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Life NEWS BRIEF

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Legislature Ensures End of Life Protections

During the slate of legislative activity the last few weeks of 2016 during lame duck session, the Ohio House and Senate added class 3 felony penalties to existing sanctions against assisted suicide in Ohio, signed into law by Governor Kasich.

These human life protections were in response to Ohio's pro-life coalition's concerns, which had become aware of the pro-euthanasia group, so-called Compassion and Choices, targeting Ohio to try to legalize this deadly practice.

For this effort, initiated by Cincinnati and Cleveland Right to Life plus legislative consultant Barry Sheets, the leading coalition also included Greater Toledo Right to Life, Dayton Right to Life, Northeast Ohio Right to Life, and Ohio ProLife Action, plus associated groups—all which worked successfully to also stop passage of SB 165, Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment and its questionable use for terminally ill patients.

The pro-life coalition thanks then Senate President Faber and Senator Bill Seitz who recognized the need for criminal penalties for assisted suicide in Ohio and worked proactively to ensure them in law.

Ohio Passes Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act



Before the end of last year, the legislature passed and Governor Kasich signed the S.B. 127 Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to prohibit abortion of Ohio babies at 20 weeks gestation, the point in pre-natal development scientists agree babies can feel pain. Since 2010, 16 states have

passed similar legislation, and a federal version has been attempted, but is yet to be passed. Estimates are that in 2015, 478 babies were aborted in the state after 19 weeks gestation.

Two Key Bills Fall by Wayside

During lame duck session before the end of the year, the Ohio House did not move Sub. S.B. 254, the Unborn Child Dignity Act, to ensure humane treatment of aborted babies' bodies, thus this bill died. Such children's bodies deserve the same respect as any other deceased human being, and efforts will continue to pass the bill this year.

Both the Ohio Senate and House passed Ohio's Unborn Heartbeat Protection bill, as an amendment to House Bill 493 child abuse reporting law. Despite widespread grassroots support, Governor Kasich line item vetoed the amendment. Legislators did not return to Columbus to override any governor veto, thus Ohio is yet to protect tiny babies with beating hearts from abortion violence. Late January, Iowa Representative Steve King introduced a federal Heartbeat Bill in Congress.

Planned Parenthood Deemed Criminally Guilty

Early January, as a result of an investigation prompted by David Daleiden's Center for Medical Progress videos, the U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee's Select Investigative Panel released its final report showing that Planned Parenthood and associates are guilty of breaking state and federal laws in criminal harvesting and sale of aborted babies' body parts. The report documents Planned Parenthood officials' admissions under oath that they change abortion methods for higher quality parts, use fraudulent and invalid consent forms with unsuspecting pregnant women, and more.

Entities found to be trafficking in babies' body parts for profit were StemExpress, Advanced Bioscience Resources, Novogenix Laboratories, plus Planned Parenthood affiliates Mar Monte, Los Angeles, Northern California, and Pacific Southwest. David Daleiden exposed these crimes at great personal cost, as he has been subject to four separate lawsuits filed against him by some of these suspect entities. However, within days after the final report's release, StemExpress dismissed its lawsuit.



Please join with Greater Cincinnati and hundreds of other locations nationally and internationally for this spring's 40 Days for Life campaign—to pray, witness, and fast for an end to abortion and conversion of those who reject the sanctity of human life. Join vigils at Planned Parenthood's abortion headquarters on Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, or the Women's Med Center abortion mill in Sharonville. Contact for Planned Parenthood vigils: Mary Clark, cincinnati40days40@live.com, 513/791-4039, 40daysforlife.com/cincinnati/. Contact for Women's Med Center vigils: Leslie Marsh, lesliannmarsh@gmail.com, 513/404-4622, 40daysforlife.com/sharonville.

Toledo Abortion Center Demolished

Our friends in Toledo report that the notorious abortion facility, the Center For Choice at 22nd St. and Madison Ave., has been demolished. The goal is to now encourage forgiveness, healing, and new purpose for those forever impacted by an abortion decision. Thus Hope Park is being built on the site of former grief—to remember the fifty thousand plus innocent lives lost by abortionists, and a place of redemption and restoration for their parents. (hopepark.org)

In Memoriam: Bob Trick, Jane Kasselmann

Cincinnati Right to Life remembers with love and gratitude, dedicated volunteers Bob Trick and Mary Jane Kasselmann, who have left the bonds of earth towards the joy of heaven. These beloved friends gave selflessly for love of God and His gift of human life. *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.* (Revelation 21:4)

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

United States Declaration of Independence

Roe v. Wade Remembered

Thank you to all who traveled for the March for Life in Washington, DC plus those who participated in prayer and witness locally on the 44th memorial of the *Roe v. Wade* U.S. Supreme Court decision. We are hopeful that our country's new administration will move quickly to protect women, men, and little pre-born American citizens from abortion violence, as we remain vigilant in efforts towards victory in protecting life.



New Pro-Life Reads

Pro-Life Action League founder, Joe Scheidler, a known warrior for the unborn including as the target of a lawsuit brought by the National Organization for Women under federal racketeering laws, has released his autobiography *Racketeer for Life*. The book explains how this former Benedictine monk and journalism professor was drawn into pro-life activism, and called the "Green Beret" of the pro-life movement by syndicated columnist Pat Buchanan. (<https://prolifeaction.org/>)

Inspiring abortion-survivor and compelling pro-life witness Melissa Ohden has chronicled how she searched for her biological parents in *You Carried Me*. Adopted as an infant, Melissa was fourteen when she learned that she is the survivor of a botched abortion. *You Carried Me* tells of Melissa's journey from anger and shame to faith and forgiveness (available on Amazon).

Mark Your Calendar – Right to Life Gala

Save the date for Evening for Life, Thursday, October 12, 2017, at the Sharonville Convention Center—the popular annual gala for the Greater Cincinnati pro-life community! Don't miss this year's remarkable program featuring H.K. Derryberry and Jim Bradford. Born three months premature, from childhood on, H.K. valiantly braved challenges of disabilities alone till he met Jim Bradford, and both their lives changed forever.



Get in Shape for 5k Run/Walk



Tone up now for Cincinnati Right to Life's Pro-Life Saver 5K Run/Walk plus growing Kid's Dash, Saturday, November 4, 2017, Lunken Playfield at Lunken Airport. More details to come for this growing family fun event! (5kRunforLife.org)

13th Annual Student Pro-Life Poster Contest

Elementary-age students are welcome to participate in Cincinnati Right to Life's 13th Annual Pro-Life Poster Contest for students grades K-8, deadline March 31, 2017. This year's theme is *Liberty & Justice for All, Born & Unborn*. Cash prizes of \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5 will be awarded for the 1st-5th place winners in categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8. See CincinnatiRightToLife.org for contest rules and entry forms, or call the RTL office.

Ohio's Decreasing Abortion Trend

The Ohio Department of Health has released its Induced Abortions in Ohio report—the latest abortion statistics available, from 2015. According to the report, abortion numbers statewide decreased 1% in 2015: 20,976 induced pregnancy terminations were reported in Ohio for 2015 (21,186 in 2014), including 19,765 obtained by Ohio resident women (94.2%).

Locally, for resident induced abortions, Hamilton Co. still has the third highest county abortion total and shows an increase in 2015 over the previous year at 2225 (2151 in 2014), after Cuyahoga at 4895 (5185 in 2014) and Franklin at 3333 (3376 in 2014) Counties. Butler Co. abortion numbers slightly increased to 528 (527 in 2014); Clermont Co. decreased to 195 (213 in 2014); and Warren Co. decreased to 198 (208 in 2014).

Dr. David Bentley, Gateway to Life International, and members of a pregnancy help center in Chernivtsi, Ukraine with another fetal model set sponsored by Cincinnati RTL.



AREA PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Son Rise Morning Show 740AM/89.5FM, Tuesdays, 7:20 a.m., pro-life news spot with host Anna Mitchell Egan and CRTL Executive Director Paula Westwood (SonRiseMorningShow.com)

Women's Med Center Weekday Prayer Vigils, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Women's Med Center, 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; held on grassy strip that runs between driveway and LaRosa's (513/378-4262)

Women's Med Center Saturday Morning Prayer Vigils, Sharonville, OH; Rosary led by different parishes in the Archdiocese every Saturday morning on the grassy area in front of the abortion mill beginning at 9:15 a.m., except for the 4th Saturday when it begins at 9.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil for Life, February 4, 18 & 25, 8 a.m. & March 4, 18 & 25, Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati; February 11 & March 11, 8:30 a.m., St. Teresa of Avila Church, Western Hills (513/984-6742); Mass followed by Rosary Prayer walk to Planned Parenthood

Couples for Christ Rosary for Life, February 4 & March 4, 2 p.m., All Saints Parish, 8939 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati

First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary & Mass, February 4 & March 4, 9 a.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood; followed by coffee and speaker (513/351-9800)

St. Vincent Ferrer 2nd Wednesday Witness for Life Prayer Vigil, February 8 & March 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Planned Parenthood, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati

Mary's Mantle for Life Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil, February 11 & March 11, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/258-7620)

Third Friday Pro-Life Mass, February 17 & March 17, noon at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood

40 Days for Life, spring campaign begins March 1, see p.1

Cincinnati Right to Life Annual Meeting, March 9

Bringing America Back to Life Conference, March 10-11, Cleveland (BringingAmericaBackToLife.org)

Pregnancy Center West Luncheon, March 11, noon; The Farm, Anderson Ferry Rd., Cincinnati (513/244-5700)

International Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Terri Schindler Schiavo and All Our Vulnerable Brothers and Sisters, March 31; marking the 12th anniversary of Terri Schiavo's death (lifeandhope.com)

Cenacle for Life, every Sunday, 3-4 PM, The Church of the Resurrection, First Street, Price Hill; includes Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and other prayers (513/922-4231, CenaclesofLife.org)

LIFEPRINTS



Congress May Block DC Suicide Law

Congress has authority to block laws the Washington D.C. Council passes. At the time of this printing Congressional efforts are underway to overturn the Council's legalization of assisted suicide in December, to permit doctors to help terminally ill patients, 18 years old and up, end their lives. Because Washington DC is a federal territory, such deadly decisions set a precedence for the rest of the country.

AL Supreme Court Recognizes Unborn "Human Beings"

The Alabama Supreme Court has ruled that a woman's wrongful death lawsuit against a doctor accused of contributing to the death of her unborn child may continue. The main question the Court faced was whether the state's Wrongful Death Act applied to pre-born children harmed by medical negligence before viability. The Court declared that unborn children are human beings whether or not developed to the point of viability and therefore entitled to legal protection from earliest beginnings. Alabama is now the seventh state to recognize wrongful-death actions for such children.

California Assisted Suicide for Mentally Ill

California's End of Life Option Act now permits mentally ill patients ordered hospitalized to request assisted suicide if they are diagnosed terminally ill and able to make medical decisions. People can be involuntarily hospitalized for psychiatric reasons in CA if they are found by a court to be a danger to themselves or others. Now a terminally ill, mentally ill patient who is a danger to themselves or others may petition the courts to participate in assisted suicide by requesting release from custody of the Department of State Hospitals, and the department must help the patient get to an off-site facility to commit suicide. If the court decides the mentally ill patient too dangerous to be released, the state must facilitate the suicide by either transporting the mentally ill patient to a place for death or make sure it is done at the state facility.

IU Purchases Aborted Babies' Body Parts

The Indiana Right to Life Society has obtained an invoice showing that Indiana University paid \$200 each for brains from aborted babies from the University of Washington's Department of Pediatrics in Seattle. Listed on the invoice are two

IU researchers and published authors, who conduct research on Alzheimers disease and autism among other subjects. Meanwhile, Indiana University is fighting in court to continue its experiments on aborted babies' organs. In its complaint, filed in U.S. District Court September 2016, IU says it is aware that it is purchasing aborted babies body parts but claims this is necessary for medical research.

Kentucky Passes Two Pro-Life Bills

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin kept his pro-life campaign promises and early January signed the state's The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (SB5), which uniquely includes a "litigation fund" to help pay for its anticipated legal challenge in court. Governor Bevin also signed an Informed Consent bill (HB2), which requires a mother to have an ultrasound before she has an abortion, although she may choose to not view the ultrasound and/or to have the sound of her baby's heartbeat muted.

Philadelphia PCC's Redemption Project

Early January, AlphaCare officially opened a new location in Philadelphia to offer free life-affirming help to pregnant women and those who have experienced abortion. This new location on Lancaster Avenue shares a wall with the former "House of Horrors" that abortionist Kermit Gosnell operated from 1979 to 2010, until his arrest and murder trial. During this infamous trial, Gosnell's substandard, unsanitary facility was exposed, as was the botched abortion and death of at least one patient, his practice of delivering babies alive and snipping their spinal cords, plus other brutalities—all which led to his conviction and imprisonment. Throughout this redemption project, those involved rallied around Isaiah 61, which tells of God's promise to transform ashes of mourning into comfort and gladness.

Planned Parenthood Medicaid Funding Cut in Texas

Announced last year, Texas has officially ended all Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood affiliates in the state. The final notice of the defunding decision cites as deciding factors: the Center for Medical Progress videos showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing harvesting aborted babies' body parts, plus whistleblowers' reports of Planned Parenthood filing false Medicaid reimbursement claims. Texas Planned Parenthood had previously received \$3.1 million in Medicaid funding. Planned

Parenthood says it will seek a court injunction to stay the decision. Texas has 38 Planned Parenthood locations, but has 732 federally qualified health centers, which can provide all of Planned Parenthood's non-abortion services.

Unsafe Abortion Facilities' Report

Americans United for Life has released an investigative report entitled *Unsafe, How the Public Health Crisis in America's Abortion Clinics Endangers Women*, which exposes more than 1,400 health and safety deficiencies in the past eight years at 227 abortion centers in 32 states. AUL launched the investigation after the Supreme Court *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt* ruling in June 2016, which overturned a Texas law that abortionists must follow common-sense health and safety standards. Identified are 39 Planned Parenthood facilities in 15 states, including Ohio, as unsafe (<http://unsafereport.org/>).

Pro-Life Laws Ranked by State

Americans United for Life has released its 2017 *Life List*, which ranks every state on how well each protects life in law. For the second year in a row, Oklahoma earned top ranking, followed by Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Arizona. For the eighth year in a row, Washington remains the state where women have fewest legal protections, followed by California, Vermont, New Jersey, and Oregon (<http://www.aul.org/2017-life-list/>).

New Congressional Scorecard

March for Life Action has announced it will be compiling a scorecard to hold pro-life Congressional members accountable as true defenders of the unborn. The goal is to not only record pro-life votes, but to also record members' initiatives, such as sponsorship of pro-life bills and speaking out for pro-life issues on the House or Senate floor.

Nat Hentoff, Rest in Peace

Nat Hentoff, writer, civil libertarian, free speech advocate, jazz critic, and pro-life witness, died Saturday, January 7th at 91. Openly atheist, Nat was much criticized by the left for his unwavering pro-life convictions against abortion, euthanasia, and mistreatment of disabled babies—often leading to the loss of prominent writing offers. The Human Life Foundation named Nat a Great Defender of Life in 2005, where he was introduced for this award by pro-life bioethicist Wesley Smith.

24/7 Crisis Lifeline for At Risk Patients & Families

From Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network (lifeandhope.com/lifeline)—Every day, patients and families find themselves at-risk of their human dignity being violated due to a physician, medical institution, or insurance company with differing views about what sort of treatment they deserve. In the most extreme cases, patients face the prospect of someone in a position of power denying them food and water through forcible removal of a feeding tube. In more common cases, patients and families face other forms of denial of care that lead to poor, sometimes fatal, outcomes. The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network's 24/7 Crisis Lifeline connects at-risk patients and families with the medical and legal advocates they need to ensure the best outcome possible at a difficult time.

If you or a family member is at-risk, contact the 24/7 Crisis Lifeline for assistance:

Call: 1 (855) 300-HOPE (4673)
 Email: lifeline@lifeandhope.com

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