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Racism: a Pro-Life Issue

Observing with great concern the social unrest unfolding in the U.S., Pope Francis said no one could claim to defend the sanctity of every human life while turning a blind eye to racism and exclusion. “Today I join the church in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism.” [OSV](#) 6/3/2020

U.S. to UN: Stop Peddling Abortion as COVID-19 Relief

The head of the U.S. Agency for International Development told the UN Secretary General to stop treating abortion as “essential” humanitarian relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. The [letter](#) is unprecedented in its direct criticism of the UN bureaucracy’s promotion of abortion as humanitarian aid, and for “cynically placing the provision of ‘sexual and reproductive health services’ on the same level of importance as food-insecurity, essential health care, malnutrition, shelter, and sanitation.” The letter is in answer to the [UN’s Global Humanitarian Response Plan](#) for the COVID-19 pandemic, published last month with an appeal for nearly \$7 billion to fund it. “The UN should not intimidate or coerce Member States that are committed to the right to life,” the letter urges. “To use the COVID-19 pandemic as a justification to pressure governments to change their laws is an affront to the autonomy of each society to determine its own national policies on health care.” [C-Fam](#), 5/18/2020

Suicides Surge

Doctors in Northern California are reporting more suicides than deaths due to the coronavirus. “The numbers are unprecedented,” said Dr. Michael deBoisblanc of John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, California. DeBoisblanc said he has seen a “year’s worth of suicides” in just the last four weeks alone. Kacey Hansen, a trauma center nurse, told the National Examiner: “What I have seen recently, I have never seen before. I have never seen so much intentional injury.” Suicide has been an increasingly significant problem across the country as stay-at-home orders have led to unemployment and stress. [Washington Examiner](#), 5/21/2020

Roe v. Wade: an “Incorrect Decision”

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has once again gone on record stating that the Roe v. Wade ruling from 1973 that allowed virtually unlimited abortions should be overturned. In a [decision](#) handed down last April, Justice Kavanaugh, gave examples of cases that might be overturned and explained why overturning precedent is definitely allowable. In his own concurring opinion, Justice Thomas listed three “incorrect decisions” he said used a faulty interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Those included Obergefell v. Hodges, Roe v. Wade, and Dred Scott v. Sandford. When faced with a demonstrably erroneous precedent, my rule is simple: We should not follow it,” Thomas opined last year. Justice Brett Kavanaugh and conservatives on the Supreme Court appear to have set up the legal rationale for someday overturning Roe v. Wade. Abortion activists and allied politicians for years have attempted to turn Roe into some sort of ultra-precedent that for some reason can’t be overturned because it has been on the books for decades—even though the nation’s highest court has overturned precedents previously when needed, such as cases related to slavery and civil rights. [LifeNews.com](#), 4/21/2020



Gerber’s 2020 Spokesbaby is Adopted

The baby food company has been highlighting the precious value of every baby’s life through its annual baby photo contest. From among more than 327,000 entries in the 10th Annual Photo Search, Gerber chose an adopted child for the first time in the history of its contest. Magnolia, of California, “captured the hearts of the judging panel with her joyful expression, playful smile and warm, engaging gaze,” the company said. “Winning the Photo Search is an opportunity to tell Magnolia’s story and shed light on all the beautiful and different ways families are made.” [Editor’s note: two years ago, the winner was Lucas Warren, a baby with Down syndrome.] [CISION](#), 5/8/2020



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Death Lobby Seizes Opportunity During Pandemic

Kim Callinan, the President of an assisted suicide lobby group, writes, "As always, we are responding quickly to the needs and opportunities of the times. As the workforce grapples with the pandemic, telehealth is gaining prominence as a critical mode of delivering medical care. This provides a unique opportunity to make sure health systems and doctors are using telehealth, where appropriate, for patients trying to access end-of-life care options. These efforts should improve access to medical aid in dying in the short- and long-term." This means that a person could be approved for death by lethal drugs, without being examined or even meeting the death-prescribing doctor. This is not a new plan. The 2019 New Mexico assisted suicide bill included a telehealth provision, and a recent bill to expand assisted suicide in Hawaii includes a telehealth provision. State regulators should not take this group seriously. These are death doctors promoting more death.

[Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](#), 3/20/2020

Babies Saved

The 2020 spring 40 Days for Life campaign received 343 confirmed reports of babies saved from abortion—with reports continuing to come in! [40 Days for Life](#), 4/3/2020

St. Augustine Bishop Estevez

Calls for an End to Florida Death Penalty

All of Florida's death row inmates live in the Diocese of St. Augustine. Many are Catholic. At least twice a year St. Augustine's Bishop Felipe Estevez goes to visit death row inmates himself. Bishop Estevez notes that no death row inmate in Florida has been granted clemency since 1983, and with 350 death row inmates, Florida has the largest active death row in the U.S. "We need to put a stop to the death penalty because, as John Paul II said, it is not necessary. We can put all our energy into having the best prison system so that these prisoners who are a danger to society will not do any harm to anybody." [NCR](#), 5/28/20

England's Bishops Respond to New 'Opt Out' Organ Donation System

A new law treating all adults in England as potential organ donors unless they opt out "potentially undermines the concept of donation as a gift," the country's bishops have said. A statement by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales noted that the Church has consistently encouraged organ donation. "However, a system of presumed consent risks taking away the right of the individual to exercise this decision," it said. The National Health Service (NHS), the U.K.'s publicly funded healthcare system, hopes the new law will produce an additional 700 transplants a year by 2023. It added that those who tested positive for COVID-19 or were exposed to the virus would not be considered as organ donors.

[NCR](#), 5/21/2020

World Youth Day and World Meeting of Families Postponed

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the World Meeting of Families previously scheduled for Rome in June 2021 will not occur until June 2022. World Youth Day, originally scheduled for Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2022, will now take place in August 2023. [CNA](#), 4/20/2020

Gender Reveal at Only Eight Weeks

Are you having a GIRL, a BOY, or a clump of cells? Did you know that parents have a choice to know their child's gender much earlier than ever today? Instead of waiting for a sonogram as in the recent past, mom and dad can now know the gender of a baby with just a small blood test at only 8 weeks into the pregnancy! The [SneakPeek test](#) uses cells from the baby that are naturally released into the mother's bloodstream. It's the latest way to get an accurate view on whether you should expect Touchdowns or Tutus... SO – instead of talking about aborting a clump of cells, a fetus, or even an unborn child, let's be clear: EVERY abortion takes the life of a little BOY or a little GIRL and deprives a family of LOVE.