

Oregon, That's Life

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From the Directors

As always, the challenge is to balance what life-related news to include and what not to include within this limited space. We hope our choices are appropriate.

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

Day of the Unborn Child

March 25 is the *Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child*. Inaugurated in 2002, the observation was a major program up into 2017-2018. Several jurisdictions still promote it. Why not yours?

Undoing Federal Life Rules

On January 28 President Biden signed a presidential memorandum to reverse President Trump's 2018 "Protect Life Rule", which blocked abortion businesses from receiving Title X federal funds.

Senate Disapproves of Survivor Protection

On February 4 the U.S. Senate failed to attain enough votes for passage of the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, which would require that infants who survive an abortion be given medical care. Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley voted against the proposed measure.

2021 Oregon Right To Life Conference

The ORTL annual conference *Together We Advocate* will take place on March 4 in Redmond and March 6 in Tualatin this year. In lieu of the normal conference, a Sidewalk Advocacy Masterclass is being offered. This will give any individuals who currently advocate on the sidewalk or those who are ready to begin a chance to receive a more comprehensive look and understanding of sidewalk advocacy and why it is such an important part of the pro-life movement.

Apply at www.togetherweadvocate.org

March for Life

Oregon Right to Life will conduct a physical Walk for Life on April 17. Details will be coming.

We also want to recognize Florence Council 15773, who teamed up with ORTL for a biannual March for Life on February 6 in Florence. This time they had 35 marchers. Way to go, brothers!

Sample Letters to Pharmaceutical Companies

We are pleased to announce immediately after our last newsletter, the USCCB released sample letters to pharmaceutical companies urging an end to abortion-derived cell lines, saying: "In our recent COVID vaccine statement and Q and A that we shared with you we mentioned that the Vatican urges everyone concerned for the sanctity of life to protest the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion. To make it easier for individuals to take this action, we are pleased to provide sample letters to various pharmaceutical companies that are using abortion-derived cell lines in the development and/or production of vaccines.

These letters and a variety of other educational resources from the Vatican and from the USCCB are all now in one location on our website. We ask you to share this information with your parishes and grassroots urging them to take action with these letters. If the timing works for your diocese, we suggest a couple possible target dates for urging this letter writing campaign—March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, or April 25, the Feast Day of St. Gianna Beretta Molla.

And please let us know if we can help further with this important advocacy to bring about an end to the use of abortion-derived cell lines."

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Below is a list of the sample letters to pharmaceutical companies that are using abortion-derived cell lines to produce and/or test vaccines.

- Letter to Pfizer
- Letter to Moderna
- Letter to Johnson & Johnson
- Letter to AstraZeneca
- Letter to GSK
- Letter to Merck
- Letter to Sanofi Pasteur

40 Days for Life

The winter campaign runs February 17 - March 28. There are 3 campaigns in Oregon: Beaverton, Eugene, and Salem. See <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> for details and to register. *40 Days* has saved 18,003 lives from abortion since 2007.

Honduran Constitution for Life

On January 28 Honduras ratified a constitutional amendment stating: "The unborn shall be considered as born for all rights accorded within the limits established by law. It is prohibited and illegal for the mother or a third party to practice any form of interruption of life on the unborn, whose life must be respected from conception." This permanently prohibits all abortions in Honduras. The Honduran ban on abortion was strongly criticized by the United Nations and Amnesty International.

Letting Courts Think for Us

We occasionally see examples of why it is not safe to place our trust in the wisdom of court judgments. The Madras High Court in India has ordered a 15-year-old girl to abort her child, claiming: "If a choice is given to the foetus now in the womb of the minor, it would definitely proclaim that it would not wish to be born."

After an Abortion

Hurt After Abortion is a new project intended to help women who have experienced complications related to an abortion. They will assist in making a request for medical records, offer referrals to emotional and spiritual healing approaches for women wanting restoration from the impact that abortion has had on their life, and provide a referral for legal consultation when appropriate. The program is a partnership between Pro-Love Ministries and the Thomas More Society. See <https://hurtafterabortion.com>

Planned Parenthood Numbers in 2019-2020

Planned Parenthood's newest annual report reveals they committed 354,871 abortions during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Additionally they received \$618,100,000 in federal tax money, making us culpable.

Abortion Safe? Look Again

Although abortion proponents insist that abortion is a safe medical process, on Feb. 11 *Operation Rescue* released a video showing otherwise. The video documents 67 medical emergencies in American abortion facilities that occurred in 2020. 30 of those emergencies involved Planned Parenthood facilities. Some of the emergencies included:

- Maternal death: 1
- Possible heart attack or stroke: 3
- Hemorrhage: 20
- Sedation overdose: 2
- Seizures: 2
- Life-threatening complication from abortion pill: 1
- Not responding/unconscious: 2

If someone tells you abortion is safe, correct them. For more information, see www.operationrescue.org

Pro-Life Quote for the Month



It's crazy sometimes what modern humans value over human life. Case in point, plastic straws. A 2020 Angus Reid poll asked 1,528 Canadians for their moral perspectives on a wide variety of issues. Among the findings: While 51% thought that using plastic straws is always or usually morally wrong, only 20% thought the same of "doctor-assisted dying" and just 26% for abortion. As the Reformed Perspective news put it: So, someone might have had their elderly mother euthanized, or had their unborn baby aborted, but they feel like a good person since they used a bamboo, not plastic, straw. Am I missing something? Do you value bamboo straws more than human life? In the womb?

Chuck Norris

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Scriptural Verses to Remember

Exodus 23:7 / You shall keep away from anything dishonest. The innocent and the just you shall not put to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.

Matthew 25:34-36 / Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'