

Family & ProLife News Briefs

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My Musical Career Never Took Off

During my undergraduate years, I planned to pursue a career in musical theater. I intended to move to NY City, audition professionally, and build a life in the performing arts. I already toured professionally in Southwest Florida with an opera company, helped direct the university drama club, performed at school fundraising events, and dutifully devoted myself to the study of music.



But the onset of COVID-19 dramatically disrupted the performance industry, along with the rest of the world. As I approached graduation in 2021, theaters were being closed throughout the world; auditions were either invitation-only or altogether canceled. The path I had carefully constructed no longer seemed viable. In the midst of all of this, I had also gotten engaged to a medical student who was on a physician track far from any performance hub.

What initially appeared to be a professional setback ultimately became an unexpected redirection towards a far more fruitful career. Thanks to my Newman Guide college (Ave Maria University, FL), I was

taught not only how to think critically but also how to think within a coherent understanding of truth. Faith was not treated as an isolated subject, but as something integrated closely with reason. The education I received prepared me not merely for employment but for meaningful work ordered toward service and the pursuit of truth. [read the full article by Katie E. Traver, Director of Development, March for Life, at www.cardinalnewmansociety.org, Spring 2026]

Shouldn't Abortion Be Legal and Safe?

Honestly, I would say "yes" ... if the unborn weren't human beings. Then abortion wouldn't really be a big deal, like any other medical procedure. But if the unborn *are* humans, then no circumstance, however difficult, could justify it. So ... What are the unborn? We need to know the identity of what is being killed. Some teens are unwanted and end up in foster care. But their being unwanted doesn't mean they can be killed? If an elderly parent is a financial and emotional burden, does that justify putting them to death?

Perhaps unborn humans are just "clumps of cells." Or are they humans who are just much smaller than you or me? The terms we use for human beings include adult, adolescent, toddler, infant, fetus, embryo. All refer to humans at different stages of development. For example, we use the word fetus to describe a developing human starting with the eight week in their mother's womb. At what stage is it okay to kill them?

Developing humans aren't "potential humans" – they are small ones, just like you and I were. An unborn child isn't something that can develop into a human being. It already is a human being in the process of developing into a more mature

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Same-Sex Attraction

Our culture tells those with same-sex attraction that they are locked into a destructive identity from which there is no escape. Studies of the human genome and of identical twins have cast serious doubt on the often-heard claim that sexual orientation is an innate immutable trait, comparable to race. Research has found that people can, and often do, change their pattern of sexual attractions and behaviors. Yet these studies have been vigorously suppressed by secular academics and journals.

The Ruth Institute sought out and surveyed people who once called themselves 'gay' or 'lesbian' but no longer do. Fr. D. Paul Sullins, Ph.D., published a paper in *Cureus*, showing that, from among a sample of 183 men and women, 88% of women had changed sexual attraction. Further, 100% of the sample had almost completely eliminated their same-sex behavior. Therapy, either general or more-focused, helped these individuals.

The drive to ban Sexual Reorientation Therapy by labeling it 'conversion therapy' assumes no one can change, and that efforts to change are intrinsically harmful. Every single person in the survey is a standing rebuke to these assumptions. [excerpt, Jen. Roback Morse, Ph.D. and Fr. Sullins, www.RuthInstitute.org]

Poverty Amidst Abundance: *"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Students Stunned by Photos of Preborn

Our powerful 7-foot high exhibit on columns visited two public Kentucky universities to educate about the various stages of prenatal development, beginning with day one and progressing through the 9th month in the womb. The stunning photos of preborn children come from embryoscopy video foot-age and 3-D ultrasound imaging in the later months of pregnancy.

Those who stop to view the exhibit are stunned. Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Project Manager Brad Martel watched a young male student start walking down the columns, starting with the 9-month baby down to the human embryo. He will not forget what he has seen if/when his wife or girlfriend becomes pregnant.

The public, and many in the medical community, are unaware that U.S. pregnancy outcomes are the worst in the Western world! These adverse pregnancy outcomes are often preventable with education on facts related to prenatal development. Our exhibit features facts about pregnant women, educating about basic protections for mother and child, such as avoiding drinking and smoking. It also focuses on healthy behaviors like wearing seat belts and healthy eating.

Volunteer Pam, who served with CBR during Genocide Awareness Project campus tours, believes this new prenatal science approach is effective because students realize "we're offering them serious health information that they need to know. The displays are informative and introduce biology to college students who are, sadly, mostly ignorant or even misinformed on pregnancy and the development of human beings." [excerpt, Kentucky Students Learn Prenatal Science, *CBR Communique*, May 2026, www.AbortionNo.org]

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human being. In 2019, a survey of thousands of biologists answering the question “When Does Human Life Begin” resulted in 96% affirming that it begins at the moment of fertilization. Yet 85% of the respondents identified as “pro-choice.”

But shouldn't women have the right to control their bodies? Of course, but then wouldn't the unborn human boy or girl have a right to their body as a human being? They are, after all, separate humans, not just a body part of the mother.

To review several other “pro-abortion” arguments, get the booklet by Trent Horn, *Why We're Pro-Life*, available at www.Catholic.com/prolife

Free Lawn Banners to Help Women

Wouldn't it be helpful to women in unplanned pregnancy to have a local resource to help them, give them a free ultrasound and support? That's what 3' x 6' sturdy, vinyl banners do: they provide a toll free phone number that gives contact information for a local pregnancy resource center right in their area from among the more than 3,000 centers nationwide.

Hundreds of these banners are found on lawns of churches and community organizations ... and they're free of charge, supplied



by the non-profit Life Education Council that sponsors this newsletter. It has coordinated with pregnancy resource centers who choose specific banner designs appropriate to their demographic area. Some even choose to use their own 24/7 hotline instead of the national number. If your church or group would like to receive a banner, www.lifeeducationcouncil.com is the place to select the design you would like and email your request to the address provided there.

Combat Pro-Abortion Propaganda

Founded in 2011, Charlotte Lozier Institute is the non-profit research/education institute of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. With more than 70 accredited scholars, it is the go-to source for accurate and timely information on life issues. More than a dozen separate amicus briefs filed in the *Dobbs* decision that struck down *Roe v. Wade* cited Lozier Institute research and resources. The organization provides information of the highest quality on abortion, stem cell research, women's health, prenatal diagnosis, sex-selection abortion, health care policy and more. <https://lozierinstitute.org/>

Teens With Gender Dysphoria

Non-profit Advocates Protecting Children (APC) is dedicated to fighting the gender industry, and especially its predation on children in the form of unethical social and medical transition for the sake of political and financial profit. It serves and supports churches, schools, organizations, families, and individuals who seek facts and guidance by providing robust research and evidence-based information about the mental and physical health of children who suffer gender dysphoria. It fights for the abolition of gender clinics' and cosmetic surgeon's unethical medicalization of children. To see current podcasts, find books and flyers, and get more information, visit <https://www.advocatesprotectingchildren.org/>

“Cut the World's Population by 95%”

The late Ted Turner, billionaire founder of CNN, said in *Audobon Magazine*. “A total population of 250-300 million people, a 95% decline from present levels, would be ideal.” He was likely influenced by the “population bomb” scares of the 1960s and 70s that were blatantly false. He founded the Turner Foundation to fund projects aiming to slash global populations. He was even a fan of China's one-child policy, claiming that China enforced this policy “without, as far as I can see, draconian steps” though China, in fact, uses draconian policies including forced abortions and infanticides. Now facing a demographic cliff, China has relaxed its one-child policy for ethnic Chinese, but is still hunting down and punishing Tibetan, Uyghur and other minority women for unauthorized pregnancies. Underground Catholics as well are relentlessly harassed and viciously persecuted.

The ruling Communist Party (CCP) gives each citizen a “social credit” score. A good score is needed to ride a bus, board a train, take a flight, enter store or bank, etc. A citizen with a bad score may find himself prohibited from participating in society. Now, sexual slavery has become a huge and growing problem, once fairly rare in old China. The trafficking of women is often aided by local CCP officials. Safe Houses are hidden havens that save and change lives. The Population Research Institute has funded multiple Safe Houses over the past 26 years, mostly under Catholic auspices. [excerpt, PRI letter, pri@pop.org, 6/1/26]

July 4th / 250 years: *The first Massachusetts Colony governor (1630) said: “We shall be a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us.” Benjamin Franklin urged the Continental Convention to begin with prayer because “God governs the affairs of men.” President John Quincy Adams (1821) said: “The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.”*

Some Women Told IVF is Their Only Option

You probably know someone who was told she could never have children. Maybe it was a friend who spent years trying. A sister who sat across from a doctor and heard the word “infertility” like a door closing. Someone who was handed a brochure for an IVF clinic on the way out of the doctor's office, as if that settled it. The IVF industry does not offer desperate people real help. IVF does not treat infertility. It tries to work around it, and often makes things worse.

- It circumvents the underlying problem without fixing it
- IVF costs families tens of thousands of dollars
- It carries serious health risks for women
- And it has resulted in the deaths of at least 108 million developing humans

Dr. Naomi Whittaker has spent her career as a board-certified OB-GYN and fellowship-trained surgeon who specializes in the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaProTechnology, an approach that works with a woman's body to find and treat the underlying causes of infertility rather than bypassing them entirely. Dr. Whittaker treats endometriosis, PCOS, and other conditions that IVF attempts to bypass. See her informative and helpful information in a free 8-part series at www.thembeforeus.substack.com