

Oregon, That's Life

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From the Directors

There is too much news. To continue this newsletter in a two-page format, we have eliminated the Monthly Feast Days article. We do plan to continue with the Life Quote of the Month and the Scriptural passages. And on with the news, both good and bad.

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

America Leaps into the Culture of Death

The Trump administration, which championed rights for unborn children, has now been replaced by the Biden team, proclaimed enemies of the preborn. After Joe Biden was inaugurated on January 20, he immediately started pushing America deeper into the culture of death. That same day Biden retracted U.S. withdrawal from the pro-abortion World Health Organization (WHO), which means the United States will continue to fund WHO's abortion activities.

On January 22 Biden declared his administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade, appointing judges who respect precedents like Roe, and increasing access to contraception.

And this is only the beginning.

Roe v. Wade Anniversary

48 years have passed since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on January 22, 1973, that abortion is protected by the 14th Amendment. Since then, according to the National Right to Life Committee, an estimated 61,628,584 abortions have taken place in the United States. Other sources place the number higher.

How About Some Good News? No Lovejoy!

Oregon's most notorious abortion facility, Lovejoy Surgicenter in Portland, closed its doors on January 16. It operated for 49 years, having started in 1971. Unfortunately the business claims it will open in a different location under a new name on March 1.

And Some More Good news!

Congratulations to Our Lady of the Lake Council 3818, who received a letter from Supreme promising a check of \$14,975 as matching funds for a new ultrasound at Holy Family Clinic in West Linn.

Relation of Covid-19 Vaccines to Abortion

At the time of this writing, the two vaccines in current use in the United States are Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine. Other vaccines are in development.

AstraZeneca: using abortion-derived HEK-293 cell lines in testing and manufacturing.

Johnson and Johnson: using abortion-derived PER.C6 cell lines in testing and manufacturing.

Moderna: relied on the HEK-293 cell line for testing.

Novavax: using an ethically-derived invertebrate cell line Sf9" in testing.

Pfizer: abortion-derived HEK-293 cell lines were used in at least one confirmatory lab test.

Sanofi Pasteur: performed testing using the HEK-293 cell line

Known Aborted Cell Line Origins

Aborted cell lines have history. Here are some of them:

MRC-5: MRC stands for Medical Research Council, a UK research center. The cell line was taken from a 14-week old unborn male child in 1966. The 27-year-old mother had the abortion for "psychiatric" reasons.

WI-38: WI stands for University of Pennsylvania Winstar Institute. 38 stands for the preborn child from which the cells were taken. The preborn female child came from Sweden, whose mother had an abortion because she felt she had too many children. Body parts were dissected and flown to the United States.

Walvax-2: Derived from a 3-month old female child aborted by the 27-year-old mother because of a uterine scar from a previous caesarean birth.

HEK293: HEK stands for 'human embryonic kidney cells'. 293 is the experiment number. The fetus, from the Netherlands with an unknown family history, is believed to have been obtained in 1972. HEK293 was developed in 1973.

PER.C6: PER.C stands for human embryonic retinal cells. The cell line came from an 18-week old unborn child whose mother wanted to get rid of it because the father was unknown. The abortion was in 1985.

2021 March for Life Changes

The *National March for Life* in Washington, D.C., scheduled for January 29, was turned into a virtual event due to public safety concerns.

On, Jan. 29, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson received the 2021 Pro-Life Legacy Award at the *March for Life's* Rose Dinner Gala for a lifetime of exceptional work advocating for the inherent dignity of the unborn human person.

A Virtual Oregon March for Life was held on January 23. A physical March will come later.

Oregon Virtual Lobbying Day

Oregon Right to Life is sponsoring a Virtual Lobbying Day on February 25, starting at 11:30 a.m. as a Zoom session with several elected officials. Contact Oregon Right to Life for details.

40 Days for Life

The winter campaign runs February 17 - March 28. See <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> for details and to register. *40 Days* has saved a recognized 18,003 lives from abortion since 2007.

9 Days for Life Novena

The USCCB *9 Days for Life Novena* was held Jan. 21-29. If your Council did not participate, you can still hold a life Novena any time.

Court Blocks Mail Delivery of Abortion Pills

On January 12 the U.S. Supreme Court granted an FDA request to require that abortion-inducing medications must be picked up in person from a healthcare provider. Previously a district judge had suspended that requirement because of the pandemic.

National Sanctity of Human Life Day

In the last week of his term of office, President Donald Trump declared January 22 as *National Sanctity of Human Life Day*. In his declaration, he stated: "And we resolve to defend the lives of every innocent and unborn child, each of whom can bring unbelievable love, joy, beauty, and grace into our Nation and the entire world." When will we hear that kind of language from our federal government again?

Archbishop Vigano on the Covid Vaccine

On January 15 Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò wrote a letter not only questioning the safety and efficacy of the Covid-19 vaccines being used today, but also asserting that any vaccine produced from cells taken from aborted fetuses is absolutely irreconcilable with Catholic morality. The archbishop also questions the need of obligatory vaccination which is being promoted by Pope Francis. Archbishop Viganò compares the innocent babies aborted in the third month of pregnancy to produce vaccines as human sacrifice with which to propitiate the infernal powers.

The Archbishop's statements lead the editors of this newsletter to ask why any medication dependent on abortion, even if only for testing, is considered acceptable by many Church leaders. Why isn't Church hierarchy insisting on the development of vaccine with absolutely NO abortion affiliation?

Pro-Life Quote for the Month



There are many issues of very grave moral consequence that Catholics must weigh in good conscience when they vote. But one thing is clear: No Catholic in good conscience can favor abortion. 'Right to choose' is a smokescreen for perpetuating an entire industry that profits from one of the most heinous evils imaginable. Our land is soaked with the blood of the innocent, and it must stop.

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, 1/21/2021
(In response to Speaker of House Nancy Pelosi's accusation of pro-life Catholics selling democracy down the river)

Scriptural Verses to Remember

Psalms 27:10 - Even if my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

Matthew 5:21 - "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.'

1 John 1:6-7 - If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.