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## USCCB urges Catholics to pray to St. Joseph for end of taxpayer-funded abortion

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked the faithful to invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, for an end to all taxpayer funding of abortion.

In a July 24 announcement, the USCCB emphasized that people should not be forced to pay for the killing of unborn children or the facilities that murder them and encouraged Catholics to say a prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life.

<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer>

## POPE ISSUES NEW PRO-FAMILY POLICIES FOR VATICAN EMPLOYEES

Pope Leo is strengthening support for Vatican employees' families by adding more paid time off for new fathers, extra leave for parents of children with severe disabilities, and extended financial allowances for older students.

[Pope expands rights for parents working in the Vatican - Vatican News 7/28/25](#)



## Court Issues Ruling Forcing Catholic Nuns to Pay for Abortions

In a nationwide ruling against a Trump Administration religious conscience rule, a federal district court in Philadelphia today, August 13, sided with Pennsylvania and New Jersey in their years-long effort to force the Little Sisters of the Poor—an order of Catholic nuns who care for the elderly poor—to either provide abortion and contraceptives in their healthcare plan or pay tens of millions of dollars in fines.

In *Little Sisters of the Poor v. Pennsylvania*, the Supreme Court in 2020 upheld a federal rule protecting the Little Sisters and other religious groups from the federal government's contraceptive mandate. But Pennsylvania and New Jersey have continued to fight in court to strip the Little Sisters of that protection. This ruling keeps that effort alive, and the Little Sisters have vowed to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

[Little Sisters of the Poor v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Becket](#)



## WOMAN SUES MAN FOR KILLING UNBORN CHILD WITH PILLS

A Texas mother is suing her baby's father, accusing him of secretly lacing her drink with abortion pills — killing their eight-week-old unborn child despite her pleas to keep the baby. After threatening and pressuring her, the man reportedly lured her into drinking hot cocoa laced with the drugs during what he called a "trust night" between the two.

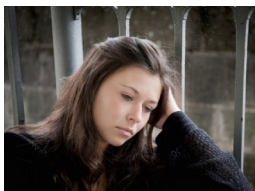
[Texas woman accuses former partner of lacing drink with abortion pills - The Washington Post 8/12/25](#)

## Costco Won't Sell Abortion Pill at Pharmacy Locations

Chemical abortions account for about half of the abortions in the United States every year.

Costco won't dispense the abortion pill mifepristone in its pharmacies following pressure from investors to refuse selling the drug in its stores. With more than 500 pharmacy locations, the retailer says the company hasn't seen consumer demand for the pill.

[National Catholic Register 8/15/25](#)



## High School Caught Arranging Secret Abortions on Teens Without Parental Consent

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) in Virginia is under scrutiny following allegations that staff at Centreville High School arranged and funded abortions for two students without notifying their parents.

The abortions, arranged in 2021, are prompting outrage from pro-life advocates who call the actions a violation of parental rights and state law. Pro-life organization 40 Days for Life condemned the reported actions on X, stating, "A Fairfax high school secretly arranged and paid for student abortions—without telling parents. This isn't 'healthcare.' It's state-funded child exploitation. Every official involved must be held accountable."

[High School Caught Arranging Secret Abortions on Teens Without Parental Consent - LifeNews.com 8/7/25](#)



## Congo bishops condemn lack of response after Islamic terrorists kill over 40 Catholics

Bishops of the Democratic Republic of the Congo are putting out a call for help and justice in the wake of an Islamic terror attack on a Catholic church that left more than 43 dead.

ISIS-linked Islamic terrorists stormed a Catholic parish in the Congo, murdering dozens of people with machetes, kidnapping others, and burning victims' bodies, but no arrests have been made so far.

[Congo bishops condemn lack of response after Islamic terrorists kill over 40 Catholics - LifeSite 8/8/25](#)



## PREEMIE BABY IN IOWA MAKES HISTORY!

A 1-year-old boy in Iowa has earned a place in medical history — and the Guinness World Records — as the most premature baby ever to survive. Born at just 21 weeks' gestation, Nash arrived 133 days ahead of his due date and has since surpassed expectations in both health and spirit. <https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/news/2025/7/nash-is-pure-joy-in-a-tiny-package-most-premature-baby-born-19-weeks-early-turns-one>

## AFTER DISTURBING REPORT, ORGAN DONORS ARE OPTING OUT

Thousands of Americans are opting out of being organ donors after a New York Times report raised alarms about rushed organ harvesting that, in some cases, involves non-responsive patients who still show signs of life.

Newsweek 8/13/25

## Study Confirms Women Having Abortions Twice as Likely to Need Psychiatric Hospitalization

A new study of over 1.2 million pregnancy outcomes in Quebec, Canada, confirms that psychiatric hospitalization is over twice as likely to occur after induced abortions than after live births (104 versus 42 cases per 10,000 person years). The rates of hospitalization were especially higher for substance abuse disorders and suicide attempts.

The risks associated with abortion remained elevated even after controlling for prior mental health, age, and poverty. But among women with prior mental health issues, psychiatric hospitalization was nine times more likely for those who had abortions. In contrast, among women without prior mental health issues, abortion was linked to only a 50% increased risk of psychiatric hospitalization.

Induced abortion and implications for long-term mental health: a cohort study of 1.2 million pregnancies - PubMed 8/22/25

## Planned Parenthood Once Again Caught Misleading Women in PA

Planned Parenthood is once again falsely advertising services it doesn't actually provide to Pennsylvania women, a repeat offense of a deceptive pattern first exposed in 2017.

A new review conducted by the Pennsylvania Family Institute found that multiple Planned Parenthood locations across the Commonwealth are advertising "Prenatal and Postpartum Services" on their websites, yet none of the listed clinics actually offer prenatal care.

Calls made directly to Planned Parenthood locations that claim to offer such services confirmed the truth: not one Planned Parenthood in Pennsylvania provides any prenatal care. This false advertising comes despite Planned Parenthood Keystone and Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania listing "Prenatal and Postpartum Services" among their offerings at multiple health centers.

It is clear: Planned Parenthood's business model isn't about supporting women, it's about selling abortions.

Taxpayer dollars shouldn't be funding an organization that continues to mislead the public and manipulate vulnerable women." [Planned Parenthood Once Again Caught Misleading Women in PA - PA Family 7/30/25](#)

## HHS Finds Systemic Disregard for Sanctity of Life in Organ Transplant System

On July 21, 2025, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. announced a major push to begin reforming the U.S. organ procurement and transplantation system. This announcement was prompted by a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) investigation that uncovered multiple examples of patients who were not dead when they were taken for organ procurement.

The HRSA investigation revealed that out of 351 cases studied, 103 (29.3 percent) were found to have problems. They discovered 73 patients (21 percent) who were authorized for organ procurement despite having neurological signs incompatible with organ donation. And disturbingly, at least 28 patients (8 percent) may not have been deceased when doctors began surgery to remove their organs.

<https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hrsa-to-reform-organ-transplant-system.html>



## HEAD OF US BISHOPS THANKS VA FOR DROPPING ABORTIONS

Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, stated this week that he is "deeply grateful" to the Trump administration for undoing a Biden-era Veterans Affairs policy that allowed taxpayer funding for abortions.

"It is only fitting that an agency established to care for those who so often put their lives on the line to defend the innocent is freed from participation in procedures that do not support innocent life," the archbishop stated.

[Archbishop Broglio Issues Statement on VA Termination of Abortion Services - Archdiocese for the Military, USA](#)

## Statistic shows abortion has wiped out 28% of Gen Z generation

Stats not just from the US but around the world indicate that about 3-in-10 babies are killed by abortion.

According to Guttmacher estimates for the number of abortions performed each year in the U.S. from 1997 to 2011, the birth years of Gen Z, about 19.5 million conceived human beings of that generation, have been killed through abortion. There are currently an estimated 69.3 million Gen Z members in the U.S.

Statistics from England and Wales show very similar abortion rates. [Viral statistic shows abortion has wiped out 28% of Gen Z generation - LifeSite 8/20/25](#)

## ICE BREAKS UP ILLEGAL MIGRANT-RUN HUMAN TRAFFICKING RING

ICE agents this month rescued 27 victims, including 10 children, from a human trafficking ring run by five illegal aliens in Omaha. The ring was run out of motels and salons, the Department of Homeland Security stated in a release, and the victims "were crammed into cockroach infested rooms and trapped in squalor with no basic sanitation or safety." [ICYMI: ICE Rescues 27 Victims Including 10 Children from Human Trafficking Ring | Homeland Security](#)