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Catholic bishop bars pro-abortion U.S. senator from Communion until he 'repents'



Bishop Thomas Paprocki announced last week that Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin, who lives in his diocese, is not to be admitted to Holy Communion until he repents of his public abortion advocacy.

The catalyst for this announcement was the U.S. Senate's failure to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which would have made most abortions after 20 weeks illegal (the bill had an exception for babies conceived in rape and incest).

"Fourteen Catholic senators voted against the bill that would have prohibited abortions starting at 20 weeks after fertilization, including Sen. Richard Durbin, whose residence is in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois," said Paprocki, noting that Canon 915 of the *Code of Canon Law* says those "who obstinately persist in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion."

"Because [Durbin's] voting record in support of abortion over many years constitutes 'obstinate persistence in manifest grave sin,' the determination continues that Sen. Durbin is not to be admitted to Holy Communion until he repents of this sin."

"This provision is intended not to punish, but to bring about a change of heart," said Paprocki. "Sen. Durbin was once pro-life. I sincerely pray that he will repent and return to being pro-life."

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/2/22/18>

"Hate wins": Mike Huckabee forced off Country Music board for opposing gay 'marriage'



Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee's Christian views on marriage have cost him his new post on the board of the Country Music Association Foundation. The pro-life conservative former presidential candidate was forced to step down from the post which he held less than 24 hours after LGBT advocates in the industry became outraged over his appointment. Huckabee has been outspoken in his Christian beliefs about marriage being between a man and a woman.

"The message here is 'Hate Wins.' Bullies succeeded in making it untenable to have 'someone like me' involved," wrote Huckabee in a March 1 letter of resignation to board members. My sincere thanks to the CMA Foundation for believing I had something to contribute. I regret that my presence caused controversy and threats to vital support for deserving kids. Kids wanting to learn music shouldn't be the victims of adults who demand that only certain people can be in the room or be heard," he added.

Huckabee ended his letter calling for the entertainment industry to become "more tolerant and inclusive" towards those they disagree with.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news3/2/18>

Irish Activists Campaign for Abortion with Sacrilegious Ceremony Mocking Virgin Mary

A "guerrilla" street performance exulting in abortion "choice" and mimicking the Hail Mary in a deeply perverse reading of the Annunciation has resurfaced in Ireland as campaigning intensifies in the lead-up to the spring abortion referendum.

Irish citizens vote in May on whether or not to repeal the 8th amendment of its constitution, which recognizes the unborn child's right to life.

And as pro-life advocates canvas the nation urging Irish to "Save the 8th," pro-abortion forces are mounting a relentless propaganda offensive that some observers say manifests a disturbing sacrilegious fervor.

Early this week on Twitter was a video of a group of women and two men solemnly performing "The Renunciation" in a busy Dublin bus station. The action begins with performers donning light blue scarves in a room to the clanging of gongs and occasional lugubrious groaning of some unidentified instrument. The scene then cuts to the bus station, where the leader relates stories of women who traveled to England to abort their child, then thrice declares: "People of Ireland raise your voice!" To which the others respond: "We are all worthy of a right to choose!"

Produced in 2015 by the home|work collective in collaboration with the Abortion Rights Campaign, the Renunciation was bankrolled by Irish taxpayers through the Arts Council Artist in the Community Scheme.

It can be viewed on youtube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=C8FL1wYVXhs

2018 Gerber Baby Is The First Gerber Baby With Down Syndrome



This is one-year-old Lucas Warren, and he's the first ever Gerber baby with Down syndrome. Lucas, who's from Dalton, Georgia, will now represent Gerber in ad campaigns and on social media throughout 2018. He also won

\$50,000, which his parents, Cortney and Jason Warren, say will be put toward his education. They said they were shocked when they found out Lucas was the winner of the yearly photo contest, chosen out of 140,000 entries, but after the initial surprise wore off, they were just excited about what this win means for kids with special needs.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/the-new-gerber-baby-an-image-bearer-with-down-syndrome>



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Walmart Put Pregnant Employee on Unpaid Leave After Her Doctor Told Her No Heavy Lifting

Despite clear federal laws barring discrimination against pregnant workers, some corporations still unlawfully treat pregnant employees as if they are second-class citizens. In the latest case to make the news, Walmart refused to make a reasonable accommodation for pregnant employee Whitney Tomlinson in Atlanta after her doctor directed her to avoid heavy lifting for the duration of her pregnancy.

Instead of accommodating the request by temporarily assigning her to a different department, Walmart's human resources department told Tomlinson she needed to apply for unpaid leave from her job — leave she did not want and could not afford.

Walmart told Tomlinson she could not return to work until she was no longer pregnant, and applying for the unpaid leave was the only way to guarantee she would have a job when she came back.

Per the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, which has been federal law for about 40 years, pregnant women are protected from workplace discrimination like the discrimination Tomlinson experienced at Walmart. The law seeks to protect women from being unjustly coerced or pressured into considering abortion as the result of economic pressure placed on a pregnant woman by an employer. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/01/health/fired-pregnant-parenting-strauss/index.html>



Despite Big Tech Resistance U.S. House Passes Bill to Allow Prosecution of Trafficking Websites

An ever-growing outcry from lawmakers, civil society, survivors and activists prompted the passing of an anti-trafficking bill in the House of Representatives ending impunity for websites that participate in sexually exploiting women and girls.

"We sent a clear message to trafficking victims: you are not alone, and justice is no longer out of reach," said Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R-MO-02) the sponsor of The Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA).

"FOSTA will produce more prosecutions of bad actor websites, more convictions, and put more predators behind bars. It will give victims a pathway to justice and provide a meaningful criminal deterrent, so that fewer businesses will ever enter the sex trade, and fewer victims will ever be sold," the Missouri Congresswoman said in a statement following the historic vote.

The bill passed with bipartisan support, 388 to 25, after an amendment by California Congresswoman Mimi Walters restored original language that was gutted due to intense lobbying by big tech companies. They opposed any changes to the Communications Decency Act (CDA), a twenty-year-old law passed to protect websites from prosecution if others used their sites for criminal activity.

https://c-fam.org/friday_fax/despite-big-tech-resistance-u-s-house-passes-bill-allow-prosecution-trafficking-websites/ 3/2/18

Canada Starts Euthanizing Prisoners, New Guidelines Allow Prisons to "Facilitate or Enable" Death



CBC News reports that to date, three inmates of Canadian prisons have been approved for "medical assistance in dying (MAID)" and that the first documented case of a federal inmate receiving MAID occurred recently, with two correctional officers helping to escort the inmate to the hospital where the procedure took place.

Dr Anthony McCarthy of SPUC commented, "Anyone concerned to uphold the inherent human dignity of prisoners cannot fail to be concerned that the CSC deems it acceptable to send prisoners to voluntarily kill themselves with the assistance of medics. 'Assisted Dying' legislation has, in places like Belgium and the Netherlands, quickly expanded to encompass depressed and mentally ill people. Prisons have no shortage of such people. Already we have seen in Belgium prisoners killed by euthanasia having their organs taken. At a time when governments such as Canada's have trumpeted their compassion and opposition to capital punishment it is telling that there is so little concern for prisoners' dignity in this area." LifeNews.com 3/5/18



Choosing Life Over the Olympics: Skater Miki Ando Rejected Having Abortion to Help Her Career

Four years ago, Ando was preparing for a spot on the Olympic team for the Sochi Games when she made a shocking discovery: She was pregnant. And now she had a hard decision to make. She considered having an abortion. Competitive skating was her life; having a baby meant missing months of practice. And in Japan it's considered shameful to have a baby out of wedlock. When news broke of Miki's pregnancy—and of her decision to give birth—the Japanese public was furious. In the end, she announced: "I have chosen the baby's life over skating." Their quad-jumping champion was now told she was setting a bad example. Miki is now a professional figure skater, coach, and television personality. And as she told a Japanese website, the sight of her daughter's face makes her want to do her best. LifeNews.com 3/2/18