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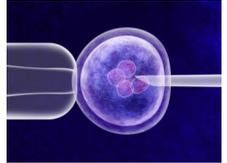
First, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 that the Trump Administration was within its rights to grant a religious exemption to

the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Court again upheld the right of the religious order of nuns to procure health coverage that does not support abortion-inducing drugs.

In a separate case, the Court reaffirmed 7-2 that a Catholic school -- not the government -- can decide whether to hire, retain, or terminate certain employees. This case matters because anti-discrimination laws have recently been expanded to force employers to retain gay, lesbian, and transgender employees (or even a man who simply identifies as a woman), even if the employer objects to their lifestyle. Catholic schools now have the freedom to decide what is best for their schools.

[CatholicVote.org](https://www.catholicvote.org) 7/8/20

Catholic Bioethicist Warns Against Gene-Editing Experiments



Science publication *OneZero* reported last week that scientists in the United Kingdom recently conducted an experiment where they deleted a gene from human embryos using the CRISPR ((clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats) technique. They later realized the edited embryos also contained significant unintended edits that could lead to birth defects or other major medical issues later in life. **The embryos were subsequently destroyed.**

Joseph Meaney, PH.D., speaking Friday in an interview on EWTN Pro-Life Weekly, said that the experiment gone wrong was predictable because "science as it emerges into new areas, makes a lot of mistakes."

On Thursday, the Vatican released an updated version of the Directory for Catechesis which contained new sections on bioethics. The 300-page book, which provides universal norms for pastors and catechists in the work of evangelization, said that "bioethical questions challenge catechesis and its formative function."

The Vatican document states that scientific research and its applications "are not morally neutral," and that the morality of an action cannot be based on "technical efficiency alone, from utility or from dominant ideologies."

The directory talks about genetic experimentation and the risk of it leading to eugenic practices, stating that "it is important to distinguish the difference carefully between therapeutic intervention and manipulation."

The correction of genetic abnormalities is lawful "as long as it promotes the good of the person without affecting his identity and integrity," it said.

<https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/catholic-bioethicist-warns-against-gene-editing->

14th Texas City Bans Abortion, Declares Itself a "Sanctuary for the Unborn"

East Mountain became the 14th Texas city to declare itself a "Sanctuary for the Unborn" on July 20, joining a growing effort to protect unborn babies from abortions across the state. Station KETK reports the city council voted to approve the pro-life ordinance for its city, population 797. The vote was three in favor, two abstentions.

"Because the City of East Mountain passed this ordinance abortion is now prohibited by city law in East Mountain Texas!" said Mark Lee Dickson, the director of East Texas Right to Life and leader of the Sanctuary for the Unborn effort.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2020/07/21/14th-texas-city-bans-abortion-declares-itself-a-sanctuary>

President Signs Order to Help Christian Groups Promote Adoption and Foster Care

The order seeks to strengthen child welfare programs to help children and families in difficult circumstances. It aims both to promote safe homes so children do not need to enter the foster system and to encourage adoption for the foster children who cannot safely return to their birth parents.

According to HHS, about 430,000 children are in foster care right now and almost 124,000 are available for adoption. Each year, about 20,000 children age out of foster care without the support of a loving, permanent family, HHS reports. Through the executive order, the administration hopes to help states do even more to protect vulnerable children and families. It calls for improving resources, especially trauma-related resources, supporting high-quality legal representation for parents and families, and strengthening connections between the state and faith-based adoption organizations. <https://www.lifenews.com/2020/06/25/president-trump-signs-order-to-help-christian-groups-promote-adoption-and-foster-care/>

PRO-LIFE MISSISSIPPI

Gov. Tate Reeves, R-MS, signed into law a ban on abortion based on sex, race, or genetic abnormality. Doctors found guilty of aborting a child due to the baby's sex, race, or genetic abnormality will be guilty of a felony and face a minimum of one year and a maximum of 10 years imprisonment. There is only one abortion facility in the entire state of Mississippi.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/mississippi-bans-abortion-on-sex-race-genetic-disability-87846>



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Massachusetts city recognizes polyamorous 'civil partnerships'

The city of Somerville, MA, has changed its definition of domestic partnerships to give polyamorous relationships the same rights as a married couple. The policy is believed to be the first in the nation to legally recognize such relationships. Polyamory is when a person is in a sexual relationship with more than one person.

According to the New York Times, the ordinance means that City employees will be able to extend health insurance benefits to more than one partner. It is unclear if private companies will also allow for employees in polyamorous domestic partnerships to share health insurance plans to their multiple partners.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/massachusetts-city-recognizes-polyamorous-civil-partnerships-38000>



Artist Paints "Baby Lives Matter" Outside Planned Parenthood Clinic

On Saturday July 18, pro-life activist Tayler Hansen, mirroring actions of Black Lives Matters activists, painted the words "Baby Lives Matter" in front of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"In 2019, abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide. Almost 43 million children were denied the most basic right of all: life. Which is why I felt inclined to demonstrate a true peaceful protest, dedicated to those without a voice," Hansen said. <https://www.christianheadlines.com/>



James G. Blaine

THE BIOGTRY OF BLAINE NO MORE

The Supreme Court's decision to end blatantly anti-Catholic Blaine Amendments paves the way for more parental choice for their children's education. "The decision sent shock waves through the traditional education establishment, which has long maintained that funding should only flow to public schools, regardless of quality or fit to a child, or parental prerogative," writes Jeanne Allen, founder of the Center for Education Reform.

The once-obscure story of Blaine Amendments is now national news, as if we just discovered this blatantly bigoted entry in 37 state constitutions. Named for the 19th-century Congressman James Blaine nearly 150 years ago, the amendment was specifically designed to target and forcibly assimilate new immigrants to the U.S. who held non-Protestant religious beliefs by preventing them from attending their own schools. Read more at: <https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/the-biogtry-of-blaine-no-more>



PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S NEW YORK CHAPTER FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGES ITS RACIST ROOTS; PRO-LIFERS HAVE BEEN POINTING IT OUT FOR DECADES

The announcement comes after more than 350 current and former staffers at the Manhattan clinic, as well as 800 donors, supporters and volunteers, called Sanger "a racist, white woman." An open letter on June 18 to Planned Parenthood of Greater New York, criticized the organization as "steeped in white supremacy," the Washington Times reported.

It will now be called the Manhattan Health Center. The New York clinic is now asking city leaders to remove Sanger's name from local streets as well, the New York Times reports. <https://www.foxnews.com/us/margaret-sanger-planned-parenthood-ny-eugenics-racism>

Warren Buffett Has Donated \$4 Billion to Pro-Abortion Groups, Enough to Kill 8 Million Babies

Buffett is the fourth richest man in the world, according to Forbes magazine. The owner of Berkshire Hathaway, which includes Benjamin Moore, Fruit of the Loom, GEICO, Pampered Chef and See's Candies, he is worth about \$67.5 billion.

Between 2000 and 2018, his Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, named after his late wife, donated \$4 billion to pro-abortion groups, according to the Foundation's tax filings. That amounts to 73% of the foundation's total donations in the past two decades – which suggests just how much Buffett believes in abortion on demand.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2020/07/10/warren-buffett-has-donated-4-billion-to-pro-abortion-groups-enough-to-kill-8-million-babies/>

