

# PARISH 'LIFE' NEWS

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## 33 Countries Declare "There is No Right to Abortion"

The United States and 32 other nations recently signed the Geneva Consensus Declaration on Promoting Women's Health and Strengthening the Family, which declares "there is no international right to abortion" and that the family is "fundamental" to society.

The Geneva Consensus Declaration was co-sponsored by the United States, Brazil, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, and Uganda, and signed by 33 countries in total, representing more than 1.6 billion people.

Liberty Counsel <https://lc.org/newsroom/details/110220-33-countries-declare-no-international-right-to-abortion>

## U.S. 2019 Marriage Rate Plunges To All-Time Low

According to new Census data, the U.S. marriage rate plunged to an all-time low in 2019.

"For every 1,000 unmarried adults in 2019, only 33 got married. This number was 35 a decade ago in 2010 and 86 in 1970," noted Wendy Wang, director of research for the Institute for Family Studies.

Statistician Sally Curtin, the lead author of the report, said: "Millennials are in peak marriage years, their 20s and 30s, and it's still dropping."

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/report-u-s-2019-marriage-rate-plunged-to-all-time-low>



## Nebraska Bans Dismemberment Abortions Tearing Babies Limb From Limb

Gov. Pete Ricketts, during a rally Saturday November 21, signed into law a bill banning a method of second-trimester abortion in Nebraska. Ricketts was joined by members of several groups that oppose abortion, including the Nebraska Catholic Conference, the Nebraska Family Alliance and Nebraska Right to Life, for a rally at the State Capitol.

The groups gathered for the governor's signing of LB 814, which prohibits an abortion method called dilation and evacuation. The procedure involves dilating a woman's cervix and removing the fetus in pieces. Abortion opponents call the procedure dismemberment abortion.

There are now 13 states that have drawn a line in the sand. Nebraska joins Kansas, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Kentucky, Ohio, North Dakota, and Indiana in saying this monstrosity is beyond the pale. We can only hope and pray that number increases.

[https://omaha.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/gov-ricketts-vetoes-natural-hair-discrimination-bill-signs-abortion-bill/article\\_b58fe971-93a6-5b62-b120-652e61c5adf4.html](https://omaha.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/gov-ricketts-vetoes-natural-hair-discrimination-bill-signs-abortion-bill/article_b58fe971-93a6-5b62-b120-652e61c5adf4.html)

## Operation Rescue Introduces the Newly Redesigned AbortionDocs.org

"AbortionDocs.org is a valuable resource for the public where documentation about abortion facilities can be easily accessed in one place that would otherwise take someone years to compile," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. In 1991, there were 2,176 known surgical abortion facilities in the U.S. Today, there are only 470 surgical and 236 abortion pill-only clinics, for a total of 706 abortion facilities in the U.S. This represents a 68 percent reduction in the number of abortion facilities over the past 28 years. **Editors Note:** There are 108 Pittsburgh area doctors doing abortions listed on the site.



Bishop Donald J. Hying of the Diocese of Madison, WI, blessed a newly installed pro-life sculpture, "**Memorial to the Unborn Child**" by Slovakian artist Martin Hudáček on November 5, 2020. Bishop Hying said the statue was a reminder of the "fundamental conviction that death does not have the final say."

The work has drawn widespread praise from pro-life leaders for including the father in the responsibility and grief of abortion.

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2020/11/05/bishop-donald-j->

## Federal Executions May Include Firing Squads, Poison Gas

The Justice Department amended its execution protocols, no longer requiring federal death sentences to be carried out by lethal injection and clearing the way to use other methods like firing squads and poison gas. The amended rule was published in the Federal Register on Friday November 27, 2020.

The rule goes into effect on December 24, 2020.

[Associated Press 11/27/20](https://www.associatedpress.com/11/27/20)



## PROJECT MUSTARD SEED

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Emmis has been on The Boycott List since 2005 and we last wrote to them in January 2009. Please take a few minutes to write your letter or email. We are very thankful for your continued participation in this project.

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## Louisiana Voters Overwhelmingly Back Pro-Life Amendment to State Constitution

Louisianans have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a constitutional amendment that would prevent courts from finding that the state constitution contains a right to abortion.

“Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana Constitution?” the ballot question asked.

The amendment will serve as a protection against legal abortion in Louisiana if the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* or subsequent cases finding a right to abortion in the U.S. Constitution. Louisiana already has a “trigger law,” which provides that, if those cases were to be overturned, abortion would be illegal in the state, except in cases when a mother’s life is at risk. This amendment will preemptively block courts from finding a right to abortion in the constitution to override that policy.

This amendment makes Louisiana the fourth state, including Tennessee, West Virginia, and Alabama, to pass a constitutional amendment preemptively declaring that its state constitution does not protect abortion.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/louisiana-voters-overwhelmingly-back-pro-life-amendment-to-state-constitution/>



## COVID VACCINE

Pfizer’s COVID vaccine was not created with fetal cells, reports pro-life bioethicist Wesley J.

Smith. “Pfizer’s vaccine was developed using genetic sequencing on computers without using fetal cells. As a consequence, the pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute listed the vaccine as ‘ethically uncontroversial,’” Smith writes.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/pfizer-covid-vaccine-not-created-with-fetal-cells/>

## PRO LIFE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Pro-Life Movement is primarily focused on ending abortion in America and giving support to pregnant women who would otherwise be vulnerable to abortion. While it may seem that the matter of human trafficking is a separate cause, in reality, abortion and the trafficking of women and children are intertwining causes.

Troy Newman, President of Operation Rescue, wrote last month about Planned Parenthood’s involvement in conducting abortions on women and minors who were sex-trafficked. In that article, Newman quoted from a report published by the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) that stated a shocking statistic.

Out of 768 sex-trafficked women who responded to their survey, nearly 90% (683) had at least one abortion between the ages of 11 and 17. Eighty-eight percent of those 683 women, noted that their abortions had taken place at Planned Parenthood.

[Operation Rescue](https://www.operationrescue.org/) 11/2/20



“When You Became You” was published November 10. It is a colorfully illustrated children’s book that “takes you on a scientific journey through the stages of a human being’s life.”

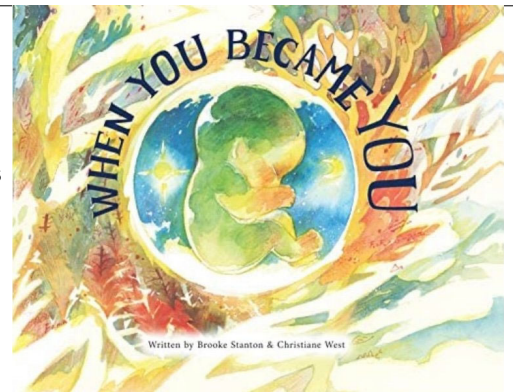
The book addresses a highly debated and

emotional topic in the abortion debate: when life begins.

“It does not matter what you look like, where you are from, how old you are, how young you are, if you can talk, if you can walk, if you can dance, or even if you aren’t born yet,” the first page of the book reads. “You are a human being.”

Many say the topic is key to moral discussions of abortion, since pro-life advocates argue that if life begins at fertilization, abortion should be considered killing a human person. Pro-abortion advocates say that since the unborn baby is inside the mother’s body, it should be the mother’s choice to decide whether to abort her pregnancy or not.

<https://dailycaller.com/2020/11/20/when-you-became-you-pro-life-childrens-book-science/>



## China Has Killed So Many Girls in Sex-Selection Abortions, It Suggests Women Have Two Husbands

Sex-selection abortions accompanied by the country’s oppressive one child policy have led to at least 71 million women being missing from society. Many men cannot find girlfriends and wives because they were aborted as babies; and the country’s population is aging rapidly because children are not being born.

Now, experts are proposing some radical solutions to the disturbing problem. Professor Yew-Kwang Ng at Fudan University in Shanghai recently suggested that the government allow women to marry two or three husbands.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2020/06/10/china-has-killed-so-many-girls-in-sex-selection-abortions-it-suggests-women-have-two-husbands/>