Planned Parenthood Lawsuits

Planned Parenthood opts out of Title X: When faced with the decision of continuing to receive Title X funds or referring for abortion, Planned Parenthood (PP) chose abortion. Recently, the organization lost its attempt to secure an emergency injunction against the Trump Administration’s Protect Life Rule which (1) prevents Title X recipients from referring women for abortion, (2) bars recipient groups from co-locating with clinics that perform abortions, and (3) requires financial separation of government-funded programs from those that carry out abortions. Planned Parenthood’s decision to opt out of Title X, means it will forfeit approximately $60 million in federal monies, about fifteen percent of its annual funding. Critics say this decision demonstrates that Planned Parenthood’s primary business is not women’s health (as it so often claims), but abortion.

Planned Parenthood loses wrongful termination suit: Mayra Rodriguez, a former Planned Parenthood facility director, was awarded $3 million in damages for wrongful termination after she reported “high complication rates” associated with a physician at her facility. Rodriguez, who worked at the abortion giant for seventeen years, had also accused the physician of performing incomplete abortions, falsifying affidavits and patient records, and failing to report on a minor patient who had an adult sexual partner.

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The real purpose in life is not to acquire, see or do more...

Sr. Maris Stella, SV

The purpose of life is to give and receive love and beauty—tenderly, slowly, and with intention...Rev. Brian Bransfield

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Guest Post

THE TRUTH ABOUT EUTHANASIA AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The practice of euthanasia and physician assisted suicide has caused a disturbance deep within my soul. I recently learned that some doctors are viewing their actions as “mercy killing” or “death with dignity.” This is very misleading to the patient and family and causes boundless confusion. The right to die is being turned into the right to be killed. The demand for death from people to alleviate their suffering is actually a cry for help. We need to listen and respond to their needs with love and compassion, not by killing them or helping to kill themselves.

The Catechism states in paragraphs 2276-2277 that “those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.”

Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide goes against Catholic moral thought. It poses a threat to the equality of every person, especially the elderly, the lonely, those living with disabilities, those experiencing chronic illness and those with limited access to good medical care. This practice disrespects the sanctity of life and it isn’t merciful or dignified. It’s hidden and true meaning must be revealed which is to cause death, the opposite of what it portrays itself to be. Every person should be honored, cared for and loved until God calls them home.

Pope Pius XII wrote in Register of the Apostolic See: “We see at times the deformed, the insane and those suffering from hereditary disease deprived of their lives, as though they were a useless burden to society; and this procedure is hailed by some as a manifestation of human progress, and as something that is entirely in accordance with the common good. Yet who that is possessed of sound judgement does not recognize that this not only violates the

natural and divine law in the heart of every man, but that it outrages the noblest instincts of humanity. Only God has the right to take a life of an innocent and while human suffering should be avoided, the suffering itself may hold special merit for the sufferer in light of Redemption.”

This quote resonated with me because I recently lost my best friend to pancreatic cancer then one month later, I lost my father to brain cancer. I share this because as I walked the battle with them, I witnessed God working in them through their suffering. He was also working in me as I suffered with them. The more they lost their independence the more they leaned on God. He drew us closer to Himself in different ways. The sick and the dying are not a burden to society, they are a gift to the living.

I pray for the safety and protection of life at every stage.

Melissa DiFiní
Candidate Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Diocese of Cleveland
Summer Intern with Office for Human Life

Everything, Anything

“Find everything you’re looking for?” a clerk asks and I say, “I’m still looking for world peace.”
“Can I get you anything else?” a nurse asks and I say, “Yes, a safe haven for refugees.”
For a millisecond, their faces soften as they take a deep breath of imagining then laugh or shake their heads or commiserate. For a few minutes we might even discuss our planet’s highest possibilities. Maybe that deep breath, that imagining, is a starting place.

Laura Grace Weldon
United States Bishops on Racism

We do not deny that the ugly external features of racism which are marred our society have in part been eliminated. But neither can it be denied that too often what has happened has only been a covering over, not a fundamental change. Today the sense of urgency has yielded to an apparent acceptance of the status quo.

Racism is the sin that says some human beings are inherently superior and others essentially inferior because of races. It is the sin that makes racial characteristics the determining factor for the exercise of human rights. It is a denial of the truth of the dignity of each human being revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation.

Brothers and Sisters to Us
U.S. Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on Racism (1979)

The American Medical Association remains opposed to assisted suicide

The American Medical Association has upheld its long-held opposition to physician assisted suicide. Meeting in Chicago, the organization’s House of Delegates voted 65 percent to 35 percent to accept its Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs’ recommendation to not change the association’s position on the issue from “oppose” to “neutral.” The AMA’s Code of Ethics states, in part, that physician assisted suicide “is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer.” The decision is a major victory for opponents of assisted suicide and euthanasia. In a second vote, 71 percent of House of Delegates members affirmed opposition to assisted suicide.

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Local Respect Life Month Events

“We need to bring the Gospel of life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society”  
Pope Saint John Paul II  
(Evangelium vitae 80)

M A S S & R O S A R Y F O R L I F E  
St. Andrew’s Abbey  
2900 Martin Luther King Dr.  
Saturday, October 5th  
8:30am Confession  
9:15am Mass for the Unborn  
After Mass, Divine Mercy  
Chaplet & Rosaries in front of Preterm—1200 Shaker Blvd.  
Other Saturdays we will  
Assemble in front of Preterm at 9:30am

L A K E C O U N T Y ’ S 2 6 T H A N N U A L L I F E C H A I N  
Intersection of Mentor Ave (Rt 20) & Reynolds (Rt 306)  
Sunday, October 6th, 1:30-2:30pm  
Our chance to “speak” for those who have no voice because everyone deserves a lifetime.  
Park on edges of Points East Shopping Center and join us at the intersection to stand & silently hold signs reminding the community of the truth that abortion kills children.  
Actions speak louder than words!

S T . B A R N A B A S L I F E C H A I N  
9451 Brandywine Rd, Northfield, OH 44067  
Sunday, October 6th after the Noon Mass  
On parish grounds—this annual Prayer & Witness will last one hour—all are invited!

S A C R E D H E A R T O F J E S U S — L I F E C H A I N  
1545 S. Green Road, South Euclid  
Sunday, October 6th 1-2pm @ Mayfield & S. Green Roads  
We will gather in the church parking lot at 12:40pm for a prayer, instruction and distribution of signs.  
Contact: Barbara—216.382.1910

C L E V E R L A N D H E I G H T S L I F E C H A I N  
2175 Coventry Road, Cleveland  
Sunday, October 6th 1-2pm @ Cedar & Coventry Roads  
We will gather at Communion of Saints parish (former St. Ann’s), meet at 12:40pm in the back of the church for prayer, instruction and signs.  
Contact: Tim—216.291.3611

H I G H L A N D H E I G H T S L I F E C H A I N  
5384 Wilson Mills Road  
Sunday, October 6th 1-2pm @ St. Paschal’s  
Gather on Wilson Mills Road  
Contact: Bob—216.401.2488

E A S T S I D E W E E K O F P R A Y E R & F A S T I N G  
Monday, October 7—Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wickliffe  
7PM Mass, Novena & Rosary  
Tuesday, October 8—St. John Vianney, Mentor  
8AM Mass & Rosary  
Wednesday, October 9—Sts. Robert & William, Euclid  
11:30AM Rosary and 12PM Mass  
Thursday, October 10—St. Justin Martyr, Eastlake  
7PM Mass & Rosary  
Friday, October 11—Immaculate Conception, Willoughby  
7:30AM Mass & Rosary  
Saturday, October 12—Benedictine Abbey, Cleveland  
9:15AM Mass

E U C H A R I S T I C A D O R A T I O N S T . L A D I S L A S C H U R C H  
2345 Bassett Road, Westlake  
Sunday, October 13th  
Adoration & Benediction from 12:30-2:00pm  
Please join us in prayer to bring an end to abortion, and increased awareness to all life issues and your intentions.

R O S A R Y C O A S T T O C O A S T  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
(Corner of Detroit and Nagel Roads—Avon)  
Sunday, October 13th—4pm  
Holy Trinity is an official site participating in the Rosary Coast To Coast. This outdoor event, because of our location at the busy intersection of Detroit and Nagel roads, will be a highly visible public witness to our faith.  

Other locations in the area include St. Patrick (Thompson), St. Mary Magdalene (Willowick), Sts. Robert & William (Euclid), Mary Queen of Peace (Cleveland), St. Raphael (Bay Village), St. Joseph (Avon Lake), Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lorain), and St. Sebastian (Akron).

For a map of currently registered sites go here.  
www.rosarycoasttocoast.com

“R E S P E C T L I F E” P R A Y E R V I G I L  
St. Mary’s Church, 250 Kraft Street, Berea  
Friday, October 18th, 7pm Mass  
Pray with us at any time during the night!  
Hourly devotions all night.  
Light refreshments in vestibule.  
Benediction: Saturday, October 19th 8am  
Call Vicky: 440-823-5141
Dorothy Day: Future Patron Saint of Women Who Regret Abortions?

When she became a public figure, Dorothy Day resolved not to crusade against abortion because it might seem hypocritical, if it came out she had one herself. And to her dismay it happened at least once that a young woman who had somehow learned about Dorothy’s abortion justified having an abortion herself because Dorothy had done so. Day was afraid the knowledge might lead other women astray who might also take her much-regretted abortion as an example to follow instead of as a violent act against both the woman and her child, which, although it can be repented and forgiven, it can never be undone.

I am concerned that Dorothy Day’s proposed sainthood may be used to support the false idea that Day did not repent her early bohemian lifestyle and the abortion she had during her youth before her conversion.

I’ve already seen evidence that some pro-choice Catholics are constructing a false narrative: that if this woman who had an abortion is declared a saint, then the Church would be admitting that abortion may be a justifiable choice for women in difficult situations. Those who claim Dorothy Day was not opposed to abortion should have a hard time getting around the fact that Day was one of the signers of a protest against legalized abortion on June 28, 1974, eighteen months after the Supreme Court legalized it.

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Nukes and the Pro-Life Christian

“We had been protesting abortion. I was thinking about nuclear weapons because a couple of those in the bus were peace activists who had long rap sheets from years of anti-war protests. I, on the other hand, was a Republican-voting, independent Baptist church-attending, conservative-leaning, law-abiding (well, until now) kind of Christian. I was awed—and grateful—that these peaceniks would join the likes of me in common cause against another kind of violence. My new friends adhered to the ‘seamless garment’ philosophy, also called the consistent life ethic, one committed to the protection of all human life, whether from war, poverty, racism, capital punishment, euthanasia, or abortion.”

Karen Swallow Prior

To me nuclear weapons and abortion were perfect bookends, symmetrical images of each other. They both involved a frank commitment to targeting innocent targets, and they both depended on the calculated willingness to destroy them deliberately. . . . The two issues struck me as being so absolute they set up a kind of a North and South Pole, a whole magnetic force that drew in a lot of other issues because of the clarity of those two.


Walk of Hope Supporting Persons with Disabilities
Saturday, October 5, 2019

Join us for a fun gathering, which raises awareness & funds for our community based programs and parish ministries for persons with disabilities in our Diocese. The Walk will be on Saturday, October 5, from 10am to 12pm, at St. Augustine Church, W. 14th St., in the Historic Tremont neighborhood. The day begins at 10am with breakfast pastries and coffee/ juice, followed by a walk around Lincoln Park and a raffle with great prizes. This event is for persons of all abilities. For further information: Lauren Mailey, 216-334-2963 or Immailey@ccdocle.org; Marilyn Scott, 216-334-2962 or mjscott@ccdocle.org; Or visit our website or event page.

What Happens When Assisted Suicide is Legal

Assisted suicide deaths up in Washington: Data from the Washington Department of Health shows that the number of people dying by assisted suicide in the state is increasing, as are the number of prescriptions for lethal medications being written. The agency reports that there were 203 reported assisted suicide deaths in 2018, up from 164 in 2017. In addition, 267 lethal prescriptions were dispensed in 2018, up from 212 in 2017. Other interesting figures from the 2018 report include that 158 different physicians prescribed lethal medications and the prescriptions were filled by 61 different pharmacists. The oldest person to commit suicide was 98 years old, the youngest was 28. The complete report is available here.


Lawyers Guild

The Red Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am at the Cathedral on Friday, October 18, followed by a noon luncheon at Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key where Mario C. Ciano will receive the 2019 St. Thomas More Award and the Sisters of Catholic Charity will receive the Guild’s 2019 Special Recognition Award. https://www.catholiccommunity.org/lawyers
Catholic Charities Disability Services

"We All Belong" is a brochure, which communicates that the Catholic Church desires the meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the sacramental life of the Church. NCPD hopes that this brochure will lead to an increased participation of Catholics with disabilities in the sacraments and parish life.

See [https://ncpd.org/we-all-belong](https://ncpd.org/we-all-belong) for ordering information, quantities and other helpful resources.

Contact Marilyn Scott, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information at 216-334-2962 or mjscott@ccdocle.org

The Real Facts on Women's Health and Abortion Laws

*Washington Post* gave four Pinnochios to Planned Parenthood for lying about the number of women who died from illegal abortion before *Roe v. Wade*. *WaPo* also revealed that maternal mortality did not spike (as allegedly) after Texas implemented pro-life laws. Good to see fact checking from the secular media on these issues!
Keeping Faith, Hope and Love at Natural Death: The Catholic Perspective on Palliative Care, Hospice, Advance Directives, and Assisted Suicide

Father John Mulhollan, Parochial Vicar of St. Basil the Great Parish in Brecksville, former corporate health care attorney and senior counsel for a large Catholic health care system in California, will speak on End of Life Issues on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Parish, 32929 Lake Road, Avon Lake. There is no admission charge for this very important presentation, which will be followed by light refreshments. For more information, you may call 440-653-9580 or email Buckaron@msn.com.

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