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March-for-Life 2020

Hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers flocked to D.C. on January 24th to attend the annual March-for-Life. Students for Life of America produced a time-lapse, one-minute [video](#) to convey the sheer magnitude of the annual March. [ALL](#), 1/31/2020



Nine Abortion Clinics Have Closed in PA

The year 2012 was a turning point in PA regarding protections for the sanctity of human life. In the wake of the Kermit Gosnell scandal and trial—when it was found that abortion facilities had gone without city or state Health Department inspections for decades and that there was more oversight of hair salons than of abortion facilities—state lawmakers passed a measure requiring that facilities performing abortion surgery be treated like any other surgical facility, including mandated safety inspections. As a result, five abortion clinics closed immediately and four others shut their doors over the last eight years. That is, the law closed one-third (38%) of PA abortion facilities. In addition, Planned Parenthood (PP) closed many PA "feeder facilities" that, while not generating revenue from on-site abortions, made many referrals to those that did. Since 2010, fifteen PP feeder facilities have voluntarily shut down. A complete list of closings is available at [PAFamily.org](#), 12/12/19

NY Bishops Condemn 'Dangerous' Surrogacy Bill

Bill A.1071 / S.2071 has been introduced in the state legislature to remove existing prohibitions on surrogacy contracts in New York—one of the few remaining states not to have legislation on surrogacy. Under the legislation, embryos created in a laboratory through in-vitro fertilization (IVF), using ova and spermatozoa that may or may not be from the legal parents, can be transferred to a woman who, having agreed to be a surrogate mother, is contractually obligated to bear the child and give the baby back to the legal parents. "The surrogacy legislation is designed mainly to benefit wealthy men who can afford tens of thousands of dollars to pay baby brokers, at the expense of low-income women," said Kathleen Gallagher, a spokeswoman for the New York State Catholic Conference. [CNA](#), 1/8/2020

Showdown over Abortion Coverage

Two religious groups, Los Angeles-based Missionary Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit and La Mesa's [Skyline Wesleyan Church](#), complained to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) about California's policy that requires abortion coverage in all healthcare plans—even those provided by churches and religious institutions. On Jan. 24, HHS [issued](#) a notice to the state saying the rule violates the federal Weldon Amendment, which prohibits states that receive federal funding from compelling healthcare plans to fund abortion. "No one in America should be forced to pay for or cover other people's abortions," [said](#) Roger Severino, director of the HHS Office of Civil Rights. "We are putting California on notice that it must stop forcing people of goodwill to subsidize the taking of human life, not only because it's the moral thing to do, but because it's the law."

[World News](#), 1/24/2020

Bye, Bye, Blaine?

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the constitutionality of Montana's tax credit scholarship that provides aid to low-income children in private schools, including those that are religiously affiliated. The state's highest court struck down the program in its entirety for violating the "no aid" provision in the state Constitution. Almost 40 states have similar provisions (sometimes called Blaine Amendments) that prohibit money from supporting "sectarian" schools. As Justice Clarence Thomas explained in *Mitchell v. Helms* (2000), "It was an open secret that 'sectarian' was code for 'Catholic.'" After an hour of argument, several justices (Alito, Kavanaugh, and Roberts) appeared to be troubled by Montana's arguments while Ginsburg, Kagan and Sotomayor seemed unsure whether parents, who relied on the scholarship funds to send their kids to religious schools, had standing to bring the lawsuit in the first place. The justices should issue their ruling in this case by the end of June when the 2019-2020 term wraps up. The court also heard cases on whether federal law covers claims of discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation, and will look at the regulation of abortion providers, and at the Little Sisters of the Poor, who are still seeking relief from the Obama-era contraceptive mandate.

[The Daily Signal](#), 1/22/2020



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Scientists Create Monkey-Pig Hybrids

Chinese scientists announced the birth of the first pig-monkey chimeras. The researchers modified monkey cells and laced them with a fluorescent protein that allowed them to trace the cells and the cells they produce. The scientists then injected embryonic cells obtained from the genetically modified monkey cells into pig embryos days after creating them in the lab. Some 4,000 monkey-pig embryos were implanted. All died except for 10 monkey-pig piglets who were subsequently born. Of the 10, two of them turned out to be “successful” chimeras with attributes of both animals but only a tiny part monkey. All of the chimeras and non-chimeras died. The point of the controversial experiments is eventually to create human organs for transplant. LifeNews.com, 12/12/19

Gallup Finds Most Americans Prefer Life Imprisonment to Death Penalty

The past five years has seen a shift among all major subgroups toward favoring life imprisonment, Gallup said. For the first time in more than three decades, a majority of Americans favor life imprisonment without parole over the death penalty as a punishment for murder. The latest survey was conducted in October 2019; 1,500 U.S. adults were polled. Two thirds of the women, and a little over half of the men surveyed support life imprisonment over the death penalty. Five states have abolished the death penalty this decade, leaving 29 where it is legal. Several states where the death penalty is legal have instituted moratoriums on its use or are considering abolishing it. NCR, 12/2/19

9-8-8 SUICIDE HOTLINE

The Federal Communications Commission approved a three-digit suicide prevention hotline number. Within a few months, Americans will be able to dial 988 for help in a mental health emergency, just as 911 connects people in medical, police, and fire emergencies. The current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 800-273-TALK, which routes callers to one of 163 crisis centers. Since 1999, the suicide rate has climbed 33%.

USAToday.com, 12/13/19

Gender Ideology Harms Children

The American College of Pediatricians (ACPEDS) urges educators and legislators to reject all policies that condition children to accept as normal a life of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex. Authored by Johns Hopkins Medical School Psychology Professor Paul McHugh, the policy statement listed why gender reclassification is harmful:

1. Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: “XY” and “XX” are genetic markers of health – not genetic markers of a disorder.
2. No one is born with a gender. Everyone is born with a biological sex. Gender (an awareness and sense of oneself as male or female) is a sociological and psychological concept, not an objective biological one.
3. A person’s belief that he or she is something they are not is, at best, a sign of confused thinking. When an otherwise healthy biological boy believes he is a girl, or an otherwise healthy biological girl believes she is a boy, an objective psychological problem exists that lies in the mind not the body, and it should be treated as such.
4. Puberty is not a disease and puberty-blocking hormones can be dangerous. Reversible or not, puberty-blocking hormones induce a state of disease – the absence of puberty – and inhibit growth and fertility in a previously biologically healthy child.
5. According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition (DSM-5), as many as 98% of gender-confused boys and 88% of gender-confused girls eventually accept their biological sex after naturally passing through puberty.
6. Children who use puberty blockers to impersonate the opposite sex will require cross-sex hormones in late adolescence. Cross-sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen) are associated with dangerous health risks, including but not limited to high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke and cancer.
7. Rates of suicide are twenty times greater among adults who use cross-sex hormones and undergo sex reassignment surgery, even in Sweden, which is among the most LGBTQ – affirming countries. ACPEDS