DC in January, better call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546, very soon. We are sending nine buses, and they are filling up fast.

Smile

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

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If you believe that **Children In-utero Deserve Equal Rights**, don't hesitate to ask for pledges and join us for a fun-filled day. Children in Halloween costumes will receive candy treats. See pages 14 and 16 for more details.

Entertainment Books 2014

NEW feature: All coupons are good until December 31, 2014. They make great gifts. It's the gift that keeps giving over and over again. Cost is \$25 which is \$5 less than retail, and you're supporting our pro-life work!

Happy Birthday, Fr. Ray Bucon

Fr. Bucon requested the Queenship of Mary Guild from the clustered parishes of St. Sabina and Our Lady of Grace to have a "Gift of Life Bake Sale" annually for LIFESPAN. Fr. Ray wrote in his column in the *Catholic Voice*, "We have been having a Birthday Bake Sale during the month of my birthday for five years now. It is a fitting way to thank God for all of our lives and to support future generations through donations to the local Right to Life – LIFESPAN organization."

Fr. Ray, we would like to add our birthday greetings to you also. You are a steadfast advocate for LIFE and we are honored to call you, Friend. P.S. Thank you, parishioners, for the very generous \$880 check.

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Wee Care

Dear Friends,

It's November—a time for giving thanks! You do so much for my babies, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Each one of our families is in a desperate situation and you make such a difference in their lives. What if my little ones or their moms could thank you personally? There would be “thank yous” from the moms who received:

A snowsuit to keep the baby warm as they waited at the bus stops—their only means of transportation.

Desperately needed formula for sensitive stomachs (not provided by WIC) for the baby with severe allergies;

Warm blankets and afghans for the newborn sleeping in a drafty homeless shelter;

A special car seat for a tiny newborn too small for the standard size and who wouldn't be released from the hospital until the mom had one—(and after being by her baby's side every day for two months while he fought for his life—she couldn't wait to get him home!);

Information on “Caring for Newborns & Safe Sleeping” for our inexperienced and apprehensive teen moms;

Breastfeeding supplies for the mom of a very tiny preemie—to give him a fighting chance with mom's milk;

Diaper rash ointment, wipes and lots of diapers for a baby suffering with chronic diarrhea;

A pack & play and bedding for a mom who finally moved into her own house and then found it was infested with bedbugs and had to throw out her baby's bed;

Teddy bears and cuddly stuffed animals for the big sister or brother (babies themselves) who come in with mom to pick up the “new” baby's supplies;

And so much more!

EVERY mom receives sleepers, outfits, bibs, booties, blankets, sheets, baby towels, onesies, diapers, wipes, lotions and most important—your love!

If they could thank you personally—there would be lots of hugs and tears from the moms and lopsided little smiles from their cherished babies! And me—I thank God every day that these moms chose life for their precious babies, and I thank Him for sending me YOU to provide for them!

May God bless you always and may your Thanksgiving Day be filled with much love and more blessings than you can imagine!

Love, Karen

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All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.

Special thanks to all our co-sponsors of the 26th Annual LIFE CHAIN held Oct. 6!

Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, Detroit
Auburn Hills Christian Center, Auburn Hills
Belleville Church of God, Belleville
Christ Church of Redford, Redford
Christ Lutheran Church, Milford
Christian Bible Fellowship, Farmington Hills
Church of the Holy Spirit (Catholic), Highland
Church of the Holy Family (Catholic), Novi
Congregation Shema Yisrael, Bloomfield Hills
Covenant Community Church, Redford
Divine Child Catholic Church, Dearborn
Full Gospel Temple Assembly of God, Westland
Guardian Angels Catholic Church, Clawson
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Lapeer
Knights of Columbus #13673 (St. Gerald Parish), Farmington
National Shrine of the Little Flower (Catholic), Royal Oak
Northville Christian Assembly, Northville
Oakland Hills Community Church, Farmington Hills
Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Clarkston
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights
Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, Redford
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church, Beverly Hills
Praise Baptist Church, Plymouth
Romulus Wesleyan Church, Romulus
Sacred Heart Byzantine Church, Livonia
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Dearborn
Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, Sterling Hts.
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Dearborn

St. Anselm Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights
St. Barbara / St. Cunegunda Catholic Church, Dearborn
St. Clair County Right to Life
St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Farmington Hills
St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park
St. Dunstan Catholic Church, Garden City
St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia
St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills
St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Parish, Livonia
St. James Catholic Church, Ferndale
St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser
St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Redford
St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser
St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Warren
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lake Orion
St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth
St. Lawrence Catholic Parish, Utica
St. Linus Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights
St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne
St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church, Rochester Hills
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Walled Lake
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Livonia
St. Priscilla Catholic Church, Livonia
St. Raphael Catholic Church, Garden City
St. Sabina Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights
St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, Westland
St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church, Shelby Twp.
St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, Canton
St. Valentine Catholic Church, Redford
Union Lake Baptist Church, Commerce
Walton Boulevard Worship Center, Pontiac
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville

11 Things Pro-Choicers Don't Get

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much harder to get involved, tell a woman she can do it, and actually help in the real ways that new mothers need. But if we really believed in the strength of women, that's what we'd do.

8) Children are worth making sacrifices for.

Sure, you might have to postpone college to have this baby. (Though you probably really don't need to.) Sure, you might have a hard time making ends meet. (Though there are plenty of places and government programs that can help you—ask at your local pregnancy resource center.) Sure, your mind might be overwhelmed with all the changes this baby will bring to your life. (Though there are people to help you sort through that.)

But every single baby is worth it! Every single baby—your baby—is irreplaceable and one-of-a-kind. This baby isn't coming back. If you end her life, she's not coming back to you one day when your life is together. He's not going to reappear in the womb of a woman you think is more ready. This is his one and only chance for life on earth.

She's absolutely worth sacrificing for. The huge majority of these women (<http://ireport.cnn.com/topics/921603>) wish they had.

9) Life isn't all about "ME."

I'm not saying that all pro-choicers are selfish. But the fact remains that a big talking point is that it's "all about the woman," *her* choices, *her* body, *her* life, etc.

But the choice for abortion doesn't affect only "me"—whether "me" is you or the woman whose "right" you think you're defending. Nope, sorry, she doesn't get the right to be selfish when the result is killing a totally innocent human being.

Plus, as a woman, would you rather celebrate your baby girl's birthday every year, or the anniversary of her death—your abortion? Because a woman *does* remember the day her child lived or died.

10) Women don't get an exception to kill their children.

I'm a feminist. But that means I believe that women ought to be treated *equally*, not *specially*. We don't get "special" rights just because we're women. Especially not the "right" to kill our children.

First, that's not even a right. At least it shouldn't be. Second, what does it say about us as women if we gain our power through taking the lives of our children—those who are weaker and more helpless than we are? Really? *That's* what we need to succeed and to be equal?

No, as a woman, I am powerful because I participate in giving life to my children. Only the weak believe they need to take away the rights of others and use their deaths as stepping stones to their own success.

11) Pregnancy resource centers are women's friends.

Real friends share the truth, even when it's hard to hear. And developmentally accurate photos (<http://www.lifeissues.org/windows.html>), information (<http://www.lifenews.com/2013/08/09/the-amazing-fetal-development-of-unborn-babies-at-20-weeks/>), and ultrasounds of unborn babies (<http://prolifeamerica.com/4D-Ultrasound-pictures/>), real descriptions of abortion (<http://liveactionnews.org/a-medical-doctor-and-former-abortionist-describes-the-de-abortion-procedure/>), and info on adoption are all *truth* that women need to hear. Take a look here for an amazing scientific and modern video on unborn life: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKyl-jukBE70>.

Abortion clinics are not about truth. They're about abortion. (We've come full circle, huh?)

If you don't believe me, read this story about a counselor who smiled as she insisted on abortion: <http://www.jillstaneck.com/2013/08/a-planned-parenthood-visit-selling-slaughter-with-a-smile/>.

Read about this case where an abortion was forced on a woman who changed her mind: <http://liveactionnews.org/mother-sues-planned-parenthood-over-forced-botched-abortion/>.

Read what abortion really is. See one: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gON-8PP6zgQ>.

Read about the corruption of Planned Parenthood. Take a look at the real facts behind the public face: <http://www.aul.org/aul-special-report-the-case-for-investigating-planned-parenthood>.

Find out about investigations into abortion clinics: <http://www.liveaction.org>.

And watch this video about the *real* truth behind the abortion industry: <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/09/25/11-things-pro-choicers-dont-get-about-abortion/>.

Now, I hope you get it...

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Miami Heat's Udonis Haslem's Wife Got an Abortion, *New York Times* Celebrates

By Steven Ertelt

The *New York Times* has long been a champion of abortion—earning “awards” from watchdog groups as one of the most biased publications when it comes to reporting on abortions.

Now the Gray Lady is going overboard with its effusive praise of snuffing out the lives of unborn children by printing a wedding announcement celebrating the abortion Miami Heat's Udonis Haslem's fiancée obtained. Naturally, the pro-abortion blog Jezebel is happy the abortion story was included and has more on it: <http://jezebel.com/progress-ny-times-wedding-announcement-openly-discusse-1239270440>.

On August 30, the *Times* announced the wedding of Faith Rein and Udonis Haslem, a power forward on the Miami Heat's championship-nabbing team. After meeting at the University of Florida, Rein and Haslem endured the hardships that most young couples have to endure on their way to a lifetime of lazy weekends on a really comfortable couch in front of some really primo digital cable. They were trying, in other words, to shore up their financial future. Haslem wanted to play for the NBA, but, on his way to eventually achieving that goal, he and Rein almost took a detour deep into parenthood:

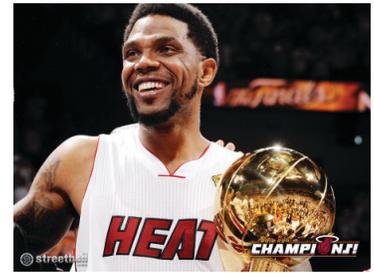
Their first challenge took place the following spring when she became pregnant. It was her junior and his senior year, and he had begun training for the N.B.A. draft. Despite the pregnancy, she was busy with track meets and helping him complete homework. The timing was bad.

“I am not a huge fan of abortion, but we both had sports careers, plus we could not financially handle a baby,” said Mr. Haslem, noting how he struggled with supporting Kedonis, the son he had in high school, who is now 14 and who lives with his mother.

“Udonis appreciated that I was willing to have an abortion,” Ms. Rein said. “I found him caring, supportive, nurturing and all over me to be sure I was O.K. I saw another side of him during that difficult time and fell deeply in love. He had a big heart and was the whole package.”

The Jezebel blogger is beside herself with glowing praise over Haslem and Rein's decision to have an abortion—saying killing their child is a “sign of progress” and that they had the so-called courage to not sacrifice their future. Never mind the future of their baby and how that was destroyed.

This news also follows that of NBA player JJ Redick, who received national attention for a contract pressuring his former girlfriend to have an abortion.



—*LifeNews.com*, September 3, 2013

Types Of Abortion

TELEMED ABORTION

A new method of abortion is slowly being added to the list of ways an unborn child can be destroyed. This is the so-called “telemed” abortion.

Described in rather glowing terms by those who support it, telemed abortions allow a woman seeking an abortion to have a “safe and secure” internet conversation with a doctor who will prescribe an abortion drug, typically RU-486, which she will receive from the abortion clinic staff and take on her own and experience the effects of this drug, usually ending in the expulsion of her now dead baby from her uterus. This generally happens in her own home, with whatever support systems she has in place.

It all sounds very clinical and tidy. Before speaking (not meeting) with the abortion doctor, a nurse or nurse practitioner is supposed to do an ultrasound exam (in many clinics the vaginal ultrasound is the test of choice, in spite of opponents characterizing this as akin to rape), a pelvic exam and “counseling.” Many women who abort with this method claim to like it better (better than what?) because it seems more “private.”

However, there are several concerns here. First of all, according to most state laws, abortions are supposed to be done, or at least overseen, by a physician. An image on a television screen hardly meets that criterion, especially when the woman aborts at home. Secondly, we know that RU-486 has resulted in several deaths and large numbers of bleeding episodes, requiring emergency care. Thirdly, counseling when the drug produces the expected results would clearly not be available.

The proponents of telemed abortions answer all these objections by suggesting that “intermediate” personnel provide this service. In plain language, they are suggesting that no physician need be present for the appointment and cite advances in robotic surgeries and telephone cardiac monitoring as examples of other advances in electronic medicine. These may be advances in health care delivery, but abortion is not health care and a cure or treatment is not being advanced, but rather a human life taken.

This is clearly one more effort to make abortion seem more acceptable with less involvement by those who really know that abortion stops a beating heart. ♦



St. William Pro-Life Group Presents
October Baby

October 27, 2013
 Doors open at 2:30 p.m.
 Movie starts at 3 p.m.

This movie presents a great life-affirming message and shows the necessity for forgiveness. The movie content is appropriate for teens and adults. Learn more about the movie at providentfilms.org/octoberbaby.

Pizza and pop will follow the movie, along with a discussion of the movie's message. Free will offering.

St. William Church is located at 531 Common St., Walled Lake. For further information, please call Juli Simpson at 248-624-3086.

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hospice care: medical, legal, social and spiritual. Basically, the when, where and how of hospice will be explored.

I leave you with this—it is much harder to make a rational decision on the best hospice care for you or your family when you are in a crisis mode. The time to determine what hospice group is right for you is when you are able to look rationally at the different organizations, be able to question them with the right questions and make sure their philosophy of life is the same as yours.

Hopefully, LIFESPAN will be able to fill what I see is a great void in our knowledge of hospice care. All life is valuable from its very early beginning to the very end. Each person must be allowed to maintain the dignity they deserve and be treated with respect, good care (spiritual and physical) even if very ill, old or non-responsive.

In the meantime, if you or a family member needs hospice care, make sure that the moral belief system of the hospice organization fits your own moral beliefs. Use common sense and believe in your own instincts.

Call LIFESPAN—we have names of pro-life hospice organizations available. Stay involved with the treatment of those you love. If you are not sure about a recommendation, seek out a second opinion. Most people, during that last journey of life—death—want to live without pain and be treated with dignity to the end—all while being affirmed as a person of worth.

I pray that we all will be afforded this most basic right. As long as the pro-life community is in existence, we will work to this end.

Yours in Life,

Diane Fagelman, President

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Celebrate with us this Christmas Season, remembering those you love. In keeping with the Christmas spirit of giving, caring and sharing, Lifespan invites you to help illuminate our "Lights for Life" Tree by donating a light in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love. Your tax-deductible contribution may be made throughout the Christmas Season. The Tree will be illuminated December 6 through first week of January. Join us for the Lighting Ceremony, December 6, 6:30 p.m. The Tree will be located on the grounds of Weingartz, 39050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, Michigan. Contributions will be used to benefit Wee Care, a Lifespan outreach program for moms and their babies. Honorees' names will appear in Lifespan News. For more information, call 734-524-0162.



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Disturbing Doctors

By Bradley Mattes

You trust your doctor with your care. Those in the medical profession are supposed to be healers, not killers. However, there are so-called doctors who're **more willing to advocate for the cause of abortion, than they are for your health.**

In this month's issue of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, there's a troubling article entitled, "A statement on abortion by 100 professors of obstetrics: 40 years later." This piece restates an account that was published by 100 obstetrics and gynecology leaders in anticipation of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. In it, they made several predictions, as well as recommendations, regarding what the legalization of abortion would mean. The new version is also signed by 100 OBGYN professionals and reports on the accuracy of those claims and juxtaposes its own opinions regarding the state of the abortion industry today.

The group begins by praising the advancements in the field of abortion, particularly the use of the chemical abortion pill. Since its approval in 1999, it's estimated that RU 486 is responsible for ending the lives of nearly two million children. While it's promoted as a safer and simpler procedure, chemical abortions usually cause a woman to experience extreme pain and cramping, prolonged heavy bleeding or hemorrhaging and sometimes serious, even life-threatening, infections. The use of sonograms is applauded by the group as another advancement, but not to be used for the unborn child. In the abortion industry it's used for guidance during abortion procedures. Somehow, this is considered an advancement in women's health.

What the original writers didn't anticipate are the legislative limitations that have been put on abortion. The current authors are quick to assail any type of common sense protection either for the baby or the woman having the abortion. Waiting periods are called a threat to women's health. Counseling is considered a deceptive practice. Fetal heartbeat or ultrasound requirements are deemed unnecessary procedures. Laws that limit second-trimester abortion are regarded as misleading. Even regulations to protect patient safety are thought of as a "guise." Most appalling is the assertion that minors shouldn't be required to obtain parental notification or consent. It states, "...any girl who is physically mature enough to conceive should, ipso facto, be granted the freedom to determine the fate of her pregnancies."

These aggressive positions bring into question, **whose interests are being protected—the patient's or the abortion industry's?**

They aren't just advocating for more abortion; they're declaring that it should be funded by your tax dollars, making abortion "equally available to the rich and the poor." Currently, the Hyde Amendment prohibits the use of federal dollars for abortion. Yet, Planned

Parenthood works around that law by using tax dollars to keep the lights on and other expenses, freeing up additional monies and other income to use directly for abortions. Under Obamacare, we're at risk for further abortion expansion.

The article also addresses issues of conscience. Thankfully, there are laws currently in place that protect physicians from actions contrary to their conscience. However, this select group seeks to change that. In regard to a physician's duty to counsel, it states, "There are patients who should be **actively encouraged** to consider abortion." (emphasis mine) It claims that advancements in prenatal diagnosis "give obstetricians the opportunity and responsibility to make patients aware of a wide range of genetic anomalies and to offer abortion." This type of mentality has resulted in 90% of children prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome to be killed before they even had the opportunity to be born. If a doctor objects to abortion, they advise, "these physicians must be excused from performing abortions, but must refer patients to colleagues." In other words, they expect such a physician to violate his or her conscience.

In addition, they falsely claim that it's unlikely nurses will refuse to provide abortion services. On our pro-life TV program, *Facing Life Head-On*, I personally met with 5 of 12 nurses from a New Jersey hospital who opposed a mandate for all nursing staff to participate in care for abortion patients. They were bullied and sought legal representation to help them confront hospital administration. These women risked their jobs and livelihood to stand up for their beliefs, and **I'm convinced that these ladies are not in the minority.**

While stating that 1 in 4 pregnancies ends in abortion, these pro-abortion activist physicians are simultaneously pushing that number to be higher by claiming there's a need for more access. **It's disturbing to consider the implications for the women under their care.** If you're looking for a pro-life doctor, organizations like the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists are there to help. It's tragic that with many doctors the burden is on you to be your own advocate, to guard your health, uphold your conscience and protect the life of your unborn baby.

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Bradley Mattes CEO Life Issues Institute
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— Author Unknown

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Kudos to Michigan Nurses for Life and Educational Center for Life for their outstanding conference, "The Changing Face of Hospice." As I listened to the speakers, it became apparent just how far some hospice organizations had strayed from the original intent to help patients and their families transition from life to death with dignity and love.

The four-hour program was much too long to summarize in this one small article. I have decided that in the coming year, this newsletter will cover the key points of interest to which all our members should be made aware.

We will help you discern which hospice group might be best for you or your loved ones when the need arises. Hospice comes in many different varieties, with different mission statements.

Until 1986, they were all non-profit organizations, mostly managed by volunteers. After 1986, government funding for hospice began so there was an infusion of new hospice for-profit organizations which have a business management philosophy—comfort care and long-time care for the dying is not their primary goal (in other words "to stay in business, we must make money which is managed and received from the government.")

In comparison, the non-profit hospices' primary goal is to give dignity to the dying person by treating them as persons of great **worth** no matter how ill.

I want to make this very clear—I am not labeling hospice groups good or bad. What I am saying is that there are definitely differences in the hospice care you may receive from one organization or another. Just because they are called "hospice," do not assume they are going to care for your loved one with honesty, integrity and dignity.

LIFESPAN, in the coming months, will do our own research and share this information with you through *Lifespan News*. I will see to it that we print articles on subjects addressed at the conference. These articles will be educational in content, dealing with different aspects of

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