

# Oregon, That's Life

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## **From the Directors**

There is much we can do, especially to PRAY for DOBBS.

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

### **40 Days for Life**

The last day of the Fall 2021 *40 Days for Life* campaign ended October 31. According to the organizers, worldwide well over 500 children were saved from abortion during this campaign.

### **2022 March for Life Theme**

The National March for Life 2022 theme is: *Equality Begins in the Womb*. Because equality is often part of national discussion, the coming year's theme is intended to ensure unborn children are included.

### **Title X Protections Revoked**

On October 4 the Biden administration announced it will revoke Title X changes made under the Trump administration which prevented Title X affiliates from referring women for abortions. The change will take effect on November 8. Biden's change will also add a potential \$60 million funding to abortion businesses.

### **Portland Abortion Bereavement Policy**

In October the Portland city council unanimously approved allowing public employees up to three days of paid time off after an abortion. One might ask: is the bereavement for the loss of a child that was alive?

### **Terminating the Nonterminal**

A 51-year-old woman in Columbia was scheduled to be the first person without a terminal illness to be euthanized in that country on October 10. Her death was cancelled after social media coverage showed that she is enjoying life and is not suffering.

But on October 28 the civil court of Medellin ruled the clinic was violating the woman's right to die with dignity, and ordered it to coordinate with the patient when to resume the procedure.

### **Mexico Pro-Life Marches**

On September 7 the Mexican Supreme Court decriminalized abortion. More than one million marchers protested throughout Mexico on October 3, including 300,000 in Mexico City. *¡Viva México!*

## **Texas Law - The Beat Goes On**

On May 19 Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 8 into law, scheduled to go into effect on September 1. SB 8 is also known as the *Texas Heartbeat Law*, and prohibits the abortion of a child once the unborn child's heartbeat has been detected, which is usually at about six weeks of pregnancy.

Planned Parenthood and other abortion organizations filed 14 lawsuits against the Heartbeat Act so it would be temporarily blocked until the law could be appealed. In September the U.S. Supreme Court in a 5 to 4 decision refused to block the ban.

On September 1 President Biden made clear that his administration is dedicated to not merely defending abortion but of promoting it. In addition to stating the Texas law was extreme and blatantly violated the constitutional right to abortion, Biden said: "My administration is deeply committed to the constitutional right established in *Roe v. Wade* nearly five decades ago and will protect and defend that right."

On October 22, the Supreme Court announced it will hear oral arguments on November 1 regarding *Whole Woman's Health et al. v. Jackson et al*, one of the lawsuits raised against the Texas Heartbeat Act. The Court also made a decision to allow the Texas law to stay in effect until the hearing.

The focus of the November 1 hearing will not be on the law itself, but whether the Justice Department may sue Texas against the law and obtain a court order to block enforcement. Because the Texas law is enforceable by Texas citizens only and NOT by Texas government, it is not currently clear if the federal government may sue the state on the matter.

The Heartbeat Law is estimated to be saving the lives of 100 or more children in Texas from abortion each day. How many children could we save by passing a similar law here in Oregon? Let us pray both for our own state, and for the success of the Heartbeat Law in Texas. May God guide our Justices.

### McCarrick Court Case

On September 3, former-cardinal Theodore McCarrick pled “not guilty” to three counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over 14. In his next court appearance, October 28, no discussion occurred except to continue the case on December 21.

A New Jersey federal judge has ruled that the Archdiocese of Newark can be held liable for abuse committed by the former cardinal. In 2019 the Vatican laicized McCarrick after finding him guilty of “solicitation in the Sacrament of Confession, and sins against the Sixth Commandment with minors and with adults, with the aggravating factor of the abuse of power.”

### Is The World Getting Crazy?

On September 26 the small country of San Marino (which is landlocked within Italy) voted to legalize abortion. The traditionally Catholic country approved the measure by 77%.

Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, stated that President Biden, a Catholic politician actively promoting abortion, is not in a state a sin, and should not be denied Communion.

In late September California Governor Gavin Newsom signed two laws. One makes filming people within 100 of an abortion facility for the purpose of intimidation a criminal act. The other law requires insurance companies to keep certain medical procedures confidential, including abortion, for people still on their parents’ health plans. Furthermore, minor children no longer need to get approval from the insurance holder (the parent) in order to obtain the abortion.

And here in Oregon on October 1, students in Sherwood and Newberg high schools took part in a “rainbow out” day at a football game to show their endorsement of lesbian, homosexual, bisexual transgender, and other gender and sexual identities.

### Thinking About the Future

National March for Life - January 21, 2022

Oregon March for Life - January 29, Salem

Together We Advocate - March 5, Tualatin

Launch - March 20-23, Salem (Pro-Life Training)

### PRAY for DOBBS

Knights, the time has come to end *Roe v. Wade*! Get your Council and Parish involved in the November 18 PRAYforDOBBS event. Join Catholics and Protestants across the country online to pray for the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* case. This is the case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade* - the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. The hearing starts on December 1.

This historic online gathering will bring together Christians across denominations. Together, we will pray for a just outcome that protects millions of preborn babies and their mothers.

Jesus says, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). Join us!

This event is recommended by both the Knights of Columbus Supreme Life Program Manager and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Time: Nov 18, 2021 08:00 p.m. in Eastern Time (5:00 p.m. PST). Visit the website for resources and to register: <https://www.prayfordobbs.com/>

### Pro-Life Quote for the Month



*Prayer and fasting are not about changing God’s mind, but rather about allowing God’s grace to penetrate and change our hearts. As we enter into this time of prayer and intense fasting, let us be open to how the Lord desires to motivate and inspire us to increase our efforts to surround with love and support those experiencing a difficult pregnancy. Be open to how the Lord wants to use you to make the killing of our children unthinkable.*

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, discussing the *prayfordobbs* event.

### Scriptural Verses to Remember

*Jeremiah 23:1* / Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the flock of my pasture—oracle of the LORD.

*Proverbs 21:13* / Those who shut their ears to the cry of the poor will themselves call out and not be answered.

*Luke 6:36* / Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.