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Pro-Life Saints



In the month of August, we celebrate two martyrs of Auschwitz, St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Teresa Benedicta. We need to pray hard and often that inhumanity toward man does not reoccur. Acceptance of euthanasia and abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and IVF, all involve deciding who can live and who should die. Offer a Mass, pray a Rosary, make sacrifices, etc. to end abortion and other sins against humankind. Read about [Auschwitz](#), ponder the execution chambers in the states of our Union, and resolve to do whatever possible to end the culture of death.



Abortion Groups Release 'Blueprint' Calling for Unrestricted Abortion

A coalition of nearly 80 pro-abortion groups, including Planned Parenthood and NARAL, recently released a "[Blueprint for Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice](#)" that outlines their vision for the future of abortion: no restrictions (for example, those contained in the Hyde Amendment, the [Helms Amendment](#), and the [Weldon Amendment](#)), no religious exemptions, and funded by the government. They also seek to eliminate the HHS [Office of Conscience and Religious Freedom](#), and urge passage of the "[Do No Harm Act](#)," which would amend the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to specify that religious exceptions should not apply to "access to, information about, referrals for, provision of, or coverage for, any health-care item or service." The blueprint notes, "one in six hospital beds in the U.S. is in a facility that complies with Catholic directives that prohibit a range of reproductive health-care services," including abortion and "gender-affirming care to transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming patients." The groups argue that the government should step in and mandate that Catholic and other religiously affiliated hospitals provide these services. The pro-abortion coalition is also pushing to eliminate parental-notification requirements for minors seeking an abortion. According to the Guttmacher Institute, 37 states currently [require](#) parental involvement in a minor's abortion decision; the pro-abortion coalition would do away with those state requirements. They call for the passage of the "Women's Health Protection Act," which would end virtually all state limits on abortions, including waiting periods and 20-week bans. The blueprint also calls for increasing the availability and awareness of self-managed abortion (using abortion pills) that merit criminal penalties in [seven states](#), according to Guttmacher. [NCR](#), 7/29/19

Planned Parenthood Losing \$60 million

Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers will go without federal family planning money after enforcement of new pro-life rules begin. The [rules](#), which have withstood multiple judicial challenges, prohibit Title X funding recipients from providing abortions or abortion referrals, and require medical clinics and abortion facilities to have separate finances and physical space. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker said he was [pulling](#) his state out of Title X's family planning program and would instead fund abortion facilities with state money. Maine Family Planning, a major abortion provider, also dropped out of Title X saying it would return any federal money it had previously received from the program. [World News Group](#), 7/19/19

Most Biologists Believe that Life Begins at Conception

After five years, research shows 95% (5,212 out of 5,502) of biologists affirm that human life begins at fertilization, revealing that biology professors in American academia overwhelmingly agree with this pro-life position. The biologists identified themselves as "very pro-choice, very pro-life, very liberal, very conservative, strong Democrats and strong Republicans." As part of the research, a poll of 2,899 American adults revealed that 81% of respondents, including a larger share of pro-abortion individuals, selected biologists as the group most qualified to determine when a human life begins. The research also suggests that 83% of "pro-choice" participants surveyed believe that support for legal abortion would decrease if it became common knowledge that fetuses are biologically human beginning at fertilization.

[Christian Newswire](#), 7/15/19

What's Wrong with In-Vitro Fertilization and Contraception?

In a 10-minute [video](#), Fr. Mike Schmitz addresses the fact that for many people, Catholic Church teaching on in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and contraception is a hard one; however, it comports with the nature of things. Fr. Mike describes the nature of a thing as its 'what-it's-for-ness.' Sex is for procreation and the unity of the couple (i.e., babies and bonding). Equally important is the fact that sex—not IVF—is the natural way to bring forth a new life. Contraception and IVF violate the nature of not only sex, but also the nature of the person and life itself. If you feel that this teaching prohibits you from being truly happy, Fr. Mike offers encouragement. It may not seem fair to us at first, but the deep abiding peace we acquire from living by God's plan is better than anything we could acquire by doing things our way. [ChurchPOP](#), 7/7/19

Teachers Have Alternatives to Pro-Abortion Unions

At the annual business meeting of the National Education Association (NEA) in Houston, delegates passed New Business Item 56. In part it reads, "*The NEA vigorously opposes all attacks on the right-to-choose and stands on the fundamental right to abortion under Roe v. Wade.*" Not all educators share this pro-death agenda. There are scores of pro-life teachers who want to benefit from effective representation but wish to avoid supporting a pro-abortion advocate like the NEA. Alternatively:

- Members of [Christian Educators Association International](#) enjoy \$2 million professional liability coverage, representation by a local attorney, unlimited educational and legal consultation and mentorship in how to walk-out their faith legally in public schools.
- The [Association of American Educators](#) is a non-union professional educators' organization that sees the need for a professional educators organization that focuses on student achievement without an emphasis on partisan politics.
- Pro-life educators can also benefit from [Teachers Saving Children](#), who are individuals associated with the education profession that advocate for all innocent human life from conception to natural death. [Life Issues Institute](#), 7/15/19



PROJECT MUSTARD SEED

The letter recipient for this month is:

CHEVRON

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Please write to:

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Chairman & CEO
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Tell him to stop funding Planned Parenthood.
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<http://www.chevron.com>

Chevron has been on The Boycott List since July 2007 and we last wrote to them in January 2015. Since then, they have elected a new Chairman and CEO. Thank you again for your continued support of Project Mustard Seed. Your letters do make a difference!

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED

Allegheny County Council is considering a proposed ordinance, No. 11000-19, which would ban what they term "conversion therapy" aimed at helping young people work-through unwanted same-sex attraction, feelings or behaviors. The ban would also prevent youth who struggle with gender dysphoria from obtaining a counselor's help to assist them in feeling comfortable with their own biological sex. Forced or abusive therapy practices—the ostensible motive for the proposal—are already prohibited for counselors, yet the danger to freedom of speech is real.

Take Action: [Contact your County Council member and ask that they vote NO on Ordinance No. 11000-19.](#) Let Allegheny County Council know that you oppose this proposed ordinance, **and PRAY** for its defeat—for the protection of freedom of speech for counselors and preservation of the rights of young people and their parents to choose the therapy that meets their needs.

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