

# Family & ProLife News Briefs

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## Planned Parenthood Abortion Centers Are Closing

So far this year, 41 centers have closed. Despite what the abortion giant & the media would have Americans think, they **all participated in abortions**. Some would kill babies directly with surgical abortions, others by selling dangerous abortion pills that also kill and injure women. Still others use telehealth to sell abortion pills in violation of state pro-life laws.



The closures don't mean that every baby a Pl. Parenthood center would have killed will be saved. It will continue to sell women abortions over the phone or Internet. But for some babies and women, lives will be spared because a

physical Planned Parenthood location is not available.

"Life is winning," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, pres. of Susan B. Anthony (SBA) Pro-life America. "Imagine how many more will shut down once they stop receiving half a billion dollars in Medicaid money. By Pl. Parenthood's own account, ending forced taxpayer funding of abortion businesses could cause up to 200 facilities to close. Cancer screens, breast exams and pap smears are down by more than 50%. Contraceptive services are down by almost 40%. But community health centers that provide these services outnumber Pl. Parenthoods 15:1 nationally and provide better, more comprehensive care to women and their babies on Medicaid," she explained.

Planned Parenthood closures are worth celebrating, but they're wins in a small battle. The larger war against killing babies in abortions continues. And millions of pro-life Americans will continue fighting. [For the closure locations, see article by Steven Ertelt, [www.LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com), 8/15/25]

## Rally and March(es) for Life

Over the past 52 years, the March for Life every January has collectively united millions of pro-life Americans from every age, background, nationality, and faith with a common purpose: to witness the inherent dignity and worth of every single human life, especially those endangered by abortion. Many individual states have come on board by sponsoring their own events. State rallies planned for this fall include:

- Sept. 22 Harriburg, PA
- Sept. 25 Trenton, NJ
- Oct. 3 Columbus, OH
- Oct. 10 Bismarck, ND
- Nov. 6 Lansing, MI

## For High School Seniors

*The Best Week Ever* is highly-ranked summer program that offers a unique educational, cultural, spiritual, and fun-filled experience. Participants will leave with a new appreciation for the liberal arts, Catholic culture, true friendship, and the beauty of God's creation found in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. **Early Bird Application** Opens November 1<sup>st</sup> for next summer. Use the code INST30 to save 30%. [[www.thebestweekever.com](http://www.thebestweekever.com)]

## Our Daily Use of Time

Do you spend lots of time following the news on national TV? Do you waste time on social media links, going "down the rabbit-hole" for an hour or two? Rev. Leonard N. Paterson observes that "with our desire as Catholics to 'fit in' with the prevalent culture, we've absorbed its values all too well, to the point that we don't look much different from everybody else." Our Lord observed: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." That's a Christian cure for all our consumerism and lack of genuine faith commitment. We should ask ourselves: "What do I treasure most in my life? Would Christ smile at my choices? The ultimate danger is that we may forget our real destination in life and not be ready for it." [Rev. Paterson, *Reflection*, 8/10/25]

## GIGO or Garbage In, Garbage Out

If we view and listen to the ongoing noise (news) of the day from secular sources, we will be affected accordingly. Why not listen to more meaningful voices by **trying just one** new source? Try one of these:

[www.DailySignal.com](http://www.DailySignal.com) (daily email news)

[www.c-fam.org](http://www.c-fam.org) (international news on family)

[www.CatholicVote.org](http://www.CatholicVote.org) (free email news)

National Catholic Register - weekly newspaper

[www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com) (life issues, religious rights)

## Couples Take Action for a Better Life

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through **Retrouvaille**. Couples increase intimacy, learn to improve communication skills, and receive help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230.

## Overcome Pornography Addiction

Road to Purity is a 100% Catholic ministry dedicated to helping men and women **break free from pornography** and reclaim their true dignity in Christ. In a substack conversation, Jonathon Fessenden interviews Dann Aungst, founder of Road to Purity, addressing some key issues:

- Why pornography is a spiritual and cultural epidemic
- How chastity and purity are the foundations of authentic masculinity and femininity
- Get proven Catholic resources offered for lasting freedom at [www.roadtopurity.com](http://www.roadtopurity.com)

If you or someone you know is struggling with pornography, this discussion will inspire **hope, healing**, and a clear path toward living a clean and chaste life in Christ. [listen to the full interview at Road to Purity: Breaking Free from Porn and Living Chastity, *Missio Dei* substack, 8/27/25]

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## “Gay is okay ... Love is love”

Today, over a quarter million children live with same-sex parents in the United States. According to mainstream media, academia and the American Psychological Assoc., there's no difference if they live with a mom and a dad or a dad & dad or a mom & mom. Kids are okay, love is love. It feels inclusive. It's even called the scientific consensus. In 2005, the APA issued a brief naming 59 studies saying there is no disadvantage to kids. But **it's a myth, a dangerous one.**

Dr. Lauren Marx evaluated the studies seven years later and found most had no heterosexual comparison group at all. And in cases where comparisons were made, they were often to single mothers, not intact married mother/father homes. **None met the standards of scientific rigor**, yet were used to justify policy and legal decisions that altered the definition of marriage and family nationwide in the Supreme Court's 2015 *Oberfell* decision.

In 2012, Dr. Mark Regnerus (Univ. of Texas Austin) did a comprehensive study on family structure & child outcomes, finding notable differences on many outcomes, including mental health, economic stability, and educational achievement which directly contradicted the “no difference” myth. Children from same-sex household fared worse on 77 of 80 life outcome measures. **“The optimal environment for children is a stable home headed by their married mother and father.”** Backlash was swift and vicious. Activists called for the study's retraction before they had even read the data. The University seized his hard drives, searched his emails, and subjected him to years of professional punishment. Then in 2015, Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons compiled a review of 10 additional large-scale peer-reviewed studies. The conclusions were consistent and again alarming. In nearly every measure, mental health, academic success, family stability, attachment disorders, and abuse, the traditional family structure outperformed others significantly.

Outcomes are so much significantly worse for children in same-sex parenting households because the presence of a mother and father, both sexes, permanent and faithful, matters. Science shows that children raised outside the natural family structure suffer more, not occasionally, but predictably. Continuing to push the “no difference” line is not compassionate, it is cruel. **It's putting the adults' gratification before the welfare of children who can't speak for themselves.** Children don't need perfect parents, they need a mom and a dad committed to each other and committed to them. Kids do best when raised by their own married mother and father. That is not political or hateful. It is simply human nature. The only question left is how many children have to suffer before we find the courage to say so. [excerpt from Erica Ahern, *The Deep Loopcast*, Is Gay Parenting Harmful?, 8/28/25]

## Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System

**(CrMS)** After years of amazing research, the mysteries of the menstrual & fertility cycle have been unraveled through the CrMS and the new women's health science of NaPro-TECHNOLOGY. Now, a woman can know her cycles and use this information for the maintenance of her health, and couples can use this knowledge to plan their family and build their future as a couple.

Advantages include a) lower costs than contraceptives,

b) high reliability, and c) it is natural with no known medical side effects.

The responsibilities include a) cooperation by both spouses, b) making accurate observations, charting them correctly, and c) the need to follow the system's instructions to help the couple either achieve or avoid pregnancy.

As the couple learns more about their natural phases of fertility and infertility, they will begin to realize how important and vital these gifts really are. Unlike contraceptives, the CrMS treats fertility as a normal and healthy process, not as a disease! The challenge to live in harmony with one's fertility is often one of the most exciting and meaningful aspects in the use of this system. Most couples find that the love and respect each holds for the other grows as their understanding and appreciation of their fertility increases. [<https://creightonmodel.com>]

**Book Recommendation:** *Blessed is the Day We Got It Wrong* by Costanza Miriano (paperback).

Whether you're a newlywed or a seasoned marriage pro, this book is a roadmap to deeper love, stronger faith, and a happier life together. You'll learn how to navigate the beautiful chaos of marriage - from minor annoyances to major challenges - without losing your sanity or your sense of humor. You'll discover how to stop trying to “fix” your spouse, why embracing the struggles can actually make your love stronger, & what it means to let God into the heart of your relationship. **Rediscover joy in marriage, the way that God intended.**

In response to the recent attack on children at a Catholic mass in Minneapolis: **“All this violence has to stop.** All children have to be protected, whether in the womb, in school, in Church, or on the street.” Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life, email 8/28/25.

## New Jersey Attacks Pregnancy Help Centers

First Choice Women's Resource Centers, a NJ pro-life Christian ministry, has spent four decades serving women facing unplanned pregnancies. In *First Choice Women's Resource Centers v. Platkin*, the state's attorney general tried to force First Choice to disclose how it applies its statement of faith to employees and volunteers, works with churches to support its ministry, relates to other pro-life organizations, and how it explains what God is doing in its ministry, all without a single complaint or any evidence of wrongdoing. The Becket Fund is asking the Supreme Court to protect the rights of ministries like First Choice from being dragged into court over their religious beliefs.

Through its ministries, First Choice has assisted over 36,000 women across NJ & has provided educational programs to thousands of high school students. At its heart, First Choice is pro-life & faith-based. All board members, employees, and volunteers adhere to a statement of faith, vowing to uphold the dignity of every person from conception to natural death.

William Haun, senior counsel at Becket, said: “Religious ministries exist to serve a higher authority than a New Jersey bureaucrat. The Court should end New Jersey's unnecessary and unconstitutional intrusion.” Oral argument in the case is expected in the fall. [Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers Go to Supreme Court Fight New Jersey's Harassment and Threats, Ryan Colby, [www.LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com), 8/29/25]