

Family & ProLife News Briefs

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This Pro-Life Group Has Saved 25,000 Babies From Abortions

Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) recently announced that 25,645 moms had been served, and babies saved from abortion as the organization's celebrates a dozen years of pro-life advocacy. It has launched more than 250 teams of sidewalk advocates across the country and trained thousands of others. "No matter how much abortion supporters 'shout their abortion' and try to convince the world abortion is a good thing, tens of thousands of sidewalk advocates know firsthand that most women do not actually want to abort their preborn babies," said Lauren Muzyka, founder/SAFL CEO.

Elisabeth Beall, SAFL director of Communications, credited the work of volunteers for the organization's success over the last 12 years. "We couldn't do any of this without their willingness to be out there on the sidewalk," Beall told Pregnancy Help News. "Their selflessness and their desire to help people—of course they want to save lives but above all else they just want to help people who are in need of help."

Beall continued: "From there when she has the reassurance there are resources that can help her, we are people who will walk with her. Then we can move into those other areas - the life growing within her, God's love for her and that baby. I cannot tell you

how many times a woman has said to the sidewalk advocate, 'I was praying for a sign that I shouldn't do this--you're that sign.'" [excerpt, Kim Hayes, www.LifeNews.com, 5/28/26]

Baby Arthur Had Parvovirus, causing his body to fill with fluid. "His organs were failing. His heart was completely enveloped in fluid, struggling to pump," his mother said. Doctors said there was a 50% chance of survival. He needed a special blood transfusion, requiring a procedure that a doctor could only perform when guided by an ultrasound. The doctor did it. Arthur Ransom survived and is now 15 months old. Where was this child when the doctor acted to save his life? In London, England, inside his mother's womb. She had only been pregnant for 16 weeks.

As Arthur's story shows, our growing understanding of fetal development has made it harder to ignore the truth: Human life begins at conception, and it's a moral fact that medical science must do everything it can to preserve human life from that moment on. Deliberately taking the life of an innocent human being can never be justified. When the public sees clear, accurate information about the development of unborn babies, moral clarity follows. Unfortunately, some of the most powerful pro-abortion groups, like Planned Parenthood, minimize the science by reducing these tiny humans to merely "clumps of cells."

With its launch in 2021, Charlotte Lozier Institute's *Voyage of Life* website has chronicled the development of the unborn child by presenting established peer-reviewed science demonstrating the child's undeniable humanity. Since then,

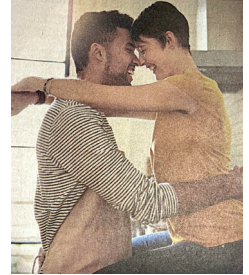
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Help for Infertility

The doctors at *My Catholic Doctor* diagnose and treat underlying causes of infertility like hormonal imbalances, PCOS, or endometriosis. They use NaProTechnology, FEMM, and other restorative approaches that respect a woman's body and support natural conception without expensive and immoral IVF.

One patient was quoted as saying: "My husband and I started charting six months before we married. Monica helped us understand the Creighton Model not just for fertility but for my overall health." To contact helpful doctors in your state, visit

www.MyCatholicDoctor.com Women who would like to learn more about having a natural, regular menstrual cycle can view a Youtube video featuring Dr. Janet Smith at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYGxYtH4DE8>



New National Resource

The Department of Health and Human Services has rolled out a very helpful website for expectant and new mothers aimed at increasing optimal outcomes for new mothers and babies. This resource, www.MOMS.gov is designed to provide information, support, & practical help for new and expectant mothers as they prepare for this important season of life.

The very first link featured on the site directs women to Option Line. Since taking its first call in 2003, Option Line has faithfully served women in need by providing compassionate, immediate, life-affirming support & connections to local pregnancy help. Due to that proven track record, Option Line was selected as a trusted national resource for women and families.

The Option Line program is a service of Heartbeat International, employing approximately 30 staffers, that works 24/7 to fill in the gap to answer each call, both from those directly reaching out to the service, or from those attempting to reach an affiliate center during after hours. The phone service bridges the gap & creates a next action step for each woman reaching out, enabling her to get timely, life-affirming care. [email excerpt, eggert@heartbeatinternational.org 5/29/26]

Recommendations for Pastors

Word of Life, a monthly resource for churches, includes special features, intercessions, bulletin quotes, and graphics. The June 2026 and July 2026 issues of *Word of Life* (<https://www.respectlife.org/word-of-life>) are available in English and Spanish. Previous editions can be found in the archive. Anyone can subscribe to receive Word of Life directly by email. Why not forward each month's issue to your pastor?

Especially important for pro-life advocates is Religious Freedom Week that will take place June 22–29. To access resources to help the faithful pray for, reflect on, and take action for religious liberty, both in the U.S. and abroad, pastors may want to visit:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>.

This monthly newsletter is emailed to individuals & dozens of churches. Edited since 2013 by Frank Tinari, Ph.D., it has had over 30,000 readers and is posted on diocesan websites. Email tinarif@shu.edu for your free subscription.

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new scientific knowledge has strengthened the evidence. Medical advancements have increased the survival chances of a baby born at 23 weeks' gestation from 16% two decades ago to about 55% today. We know now that as early as six months' gestation, the baby is drawn to face-like patterns of light.

Voyage of Life notes that a long-established moment in early pregnancy occurs a little more than three weeks after a baby is conceived. "Only 22 days after conception ... the unborn baby's heart starts beating," it says. "Once the heart starts beating rhythmically, it does not stop until the person dies." What does Planned Parenthood say? In its online "Month by Month" explanation of pregnancy it calls the heartbeat "cardiac activity" in "part of the embryo." "A part of the embryo," says Planned Parenthood, "starts to show cardiac activity. It sounds like a heartbeat on an ultrasound, but it's not fully-formed - it's in the earliest stage of a developing heart."

Even at the very end of a full-term pregnancy, Planned Parenthood will not call an unborn child a baby or a human being. Planned Parenthood clearly avoids addressing the unborn baby's milestone developments, devoting more attention to the physical discomforts of pregnancy. Why? Because if it focused on the developing human life in the womb, it would be admitting that each of the hundreds of thousands of abortions it performs every year is the deliberate taking of a human life. [Karen Czarnecki, *Science Is Making the Humanity of Unborn Babies ...*, www.Townhall.com, 5/24/26]

Children "disproportionately suffer the consequences of adults' sexual and familial choices. Obviously, every abortion denies a child equality, freedom, and justice when it denies him or her life itself. Children of divorce, those living in cohabiting households, and children reared in single-parent households also, on average, suffer reduced educational, emotional, financial, and familial outcomes as adults. In particular, children living with a mother's new cohabiting male partner are drastically more likely to be abused or killed. And children reared in same-sex households suffer in every single case the absence of their natural mother or father, or both, as well as diminished outcomes, on average, across a host of emotional, educational, and relational categories." [Helen M. Alvaré, *Sex and Catholic Social Teaching*, www.CatholicWorldReport.com, 5/23/26]

June: More Trans Mythology

It's June which means our God-defying culture is gearing up for what it calls "LGBTQ Pride Month." Boston Mayor Michelle Wu has heavily promoted LGBT causes, designating city funds to activist groups and attending city Pride parades in a rainbow sash. The Boston mayor's well-established Office of LGBTQ Advancement appears highly active.

On June 17, according to online flyers, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women (Mass NOW) and the MA Trans Political Coalition will co-host a dinner event at a Boston Public Library titled "Trans Period Pride." The event celebrates menstrual periods - organizers will dispense "free period underwear" to all attendees. With a catered meal, the event will feature "a consciousness-raising discussion on menstrual equity and the experiences of trans menstruators."

Boston public libraries will host Pride-themed concerts and craft nights, and offer plenty of LGBT resources. Additionally, the city has scheduled no less than 19 drag queen story hours for children under the age of five. [report excerpt, Joshua Arnold, www.WashingtonStand.com, 5/29/26]

Foster and Adoption Care

Christians in America significantly outpace the general population in foster and adoption care. What a blessing! Recent data say that there are more than 300,000 kids in the foster-care system throughout the U.S. Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) has been fighting in court to protect Christian foster and adoptive parents from government discrimination—and, praise God, we're seeing incredible momentum.

- Jessica Bates in Oregon won a critical victory when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled that the government violated her First Amendment rights by requiring her to embrace gender ideology in order to adopt. Now she's free to pursue adoption!

- Brian and Katy Wuoti and Bryan and Becca Gantt in Vermont succeeded in challenging a state policy that required them to endorse radical gender ideology in order to keep their longstanding foster-care license.

- Shane and Jenn DeGross in Washington scored an important victory that keeps their lawsuit alive as they challenge discriminatory restrictions placed on Christian families who oppose socially and medically "transitioning" minors.

These are critical wins, but the fight isn't over. Christians and other religious families are still barred from caring for kids in need in states across the country. And when these loving families are pushed out of the system, kids pay the price. [email excerpt, Johannes Wildmalm-Delphonse, Esq., ADF, 5/5/26]

What is Death?

After a head injury 4/9/26, Tony Gestone's medical team thought he had a poor prognosis. So instead of treating his injuries aggressively, they wanted to declare him brain dead and get him out of their ICU. Brain death was proposed in 1968 exactly for this purpose. The Harvard ad hoc Committee wrote that redefining deeply comatose people as being "dead" would have the important social utilitarian functions of freeing up ICU beds and facilitating organ donation.

Brain dead people are not actually dead: their bodies are still biologically alive and there is no evidence their spirits have departed. Moreover, the way doctors declare brain death does not comply with the law in most states. The Uniform Determination of Death Act (UDDA) requires the irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including the brain stem. But the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) brain death guideline explicitly allows people with ongoing brain function to be declared dead.

Tony's family wanted to transfer him to another facility, but the hospital essentially held him hostage by refusing to perform a tracheostomy which would make a transfer possible. Brain dead people are not dead, they are neurologically injured. We should accept and acknowledge this fact and make the difficult decisions about continuing or withdrawing their medical support on this basis, while still treating them with the full dignity accorded to all human beings. Instead, via the brain death paradigm, hospitals are gaslighting families and removing human rights from neurologically disabled people: falsely labeling them as being "dead" already. *R.I.P. Tony*. [Retired anesthesiologist Dr. Heidi Klessig's new book is *The Brain Death Fallacy*. HALO newsletter excerpt, 5/4/26]

