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Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia Dies

On Saturday, February 13, shockwaves rippled across the nation when news spread that Justice Antonin Scalia had unexpectedly died during a vacation in Marfa, Texas. Court observers on both sides of the aisle have expressed how Justice Scalia changed the U.S. Supreme Court and the study of constitutional law itself—by insisting court decisions adhere to the text of the Constitution. Scalia was considered to be one of the four justices most likely to support overturning Roe if a case reached the high court. NRL News Today 2/22/16

Canadian Bishop: Person Requesting Assisted Suicide Can't Receive Last Rites

Legal assisted suicide will soon arrive in Canada, prompting a Catholic archbishop to reflect on what the last rites mean for those who want to kill themselves.

Priests should work to dissuade people who request assisted suicide, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa said. Priests should pray with these people and their families. However, someone who requests assisted suicide doesn't have the right disposition to receive anointing of the sick.

"Asking to be killed is gravely disordered and is a rejection of the hope that the rite calls for and tries to bring into the situation," the archbishop said.

Canadian Catholic News Agency 2/29/16

Chinese Hospital May Have Killed Tens of Thousands To Sell Their Organs for Profit

Epoch Times, an international news site based in New York that focuses on human rights issues in China news, recently began digging into Tianjin First Central Hospital's well-known organ transplant practice and discovered that the medical facility isn't telling the truth about where it gets all of its organs for transplant.

Based on the investigation, some speculate that tens of thousands of people may have been killed so that the hospital could sell and transplant their organs for a profit. These horrific findings are further evidence of China's complete disregard for the value of human life.

The country's brutal One Child Policy has led to horrific forced abortions and the targeting of unborn girls for abortion. Family planning officials frequently jail couples who refuse to comply with the policy, sentence them to house arrest or labor camps, revoke jobs or governmental support, use physical harassment or violence and often target other family members.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/02/17/chinese-hospital-may-have-killed-tens-of-thousands-to-sell-their-organs-for-profit/>

State Supreme Court Fines Maine School District \$75,000 For Permitting Biologically-Male Students to Use the Boys or Faculty Restroom, but Not the Girls Restroom.

In January 2014, the Supreme Court in Maine used their state's law on "sexual orientation" discrimination as grounds to punish a school district for denying a biologically-male student the use of the girls' restroom.

The school district had made a reasonable accommodation offer to the student, who could use all of the facilities for those of the same biological sex, or use a faculty restroom if the student preferred. According to the State Supreme Court, anything less than permitting the student to use facilities of the opposite sex was discriminatory based on Maine state law.

Under Maine law, it is now illegal to have biologically distinct restrooms, showers and locker rooms, and in this unprecedented case, the school was fined \$75,000. PA Family Council 2/19/16 <http://pfi.convio.net/>

Pennsylvania's HB 1510 & SB 974 would make it illegal to maintain separate locker rooms, showers and restrooms based on biological sex

These "bathroom bills" present an attack on the personal privacy of Pennsylvanians. This proposal would mandate public accommodations in schools, restaurants, malls, health clubs, etc., forcing them to open their locker rooms, showers and restrooms to both biological sexes, based on the sex with which the individual identifies.

If you want to protect your personal privacy rights, while you still can:

1) Contact your State Senator and State Representative to oppose HB 1510 & SB 974.

Closer to Home...

Did you know that since the beginning of this school year **Pine Richland High School** has permitted those who identify as transgender to use any restroom they choose? If a girl thinks she is a boy, she is permitted to use the boys' restroom and if a boy thinks he is a girl, he is permitted to use the girls' restroom. This decision was made by the administration and it was not until February 1 that the school board president, Dr. Jeffrey Banyas, became aware of the situation. There is no written policy and parents were kept in the dark about the bathroom usage changes at the high school. AFA of PA 2/17/16



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Girl Scouts®

To Buy or Not to Buy

As Girl Scout cookie season comes around again, many pro-lifers are asking people to consider the ties between the girls group and the abortion industry before they place an order.

St. Louis Catholic Archbishop Robert J. Carlson is the latest to highlight the concern. In a letter this month, Carlson asked parishes to encourage their congregations to seek alternatives to the Girl Scouts because the group's abortion connections go against Catholic teachings.

Before buying Girl Scout cookies, the archdiocese said people should educate themselves about the connections between the group and abortion, then "act in accord with their conscience."

"Organizations that [Girl Scouts USA] promotes and partners with are in conflict with Catholic values, such as Amnesty International, Coalition for Adolescent Girls, OxFam and more. This is especially troubling in regards to sex education and advocacy for 'reproductive rights' (i.e. abortion and contraceptive access, even for minors)," Carlson wrote.

The Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis did not go as far as banning Girl Scout troops and their activities from church properties, according to the report. Instead, Carlson asked pastors to meet with troop leaders to discuss concerns about the group's ties to Planned Parenthood and other abortion groups, and "discuss alternative options for the formation of our girls." California Catholic Daily. 2/22/16

In Historic Meeting Pope, Russian Patriarch Decry Abortion, Defend Traditional Marriage



A joint declaration signed by both Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill, head of the Orthodox Church of Moscow and All Russia, issued today after their historic meeting in the Havana

Cuba airport issues a strong call for the defense of life and family.

The declaration expresses concern about the "crisis in the family in many countries" and notes "Orthodox and Catholics share the same conception of the family. The family is based on marriage, an act of freely given and faithful love between a man and a woman," it says. "We regret that other forms of cohabitation have been placed on the same level as this union, while the concept, consecrated in the biblical tradition, of paternity and maternity as the distinct vocation of man and woman in marriage is being banished.

The declaration decries the persecution of Christians, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, where "whole families, villages and cities of our brothers and sisters in Christ are being completely exterminated."

LifeSiteNews 2/12/16

National News Of Interest From American Family Association of PA

Nike has dropped a \$1M sponsorship of boxer **Manny Pacquiao** because of his statements supporting natural marriage.



The Obama administration has lifted the **immigrant entry ban** on three more STDs—chancroid, granuloma inguinale, lymphogranuloma venereum. In 2009 the ban on immigrants with HIV was lifted. Only syphilis, gonorrhea, tuberculosis and leprosy remain on the short list of "communicable diseases of public health significance" that makes an alien ineligible to enter the US. 3/4/16



40 Days for Life Sees 265 Moms Change Their Mind on Abortion

And those are just the ones we know of!!