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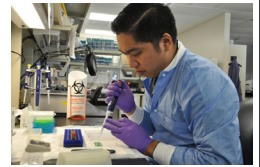
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VATICAN CONCERNS

An investigative news program in Italy has accused the Vatican's treasury of investing approximately \$24 million in several pharmaceutical companies that are involved in making the "morning-after" pill. This pill is marketed as "contraception," but it acts as an abortifacient when it prevents newly formed life from implanting in the uterus. <https://www.ncregister.com/news/vatican-accused-of-investing-in-companies-making-morning-after-pill>

Scientists Want to Grow Babies in the Womb for 40 Days and Kill Them for Research



A recent news story describing how scientists in China generated the first human-monkey chimeric embryos (unborn monkeys with human body parts)—a deliberate and unnatural crossing of species—sent shock waves through the world. (*Wall Street Journal* 4/27/21)

Scientists have now successfully grown baby mice in the lab, outside the natural womb. They are pushing to do the same with human babies. Unborn mice embryos were grown in rotating lab bottles, outside the natural maternal environment, until halfway through gestation. They grew in bottles until they had a fully functioning heart and circulatory system, as well as other organs. Limbs and eyes were also forming.

Upon reaching optimal growth and living conditions for the tiny mice, the scientists explored a range of possible experiments. They genetically modified the embryonic mice, changing their DNA. Toxins were added to test teratogenic (deformity) effects.

In addition, researchers injected embryonic stem cells from a destroyed human embryo into the mouse embryos to make human-mouse "chimeras"—a hybrid species with both mouse and human parts, including hybrid brains. They were allowed to grow for 14 days, then killed.

All research that creates, exploits, manipulates and destroys human beings at any stage of development is inherently wrong. Those practicing science must respect every human being—regardless of age, the manner in which he or she was created and whether he or she is inside or outside of the womb. A zero-day limit is the best rule for upholding the sanctity of every human life. State and federal policymakers should act now to ban these grotesque and unethical experiments.

<https://www.lifeneews.com/2021/05/07/scientists-want-to-grow-unborn-babies-in-the-womb-for-40-days-and-kill-them-for-research/>

Surge of New Pro-Life Laws Has the Abortion Movement Terrified

State legislatures have introduced over 500 pro-life laws in 2021. So far, 61 laws have been passed across 13 states, according to the Guttmacher Institute, which was once associated with Planned Parenthood as their research arm and often tracks such legislation.

The Guttmacher Institute, which tracks such legislation, noted that "If this trend continues, 2021 will end up as the most damaging antiabortion state legislative session in a decade—and perhaps ever," as part of a press release. In all honesty, the Guttmacher Institute is an invaluable source on abortion legislation trends.

<https://www.lifeneews.com/2021/05/06/surge-of-new-pro-life-laws-has-the-abortion-movement-terrified/>

Supreme Court Will Consider Mississippi's 15-Week Abortion Ban



The Supreme Court announced that it would hear a Mississippi case appealing for the right to ban abortions after 15 weeks. If the Court rules in the state's favor, it would allow all states to enact abortion bans, drastically rolling back the effects of *Roe v. Wade*. The 6-3 conservative majority appears willing to allow abortion policy to return to the states, where it had been before the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. *National Catholic Register* 5/17/21

Three important bills were recently passed out of PA State Committee.

Here are the three bills and what they call for:

- **HB 118, the Unborn Child Dignity Act**, would give parents the option of burial or cremation after the death of their unborn baby
- **HB 1500, the Down Syndrome Protection Act**, would protect an unborn baby from being killed if he or she has been diagnosed with Down syndrome.
- **HB 904, the Fetal Heartbeat Bill**, would prohibit an abortion once a heartbeat is detected in the unborn baby.

The next step for these bills is a vote from the House, and then the Senate. Contact your PA legislators today to vote YES on this pro-life legislation!

"DAY OF TEARS"

The Louisiana Legislature passed a resolution to recognize Jan. 22, 2022, as a "Day of Tears." Citizens are encouraged to lower their flags to half-staff to mourn the deaths of unborn children. Louisiana joins Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama in recognizing the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision as a "Day of Tears."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247616/louisiana-legislature-recognizes-anniversary-of-roe-v-wade-as-day-of-tears>



PROJECT MUSTARD SEED

This month we are writing to:

M&T BANK

Operations: financial (services, Wilmington Trust), insurance.

Please write to:

Mr. René F. Jones
Chairman & CEO
M&T Bank Corporation
1 M&T Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14203
www.mtb.com

Tell him to
stop funding
Planned
Parenthood

M&T Bank has been on The Boycott Handbook list since 2013 and we last wrote to them in January 2014. Since that time there has been a change in the position of Chairman and CEO.

UNICEF CONTROVERSY

The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) issued a report on how government policy can be used to protect children from harmful and violent content online. In this report, they concluded that most children who saw pornographic images were "neither upset nor happy." In fact, the report that UNICEF relied on said that 39% of Spanish children were happy after viewing pornography. Lisa Thompson of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation said, "UNICEF's report ignores the vast body of research demonstrating the harms of pornography to children."

https://c-fam.org/friday_fax/unicef-report-says-pornography-not-always-harmful-to-children/

Missoula, Montana Backs Down After Trying to Stop Pro-Life Woman From Praying at Abortion Clinic

The charges against Marilyn Hatch were dismissed after Thomas More Society attorneys sent a demand letter to the Senior Deputy City Attorney of Missoula pointing out that the ordinance the charges were based upon is unconstitutional.

"All people have the right to peacefully give their opinions about the dignity of unborn human life outside abortion facilities. The City of Missoula's decision to criminally charge Mrs. Hatch for engaging in speech protected by the First Amendment was itself unconstitutional," declared Thomas More Society Senior Counsel Matt Heffron.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2021/06/01/missoula-montana-backs->

POPE DENOUNCES FILTH

Pope Francis condemned the sexual exploitation of children as a kind of "psychological murder" and a "cancellation of childhood" during an address to an Italian anti-pedophilia group. "The abuses perpetrated against children continue," the pope said, in particular, "the solicitations that take place via the internet and various social media, with pages and portals dedicated to child pornography."

<https://www.breitbart.com/faith/2021/05/15/pope-francis-rails-online-child-pornography/>



Inhumane Fetal Research at University of Pittsburgh

The Center for Medical Progress released a video revealing disturbing details about government-sponsored and taxpayer-funded "research" that uses the remains of aborted infants harvested by Planned Parenthood in labs at the University of Pittsburgh. Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-JUzqswKZs>

Not only is the use of aborted fetal body parts for research a morally and ethically problematic practice, but it is also unnecessary and ineffective due to scientific advancements.

Moreover, this "research" is being funded by YOUR taxpayer dollars and provides additional income for our nation's largest abortion vendor, Planned Parenthood.

[PA Family Institute 5/3/21](#)

War Declared on Catholic Hospitals

On May 10, the current administration announced that it would force doctors who can perform sex transition surgery to do so, regardless of their religious objections. This is a declaration of war on Catholic doctors and hospitals. It will also be contested in the federal courts.

Predictably, the media are billing this Health and Human Services decision, which applies Title IX of civil rights law to the rights of transgender persons, as an anti-discrimination measure, not as an attack on religious liberty. Title IX bars discrimination based on sex, but says nothing about transgender persons.

Pope Francis has observed that "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops affirms what the Holy Father has said. It also opposes requiring religious organizations "to cover 'transition' procedures in their employee health insurance plans...."

It must be noted that Catholic hospitals do not deny routine health care to transgender persons. There is a difference between denying transgender persons treatment for Covid and forcing a Catholic doctor to make anatomical changes on the sexually confused. [Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights 5/10/21](#)

SANCTUARY CITY

Lubbock, TX voters approved a ballot measure to ban abortion and allow relatives of aborted babies to sue abortion providers. It becomes the largest US city to declare itself a "sanctuary city for the unborn."

Leaders of Planned Parenthood say the Lubbock facility, which opened last fall, will remain open. It's unknown whether it will stop doing abortions and simply provide "non-abortion services." [American Family Association of PA 5/8/21](#)

BIRTH DEARTH

The number of babies born in the United States was the lowest in more than four decades, with women giving birth to 3.61 million babies in 2020, down 4% from the previous year. The total fertility rate fell to 1.64, the lowest number since the 1930s. Researcher W. Brad Wilcox attributed the decline to delays in marriage, greater emphasis on work and education, and advances in technology that reduce socializing. "We could be on the cusp of a major demographic shift," he said. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247535/demographic-earthquake-us-fertility-rates-fall-again-to-record-low-levels>