



Oregon, That's Life

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From the Directors

Who would have thought? This is the start of the FIFTH volume of *Oregon, That's Life*! When we started this newsletter in early 2017, no one knew how long it might last, and now we are into our fifth calendar year already. It has not been easy to produce these on a regular schedule, but we have managed, and hope our efforts are of value to you.

Life is fragile; Let's work together to build it up. Remember, Oregon: *THAT'S LIFE!*

2021 Expectations

The presidential election results are still being contested, but it is appearing more and more that the administration after January 20 will be the most anti-life and pro-abortion government this nation has ever experienced. Our willingness to stand publicly for life is more important than ever. God save America.

Christmas Caroling

Your Life Program Couple was privileged to join several Sidewalk Advocates for an hour shivering while getting soaked by rain in 34-degree weather on Christmas morning. We were singing Christmas carols in front of the Planned Parenthood building in Salem, celebrating a special Birth at a place that works to prevent live birth. For us, what we did that morning made this Christmas that much more special.

9 Days for Life Novena

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. This is a Pro-Life Activities program of the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops), and takes place January 21 to 29, 2021.

See www.respectlife.org

March for Life

The Oregon Right-to-Life 2021 March is January 23 in Salem at the State Capitol. Music starts at 2:10 p.m., program starts at 2:30 p.m., and the March starts immediately after the program (around 3:30 p.m.).

Knights, volunteers are needed starting around 1:00 p.m. Call ORTL for details at 503-463-8563.

COVID Vaccine: To Take, Or Not To Take

Distribution of at least one COVID-19 vaccine began in the United States by December 14. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a memorandum dated 11/20/2020 pertaining to the moral permissibility of using them.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccines involved the use of cell lines originating from aborted baby fetal tissue at any level of design, development, or production.

This does not free the vaccines from connection to abortion though, because both vaccines used a tainted cell line for confirmatory lab testing. The connection is there, although remote.

Some individuals or groups may suggest that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines, then allowing oneself to be vaccinated with them would be immoral. The USCCB memorandum calls this attitude an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching.

The memorandum refers to three Holy See documents that address the question of tainted vaccines: 1) 2005 Pontifical Academy for Life study "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Foetuses", 2) Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith 2008 "Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitatis Personae*)", and 3) 2017 Pontifical Academy for Life "Note on Italian Vaccine Issue."

The documents all agree that using tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines is immoral. But they also clarify that it is morally acceptable to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health. A proportional reason to accept certain vaccine use may exist if there is a danger of the spread of a pathological agent.

From this it appears the USCCB is giving Catholics a free ride to take either the Pfizer or the Moderna vaccine. Ultimately the final decision may rest on each person's individual conscience.

January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Pro-Life Signs from Supreme

New pro-life items are now available! These items can be used at marches for life and other pro-life events throughout the year. Items can be purchased at <https://kofcbanners.com> (under the “March for Life” tab”). Currently available are yard signs and large vinyl banners. Shipping takes two weeks, so order as soon as possible to ensure timely delivery. Additional items will be added to the site moving forward including t-shirts, hats, flags (available late December) and masks (available mid-January).

In addition, free “Love Life, Choose Life” signs and 10’ x 20’ “Choose Life” billboard signs made out of a heavy gauge paper (\$160) are available on Supplies Online via Officers Online.

Below: How Nasty Can We Get?

Christmas Spirit or Humbug?

One pro-abortion rights activist and former employee of *Clinics for Abortion and Reproductive Excellence* (CARE) used Twitter to post a photo of a Christmas tree with an abortion tool (Sopher clamps used as gripping forceps in some abortions) as the tree’s top ornament. The person posting the photo needs to be reminded that Christmas celebrates the birth of a special Child, NOT the taking of a child’s life.

Sick Gaming

The list of sick video games is ever growing. “*Doom Fetito*” (“*Little Fetus Doom*” in English) was created by an Argentinian abortion activist in protest against Argentina’s current anti-abortion laws. The game involves killing police, priests, and pro-lifers and using a shotgun to shoot a model of an unborn child.

Satanic Temple Billboards

The Satanic Temple has succeeded in posting anti-life billboards in Texas and Florida. The signs say both “Abortions save lives!” and “Our religious abortion ritual averts many state restrictions.”

Please pray for the conversion of these lost souls.

Vatican on Coronavirus Vaccine

On December 21, 2020, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) released “*Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines*”.

“Our objective is only to consider the moral aspects of the use of the vaccines against Covid-19 that have been developed from cell lines derived from tissues obtained from two fetuses that were not spontaneously aborted... the moral duty to avoid such passive material cooperation is not obligatory if there is a grave danger, such as the otherwise uncontrollable spread of a serious pathological agent[3]--in this case, the pandemic spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19. It must therefore be considered that, in such a case, all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.”

So our consciences may be assuaged if we we feel compelled to take the current vaccine.

Pro-Life Quote for the Month



I used to be pro-abortion, many, many years ago. I would have called myself pro-choice. But then when I had my daughter Melissa, I went the other way ... when I heard Melissa’s little heartbeat on the monitor, I said, “Well, wait a minute. Even if all there is is a heartbeat, that’s life, that’s life...”

Singer José Feliciano
National Catholic Register, Dec. 15, 2020

Scriptural Verses to Remember

Psalms 112:1-3 / Hallelujah! Blessed the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commands. His descendants shall be mighty in the land, a generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house; his righteousness shall endure forever.

Romans 13:9-10 / The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandments there may be, are summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.