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# Life NEWS BRIEF

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## Planned Parenthood Sues to Block Defunding

February 22nd, Ohio Governor John Kasich signed House Bill 294 to block abortionists in Ohio from qualifying for five funding programs administered by the Ohio Department of Health. The bill redirects state-administered grants—approximately \$1.3 million last year—away from Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

The law was scheduled to go into effect May 23rd, despite Planned Parenthood filing suit May 11th in federal court to block it from being enforced. Planned Parenthood says the cuts do not close any of its 28 facilities in Ohio, but do reduce funds for some non-abortion programs. Government funding for any Planned Parenthood program is misuse of citizens' tax dollars to prop up the abortion industry. The law does not affect Medicaid reimbursements, a large source of government funding, which still goes to this leading abortion chain.

## Ohio Senate Passes Dangerous End of Life Bill

May 4th, the Ohio Senate voted on Senate Bill 165, Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) and passed the measure 30-3. The bill, sponsored by Senator Peggy Lehner (Dayton) would establish a MOLST form for Ohio—a protocol created and promoted by pro-euthanasia groups—to replace Ohio's already existing do not resuscitate (DNR) orders. Senators who recognized the bill's problems and voted against it were Senate president Keith Faber, and Senators LaRose and Jordan. The bill now goes to the Ohio House.

A growing coalition of 30 pro-life organizations, oppose MOLST for both patients and those who must implement it. Leaders across the state testified against the bill including Cincinnati Right to Life's Executive Director, Paula Westwood; legislative consultant Barry Sheets; and board member and President, Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, Bobby Schindler. Contact your Ohio state representatives to stop S.B. 165 from becoming Ohio law (see action brochure *Protecting Life Till Last Breath: Oppose S.B. 165 Ohio MOLST* at CincinnatiRighttoLife.org).



## High Energy Evening for Life

Plan now to attend Cincinnati Right to Life's annual Evening for Life gala, Thursday, October 13th at the Sharonville Convention Center, reception 5:30 p.m.; dinner and program 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature emcee Anna Mitchell, producer Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN, Life Award Recipient Joseph A. Brinck II, and Ryan Bomberger, an Emmy® Award-winning creative professional, citizen journalist, and international public speaker featured in many media outlets. Ryan was conceived in rape and raised as one of ten adopted children in a multi-racial family of 15. Ryan and his wife are adoptive parents also engaged in national adoption advocacy—passionate about building a culture of life (see CincinnatiRightToLife.org for reservations and sponsorship opportunities).

## ODH Hearing on Dayton Women's Med Center

April 26th, the Ohio Department of Health conducted its hearing on Women's Med Center Dayton's lack of transfer agreement, which prompted ODH Director Rick Hodges to revoke its license. Attorney Jennifer Branch represented abortionist Martin Haskell and this facility. John Waverley from Attorney General Mike DeWine's office represented the state of Ohio. Bill Kopko was objective examiner. Closing briefs and rebuttals are to be filed, with all finished by July 11th for the examiner to review then submit his decision on the license revocation to Director Hodges. Meanwhile, business continues as usual at Women's Med Center Dayton, with Rosyln Kade performing abortions.

## Religious Liberty and *Zubick vs. Burwell*

May 16th, the US Supreme Court declined to issue a ruling in *Zubik v. Burwell*, the Little Sisters of the Poor's and other plaintiffs' conscience rights case opposing President Obama's health law requirement that they provide contraceptive coverage in their healthcare programs. In an unusual move, the Court sent *Zubik v. Burwell* back to lower courts, asking those courts to determine whether a compromise could be reached that would satisfy the plaintiffs. Plaintiffs and supporters are cautiously optimistic as the lower courts' decisions remain to be seen and the case could eventually reach the Supreme Court again, which will be after recently deceased Justice Scalia's vacancy is filled.



## Protecting Black Life: Planned Parenthood Targets Minorities

Cincinnati-based Protecting Black Life, the urban outreach initiative of Life Issues Institute, has available well-researched information on Planned Parenthood's targeted abortion agenda specifically aimed at minority neighborhoods nationwide. Get the facts at ProtectingBlackLife.org.



*"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*

## Elder Abuse Prevention Day

June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. According to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, elder abuse is a significant public health problem where each year, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of 60 are abused, neglected, or financially exploited. If you or someone you know is a victim of such abuse, some resources include:

- National Center on Elder Abuse's Elder Care Locator 1-800/667-1116, [ncea.aoa.gov](http://ncea.aoa.gov)
- National Adult Protective Services, [napsa-now.org](http://napsa-now.org)
- Hamilton County Adult Protective Services, hotline 513/421-LIFE(5433), [hcjfs.org/tag/adult-protective/](http://hcjfs.org/tag/adult-protective/)

(Note: Organizations listed for information only, and are not endorsed by Cincinnati Right to Life.)

## Students Lead April #ProtestPP Rally



April 23rd, under Cincinnati Right to Life sponsorship, area students planned and led Cincinnati's #ProtestPP rally in front of Planned Parenthood on Auburn Ave., in conjunction with similar rallies the same day across the country. Program participants included: Brenna Hartwell (Xavier University, Students for Life of America), Ian

Spencer (Created Equal), Sara Palomino (abortion survivor, NKU Northern RTL), Joe Birmingham (NKU Northern RTL; Created Equal), Joe Trammell (NKU Northern RTL; Created Equal), and Ellen Wittman (Immaculate Conception Academy).

## Pro-Life Saver 5k

Get in shape for Cincinnati Right to Life's Pro-Life Saver 5K Run/Walk plus better-than-ever Kid's Dash, Saturday, November 5, 2016, Lunken Playfield at Lunken Airport! Event festivities include food, fun, and fellowship plus music by Easter Rising and popular basket raffle. Title sponsor is Good Samaritan Hospital; race director Ben Groh, Cincy R.A.C.E..



## Board Member Completes 100th Marathon

Cincinnati Right to Life board member Jennifer Black and twin sister former Congresswoman Jean Schmidt were recently featured in *Runners World* after completing their 100th marathon at this year's Flying Pig in Cincinnati. The article notes, "Sisterly love—and a little sibling rivalry—has helped this Cincinnati pair cross hundreds of finish lines together." See the full article "Twins Celebrate Marathon Milestone" online at [runnersworld.com](http://runnersworld.com). You Go Girl!

## Cincinnati Student Wins State Pro-Life Oratory Contest

April 30th, Ellen Wittman, a senior at Immaculate Conception Academy in Cincinnati, won first place in Ohio Right to Life's 2016 Oratory Contest for pro-life high school students. Ellen spoke on heroic women who act extraordinarily to save children's lives, and was awarded a paid trip to compete in the Jane B. Thompson Oratory Contest during the National Right to Life Convention in Herndon, VA this July. Ellen also participated in the student led #ProtestPP rally held in front of Cincinnati Planned Parenthood April 23rd.

## Cross the Bridge for Life's Bold Witness



Thanks to all who participated in the 11th annual Cross the Bridge for Life Sunday, June 5th, at Newport's Riverfront Row festival area! The inspiring kickoff featured emcee Anna Mitchell, Producer, Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN; plus the Most Reverend Joseph Binzer, Archdiocese of Cincinnati; the Most Reverend Roger Foys, Diocese of Covington; Jackie Vezina, Lutherans for Life, Chapter President, Northern Kentucky, and

American Heritage Girls' color guard. Festivities included Easter Rising band, face painting, balloon artists, free J.T.M. picnic, and more! Mark your calendar for next year's event Sunday, June 4, 2017. ([CrossTheBridgeForLife.com](http://CrossTheBridgeForLife.com))

## Thank You Flowers for Life Supporters

We appreciate all who participated in this year's Mother's Day Flower Sale. May the beautiful flowers remind you of God's most precious gift of Life throughout the summer!

## UPCOMING AREA PRO-LIFE EVENTS

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

**Women's Med Center Weekday Prayer Vigils**, Mon. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wed 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Women's Med Center, 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, OH 45241; held on grassy strip between the 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 Sat. morning on the grassy area in front of the abortion mill beginning at 9:15 a.m., except for the 4th Sat., it begins at 9.

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil** at Planned Parenthood, June 4, 18 & 25 and July 2, 16 & 23; 8 a.m., Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave.; June 11 and July 9, 8:30 a.m., St. Teresa of Avila Church, Western Hills (513/984-6742)

**First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary & Mass**, June 4 & July 2, 9 a.m., followed by coffee and speaker (513/522-7247)

**Couples for Christ Rosary for Life**, June 4 and July 2, 2 p.m., All Saints Parish, 8939 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati

**Mary's Mantle 2nd & 5th Saturday Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil** at Planned Parenthood, June 11 and July 9, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/258-7620)

**St. Vincent Ferrer 2nd Wednesday Witness for Life Prayer Vigil**, June 8 and July 13, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Planned Parenthood, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati

**Diocese of Covington Regional Pro-Life Mass**, June 14, 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Maysville, KY—location of a Holy Door for the Jubilee Year of Mercy (859/392-1500)

**Created Equal GOP Platform Press Conference**, June 16, noon, Planned Parenthood, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati

**Third Friday Right to Life Mass**, June 17 & July 15, noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood

**Life's 5th Quarter Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil** at Planned Parenthood, July 30, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/703-7408)

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

# LIFEPRINTS



## **Investigative Reporters Seek Charges Dismissed**

April 14th, Thomas More Society attorneys for undercover journalists David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt filed a “motion to quash,” that is, to dismiss indictments from a Harris County, Texas, grand jury, charging the reporters with crimes during investigation of Planned Parenthood officials negotiating the sale of aborted babies’ body parts. Rather than indict Planned Parenthood for crimes, such as selling aborted babies’ remains for profit and altering abortion methods to yield more profitable “specimens,” the grand jury instead indicted David and Sandra for using false identification and allegedly attempting to purchase human organs as purchasers for a biomedical company. Even other investigative journalists oppose these indictments, as undercover actions routinely expose the truth.

## **Research Project to Reverse Brain Death**

Philadelphia-based biotech company Bioquark has received permission from the National Institutes of Health and the country of India to begin a medical trial in India to try to regenerate the brains of people diagnosed brain dead. Such persons’ bodies can often still circulate blood, digest food, excrete waste, gestate and deliver a baby, and more. While other recent studies indicate that some electrical activity and blood flow continues after brain cell death, just not enough to allow for the whole body to function. Through its ReAnima Project, Bioquark is recruiting 20 patients being kept alive solely through life support to undergo procedures to try to revive their brains in a process similar to how some reptiles and marine organisms regenerate lost limbs.

## **California Hospital May Reject Assisted-Suicide**

October of last year, California became the fifth state to legalize physician-assisted suicide. Now medical leaders at Huntington Hospital in Pasadena have voted to amend the hospital’s medical rules and prohibit its personnel to participate in the law, go into effect June 9th. Huntington will permit doctors to give patients who request it information about the law and/or to provide referrals to others who may participate outside of Huntington Hospital. If the board of directors approves the proposed amendment, Huntington will be one of the largest nonreligious affiliated medical providers in the state to refuse to help patients commit suicide.

## **DNR Issued for Minors Without Parents’ Consent**

A recent *Journal of Medical Ethics* article documents results of a U.S. survey of neonatologists regarding “unilateral” Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) or DNR orders, made without parental consent. Researchers emailed an anonymous survey to 3000 members of the American Society of Pediatrics Section of Perinatal Medicine. Of those who responded, 77% said it is ethically permissible to issue a unilateral DNR order for infants for whom survival is believed impossible; 61% if infants’ survival believed ‘unlikely’; 57% if no curative treatment is available. Kansas is seeking to counter such decisions with Simon’s Law, named for an infant born with Trisomy 18 who died due a DNR order without parental consent and protect such children, from medical discrimination, overriding parent’s rights, and death due to pediatric specialists claiming an “ethical” basis for denying care.

## **In Utero Abnormalities May Self Correct**

Scientists from the University of Cambridge, the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute and the University of Leuven, Belgium, have conducted experiments using mice to evaluate babies diagnosed with abnormalities in utero or during in vitro fertilization. The scientists found that such babies are often born healthy, without any abnormalities if allowed to live and develop, i.e., there is a natural process where many early-diagnosed abnormalities self-correct. They even found that when half of an early-stage embryo’s cells are abnormal, the embryo can fully repair itself.

## **Scientists Breeding Human Embryos**

Research teams in the United States and the United Kingdom have reportedly grown human embryos to 13 days old, the longest record to date. Scientists stopped short of a 14-day limit that nations have imposed, restricting the time a newly conceived child may be kept alive in a laboratory. Despite ethical problems with growing and breeding human beings for experimentation and death, researchers claim this will help them observe newly conceived humans after implantation in the womb would have occurred, and will help them better understand and address issues with in vitro fertilization, miscarriages, birth defects, cellular engineering, and regeneration. Now some scientists want to extend the time artificially conceived human beings can be kept alive for research purposes.

## **Indiana Dignity for the Unborn Bill**

March 25th Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed the state’s Dignity for the Unborn Bill, which prohibits aborting disabled unborn babies, making Indiana only the second state after North Dakota with such a ban. Also under the bill babies may not be aborted because they are an undesired sex or race, and aborted or miscarried babies must be interred or cremated after abortion centers were discovered contracting with waste management companies that burn aborted babies as bio-hazard medical waste. The bill prohibits transporting an aborted baby in or out of Indiana except for final disposition; perinatal hospice information must be given to parents who receive a poor prenatal diagnosis; and women must be counseled before abortion in private, not in a group. Planned Parenthood has sued to halt the law before it goes into effect in July.

## **Arkansas Knows Words Matter for Life**

Words matter, especially for those at risk for abortion and other assaults on human life. For example, pro-life vs. pro-abortion are more accurate terms than anti-abortion vs. pro-choice. Thus it is an impressive precedent that under orders from state lawmakers, the Medical Board voted to replace the term “fetus” with “unborn child” or “unborn human individual” in already implemented abortion regulating laws. January of this year, the Arkansas Medical Board had presented its own wording governing abortion for these laws—editing lawmakers’ language to “fetus” because it said this is an accepted medical term, while “unborn child” is not. A subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council sent the edits back to the board with direction to restore lawmakers’ original wording clarifying “unborn child.”

## **South Dakota Strengthens Informed Consent Before Abortion**

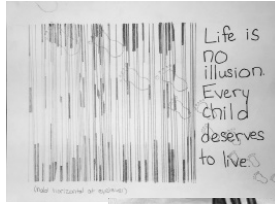
South Dakota has strengthened an existing law requiring abortionists to fully inform women before abortion. Now abortionists must tell women that abortion ends the life “of a whole, separate, unique, living human being.” They must accurately describe the development of an unborn child at his/her gestational age, and explain all physical and psychological abortion risks. Women must be given the “accurate rate of deaths due to abortions,” and those considering a chemical abortion must be told that even after taking the first pill, a chemical abortion can be reversed. Already under South Dakota law, at least 24 hours before abortion, a woman must be



## 2016 Poster Contest Winners

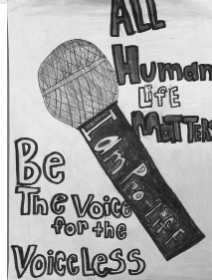
This year students submitted nearly 400 pro-life posters. The quality of work far exceeded our expectations once again. This project for Kindergarten through 8th grade beautifully illustrates that our children truly understand *All Human Life Matters!*

First Place - 6-8 - Erin C. from SASEAS. When held horizontally at eye level it reads "All of God's Children Deserve a Life to Call Their Own."



First Place - K-2nd  
Kate S., homeschool

First Place - 3-5th  
Katie B., St. Mary



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Before giving, we recommend that you consult with a professional tax and legal advisor for the best way to maximize the benefit of your gift while also providing for your loved ones. If you do not have an advisor, you may contact: Robert Meyers, Esq., Buechner, Haffer, Meyers & Koenig Co., LPA. 513/977-4631.

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## Pro-life Mobile Women's Center at Planned Parenthood

Per sidewalk counselor report, Elizabeth New Life Center's Mobile Women's Center is covering the area near Cincinnati Planned Parenthood's abortion headquarters on Fridays—a day when the two closest pregnancy care centers are closed. ENLC staff members for this modern equipped service vehicle offer compassionate counseling, free pregnancy tests and 4D ultrasounds. The mobile center is also taken to five area college campuses weekly, when school is in session (womenscenterohio.com).

## CCV Action Makes Letters-to-the-Editor Easy

CCV (Citizens for Community Value) Action has created an online tool to help citizens easily create and submit letters to the editor of many news outlets. If you click on the name of a newspaper, you are directed to a website giving the paper's phone number, fax, and physical address. An online submission link takes you directly to the newspaper's website where you can submit an attached document or the text itself. For complete information and how-to instructions, see [ccvaction.org/letter-to-the-editor](http://ccvaction.org/letter-to-the-editor).

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told that medical assistance is available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care; that her child's father is legally responsible for child support; and contact information for a pregnancy help center.

## ACLU Campaign Against Catholic Hospitals

A recent ACLU report finds that Catholic hospitals make up 15%, or 548, of the country's hospitals. All Catholic hospitals operate under the U.S. Bishops' Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, which ban abortion, sterilization and emergency contraception. The ACLU is claiming that following this doctrine regarding reproductive care puts women at risk. The ACLU is demanding that the federal government issue a statement through its Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that denying emergency "reproductive health care" violates federal law, and to also investigate Catholic hospitals for violating the Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA).