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Swiss founder of controversial assisted suicide clinic dies by euthanasia at 92

A Swiss man who established an assisted suicide clinic in 1998 and became a pioneer in the field died via euthanasia on November 29, just days before his 93rd birthday.

Ludwig Minelli was the highly controversial founder of Dignitas, a Basel-based suicide clinic that was at the center of multiple scandals since it opened.

Minelli reportedly made millions of dollars from assisted suicide. In 2010, a former Dignitas employee spoke about the many abuses that occurred there. The UK-based Guardian has reported that in 2024 Dignitas helped more than 4,000 persons end their lives.

The Catholic Church specifically teaches that suicide or the intentional ending of one's own life is gravely evil, as man is not the author of his own life. "Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator," the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2324) affirms.

[LifeSiteNews 12/5/25](#)



New Bill Would Ensure Med Students Aren't Forced to Kill Babies in Abortions

The Conscience

Protections for Medical Residents Act replaces the opt-out system with an opt-in system. It ensures residents can choose whether to participate in abortion training and protects them from discrimination or retaliation if they decline.

Under current rules from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, residents are allowed to opt out of abortion training, but the opt-out system puts pressure on trainees to participate in procedures that violate their moral or religious beliefs. Residents often fear that opting out could affect evaluations, recommendations, or future career opportunities.

[LifeNews.com 11/18/25](#)



Planned Parenthood Abortion Biz Closes First Center in 2026

The nation's largest abortion business kicked off the new year by shuttering its Rolla, Missouri center. That marks the first such closure in 2026 after nearly 50 Planned Parenthood facilities were forced to close nationwide last year amid federal funding cuts.

The abortion giant blamed the move on financial strains from Missouri's pro-life laws and federal defunding under the Trump administration.

[Mid-Missouri News 1/1/26](#)



Court Allows Planned Parenthood Defunding to Continue

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday overruled a preliminary injunction from U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani, allowing a federal provision to defund the Planned Parenthood abortion business through Medicaid to take effect and continue during ongoing litigation.

The decision, which lifts a temporary block on the funding ban, marks a significant victory for pro-life advocates who have long pushed to redirect taxpayer dollars away from the abortion company.

Planned Parenthood, which sued separately, has seen 48 of its abortion centers close this year.

[LifeNews.com 12/9/25](#)

EPA investigating ways to test abortion pill chemicals in water supply

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials instructed scientists this summer to determine whether methods to detect traces of abortion pills in wastewater could be developed. While no current EPA-approved methods currently exist, new methods can be developed, two anonymous sources recently told the New York Times.

Lawmakers noted that mifepristone is a "potent progesterone blocker" that disrupts hormonal balance and could "potentially interfere with a person's fertility, regardless of sex."

[The E.P.A. Followed Up on an Unusual Request About Abortion Pills - The New York Times 10/11/25](#)

Archdiocese of Mexico City condemns efforts to legalize assisted suicide

The official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Mexico City published a forceful op-ed this month denouncing "totalitarian and eugenic ideologies" that are emerging in the country, in an effort to stymie a bill that seeks to legalize euthanasia.

In its weekly *Desde la fe*, the archdiocese rebuked the argument that assisted suicide is "death with dignity." It also warned that the bill is a "major mistake from an anthropological, legal, and human rights perspective."

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[El bien morir y el mito de la eutanasia 11/30/25](#)

Bill presented to protect adopted children, families from exploitation

On November 26, Republican Senator Marsha Blackburn joined Democrat Senator Amy Klobuchar to introduce the bipartisan Adoption Deserves Oversight, Protection, and Transparency (ADOPT) Act, which aims to protect parents and children during the adoptive process.

According to the congresswomen, in America, couples seeking to adopt are often preyed upon by unlicensed “baby brokers” or intermediaries who connect expectant parents with adoptive families, often for profit.

The new legislation aims to end this practice by imposing federal penalties and licensing requirements, the legislation promotes an ethical, transparent adoption process while protecting vulnerable parties from scams, financial exploitation, and commodification.

<https://www.blackburn.senate.gov/2025/11/general/blackburn-colleagues-introduce-bipartisan-adopt-act-to-protect-adoptive-families-from-exploitation>

OVER 16,000 KILLED BY CANADA'S EUTHANASIA PROGRAM

The Canadian government this month released the annual report on its euthanasia program, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), revealing that 16,499 people were killed via the program in 2024 — a 6.9% increase from 2023.

[Sixth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada - Canada.ca](#) 12/1/25



Disability groups sue Delaware over assisted suicide law: ‘Discrimination plain and simple’

The complaint asserts that the law, instead of prioritizing suicide prevention for individuals with disabilities, effectively steers them toward suicide.

Delaware House Bill 140 allows a person who has been diagnosed as “terminally ill” with less than six months to live to qualify for life-ending drug treatment.

The advocacy groups’ lawsuit claims that since federal funding is now being funneled to drugs to procure assisted suicide, there is less funding directed toward preventing suicide among the disabled.

[Complaint Final.docx](#) [Bill Detail - Delaware General Assembly](#) 12/16/25



Bishop Ronald Hicks appointed next archbishop of New York

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Ronald Hicks, 58, of the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, as the next archbishop of New York, succeeding Cardinal Timothy Dolan. A Chicago native known for his missionary spirit and pastoral approach, Archbishop-elect Hicks brings decades of experience in priestly formation, international service, and pro-life leadership to one of the Church’s most prominent sees.

He is a **passionate pro-life advocate**, leading a recent 3.4-mile Eucharistic Procession for Life in Naperville with over 500 Benet Academy students, families, and others, Hicks emphasized the sanctity of life, stating, “Our God is life. Our God is the source of life. He is the creator of life. And we are here to promote, to protect, and to pray for life and for life eternal for everyone, from conception to natural death.”

[Bishop Hicks - Diocese of Joliet](#) and [NPR](#) 12/18/25

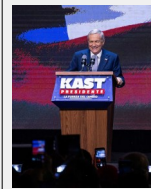
PRITZKER SIGNS ILLINOIS SUICIDE BILL INTO LAW

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker on Dec. 12 signed legislation allowing terminally ill patients to take life-ending medication prescribed by a doctor, making Illinois the first state in the Midwest to legalize medical aid in dying.

Senate Bill 1950, formally titled the “End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act,” is commonly referred to as “Deb’s Law” after advocate Illinois resident Deb Robertson, who has a rare terminal illness.

Death certificates will list the underlying terminal illness, not suicide, as the cause of death. The law will take effect in September 2026.

[The State of Illinois Newsroom](#) 12/12/25



Devout Pro-life Catholic father of 9 defeats communist in Chile's presidential election

Chile has elected a pro-life, pro-family father of nine children as its new president.

On December 14th, José Antonio Kast won the presidential election in a clear victory over his communist rival Jeannette Jara with around 58 percent to 42 percent of the vote.

The election of Kast marks the latest victory for the right-wing in Latin America. Argentina’s President Javier Milei posted a map on X that shows several countries now having conservative heads of state, including his own country, as well as Chile, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, and Paraguay. El Salvador also has a very successful conservative president in Nayib Bukele.

[LifeSiteNews](#) 12/15/25

Number of Abortion Centers in America Has Declined 4 Years in a Row



In 2021, just before the fall of Roe, Operation Rescue’s annual survey revealed the highest number of abortion clinics in five years, counting 718 across 50 states. At the close of 2025, that number is 657 across just 37 states, an 8.5% decrease in just four years.

This progress is made even more evident in the comparison of clinics that existed in 1991, numbering 2,176 across the nation, to the number that remains today. A total count of 657 abortion clinics in 2025 shows a whopping 70% decrease in less than forty years.

[Operation Rescue](#) 12/22/25