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PARENTAL LEAVE

Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-LA, and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-AZ, have introduced the first bipartisan paid parental leave plan. Under the proposal, parents could decide to receive \$5,000 at the birth of a child or for an adoption. Then for the next ten years, the annual Child Tax Credit would be reduced to \$1,500 a year for that child, instead of the full \$2,000.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/healthcare/cassidy-and-sinema-team-up-for-first-ever-bipartisan-paid-parental-leave-plan>

**"THE TRUTH
DOES NOT
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ABILITY TO
STOMACH IT."**

Flannery O'Connor

Catholic Bishop: Fighting Abortion is the "Most Important Human Rights Issue of Our Time"

Catholic Archbishop Joseph Naumann praised pro-life advocates for fighting for the "most important human rights issue of our time" Monday during the national Diocesan Pro-Life Leadership Conference.

The Catholic Herald reports Naumann encouraged pro-life church leaders not to give up, despite their struggles against an aggressive and emboldened pro-abortion movement.

"This is a moment of great opportunity as well as a moment of great peril for our culture and society," Naumann said.

The archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas, Naumann also serves as the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2019/08/09/archbishop-naumann-fighting-abortion-is-most-important-human-rights-effort-of-our-time/>



Biology Textbooks and Scientists Agree: Human Life Begins at Conception

The textbook **Human Embryology & Teratology** explains: "Although life [defined broadly] is a continuous process, fertilization is a critical landmark because, under ordinary circumstances, a new, genetically distinct human organism is thereby formed."

Dr. Jerome Lejeune, discoverer of Down syndrome chromosome: "To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion. The human nature of the human being from conception to old age is not a metaphysical contention; it is plain experimental evidence."

Dr. Micheline Matthews-Roth, Harvard University Medical School: "It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception, when egg and sperm join to form the zygote, and this developing human always is a member of our species in all stages of its life."

Assisted Suicide Doctors Start New Organization Teaching Other Doctors How to Kill Patients

A new organization has been formed to promote assisted suicide within the medical community and provide training for physicians, and others, who are willing to kill.

According to the NCCMAID [National Clinicians Conference on Medical Aid in Dying] website, California assisted suicide doctor Lonny Shavelson is the board chair with advisors and board members from across America.

The number of assisted suicide physicians on the NCCMAID organization who list palliative care as their specialty is concerning. The assisted suicide lobby is committed to normalizing assisted suicide as part of palliative care. It appears that NCCMAID is working on that goal.

Alex Schadenberg is the executive director of the [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](https://euthanasia-prevention-coalition.org/) and you can read his blog here.: <https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/>

FIGHTING LGBT IDEOLOGY

Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki, head of the Polish bishops' conference, vowed to fight LGBT ideology. "Respect for specific people cannot lead to accepting an ideology which aims at a revolution in social norms and interpersonal relations. This revolution in custom and morals, as Pope Francis stresses, often brandishes a flag of freedom, while in reality inflicting spiritual and material devastation," he said. <https://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2019/08/09/polish-archbishop-vows-to-resist-lgbt-ideology/>

CULTURE OF DEATH

Even the New York Times acknowledged that Hollywood's portrayals of abortion is at "record levels." Already 21 TV and movie characters have aborted babies in 2019.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2019/07/19/hollywood-tries-to-mainstream-abortion-21-tv-and-movie-characters-have-aborted-babies-this-year/>





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Activists Want to Expand Assisted Suicide to Allow Euthanizing Alzheimer's Patients

An April, 2019 study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* titled "[Attitudes Toward Physician-Assisted Death From Individuals Who Learn They Have an Alzheimer Disease Biomarker](#)" found that approximately 20% of cognitively normal older adults who had elevated beta-amyloid — a biomarker that is thought to increase the risk of Alzheimer's disease — said they would consider physician-assisted suicide if they experienced a cognitive decline. Not everyone with amyloid plaques goes on to develop Alzheimer's disease.

Although no state with legalized physician-assisted suicide currently allows lethal overdoses for people with Alzheimer's or other dementia, Emily Largent, JD, PhD, RN (one of the authors of the study) said, "Public support for aid-in-dying is growing...Now, we are seeing debates about whether to expand access to aid-in-dying to new populations who aren't eligible under current laws. That includes people with neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's disease." <https://www.lifenews.com/2019/08/13/activists-want-to-expand-assisted-suicide-to-allow-euthanizing-alzheimers-patients/>

SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Federal Communications Commission is moving forward with a plan to make "988" a national suicide prevention hotline number. "Crisis call centers have been shown to save lives," said FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai. "This report recommends using a three-digit number to make it easier to access the critical suicide prevention and mental health services these call centers provide." The number for the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255.

<https://thehill.com/policy/technology/457549-fcc-to-consider-designating-988-as-national-suicide-prevention-hotline>

Abortion Business Marie Stopes International Makes Over \$361 Million Killing Babies in Abortions Worldwide

Marie Stopes International, a British-based abortion chain fraught with scandals, made more than \$361 million killing unborn babies last year across the world, according to its annual report. Read it here:

<https://mariestopes.org/media/3567/financial-statement-and-annual-report-2018.pdf>

Abortion is big business. Though Marie Stopes and Planned Parenthood identify as non-profits, they reap in huge amounts of money every year from their deadly abortion work. Planned Parenthood reported a record \$1.66 billion in revenue in 2018 while providing fewer actual health care services and more abortions. Read their annual report here: https://www.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/80/d7/80d7d7c7-977c-4036-9c61-b3801741b441/190118-annualreport18-p01.pdf

USCCB Chairmen Applaud Proposed Regulations Preventing Government Discrimination Against Faith-Based Federal Contractors

Bishop Robert J. McManus of Worcester, Chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, FL, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop James D. Conley of Lincoln, Chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, issued the following statement:

"Faith-based groups should have the opportunity to compete on a level playing field as they seek to partner with the federal government to provide critical social services. **These proposed rules protect religious liberty, a core constitutional right, by clarifying existing religious exemptions consistent with federal law and recent Supreme Court precedent.** We are grateful to the Administration for taking this step, and we look forward to filing more detailed public comments with OFCCP." <http://www.usccb.org/news/2019/19-152.cfm>

At Fertility Clinics, Abandoned Human Embryos Could Number in the Millions

According to Christine Allen, a fertility doctor who runs a consultant business called Elite IVF, most fertility clinics fertilize far more eggs than they plan to use when performing in vitro fertilization, leading to the practice of indefinitely freezing surplus embryos—far more even than the process of IVF, which has a high failure rate, attempts to implant into a woman's uterus.

"You see [some women] having 40, 50 or 60 eggs retrieved in a cycle and the embryologist gets the orders from her doctor to inseminate all of them — and the question isn't asked if the patient even wants that many inseminated. Nobody's going to have 30 kids," Allen told NBC News.

Several fertility doctors told NBC News that many clinics consider embryos abandoned after patients stop paying storage fees and fail to respond to the clinic's attempts to contact them.

Approximately one-third of all the frozen embryos at a fertility clinic in Fort Myers have been discarded or abandoned, NBC News reported. Storage fees for frozen embryos typically run from \$500 to \$1,000 a year depending on the clinic.

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/at-fertility-clinics-abandoned-human-embryos-could-number-in-the-millions?>

