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OVER 60 ABORTION FACILITIES STOP OFFERING ABORTIONS

According to new data from the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, 66 abortion facilities in 15 states have stopped performing abortions since the Supreme Court struck down Roe vs. Wade in June and returned laws related to abortion to individual states.

"Among the 66 clinics where abortion is no longer available, 40 are still offering services other than abortion, while 26 have shut down entirely," it added.

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/66-abortion-clinics-have-stopped-performing-abortion-since-overturn-of-roe-report>

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023 ANNOUNCES THEME



The 2023 theme for the annual March for Life was announced Thursday in preparation for the first march after the historic overturning of Roe vs. Wade: "**Next Steps: Marching in a Post-Roe America.**" The theme of the 50th annual March for Life seeks to orient the national pro-life movement as it moves to dismantle abortion across all 50 states in the absence of Roe.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252537/march-for-life-2023-theme-announced-next-steps-marching-in-a-post-roe-america>



Holy See Comes Out Strong at UN Third Committee

During UN debates, the Holy See delegation, which represents Pope Francis at the United Nations, denounced abortion, pornography, and surrogacy, as "practices that reduce the human person to an object.

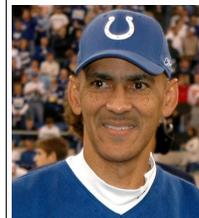
"It is a mistake to think that a society where an abnormal consumption of internet sex is rampant among adults could be capable of effectively protecting minors," Monsignor Robert Murphy told the UN third committee while citing Pope Francis' comments against child pornography.

"Efforts to promote and protect the rights and wellbeing of children must therefore go hand in hand with measures to support and strengthen the family," he concluded.

Murphy's remarks contrasted with the remarks of powerful Western countries who did not mention mothers, fathers, and the family at all in their statements about the rights of children.

One observer told the Friday Fax, "It is so helpful when the Holy See speaks up so forcefully. It helps all delegations who want to speak up, too."

https://c-fam.org/friday_fax/holy-see-to-un-pornography-contributes-to-child-abuse/



Pro-Life Coach Tony Dungy, Who Adopted 8 Children, Will Headline 2023 March for Life

Former NFL Coach Tony Dungy will headline next year's March for Life. Dungy was inducted into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame and is a

New York Times best-selling author who continues to be involved in numerous charitable organizations. He's a respected football analyst on television and is an adoptive father.

He said on Twitter that speaking at the pro-life event was "Just doing what the Lord asked us to do."

<https://www.lifenews.com/2022/10/13/pro-life-coach-tony-dungy-who-adopted-8-children-will-headline-2023-march-for-life/>

COACH FIRED FOR PRAYING REINSTATED

Joe Kennedy, the Washington state high school football coach who lost his job in 2015 for praying on the field after games, will be reinstated by March 15, 2023. The news comes after Kennedy's Supreme Court victory in June that ruled 6-3 that the coach was within his constitutional rights when he prayed at midfield after games.

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/fired-football-coach-to-be-reinstated-after-supreme-court-win>

PRO-LGBTQ BELGIAN BISHOPS DEFY VATICAN

In open defiance of the Vatican, Catholic bishops in Belgium on Tuesday announced the introduction of blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples in their dioceses. The bishops of Flanders also published a wedding-like "liturgy" for the celebration of homosexual unions.

The Vatican published an official clarification in March 2021 that the Catholic Church does not and cannot bless homosexual relationships.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252339/belgium-bishops-defy-vatican-publish-ceremony-for-blessing-same-sex-unions>

New Study Shows Women Who End First Pregnancy in Abortion Have 53% More Miscarriages

Researchers analyzing 17 years of comprehensive Medicaid claims data have discovered that women whose first pregnancy ends in abortion are likely to have more abortions, and more miscarriages than women whose first pregnancy ends in a live birth. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/23333928221130942>

'SUPPORT AFTER ABORTION' Is Breaking New Ground

The latest research shows that women who have experienced medication abortions do not know how to find help if they need emotional healing.

Support After Abortion (SAA) is one such nonprofit. Unlike many organizations in the pro-life world, it focuses on what happens after an abortion. As they write on their website, the group forms a network of more than 800 agencies that work "to individualize the care that a person impacted by abortion receives to find the hope and healing they deserve."

<https://supportafterabortion.com/receive-healing/womens-healing/>



Planned Parenthood Admits Removing Fact That Unborn Babies Have Beating Hearts From Its Web Site

Planned Parenthood admitted Sept. 29th to changing its website to get rid of language confirming that an unborn baby has a heartbeat by about six weeks of pregnancy.

But it did not have a good excuse as to why.

The webpage, which Planned Parenthood changed in July, now tells women: "A part of the embryo starts to show cardiac activity. It sounds like a heartbeat on an ultrasound, but it's not a fully-formed heart – it's the earliest stage of the heart developing."

Although she denied it, Planned Parenthood's Digital Education Director Julia Bennett's statement to the Washington Post suggests the real reason for the change was political, not scientific.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2022/09/29/planned-parenthood-admits-removing-fact-that-unborn-babies-have-beating-hearts-from-its-web-site/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Pope Francis announced that registration is open for the next World Youth Day, which will be held **Aug. 1-6** in Lisbon, Portugal. The theme of Lisbon's World Youth Day is "Mary arose and went with haste." Pope John Paul II established the weeklong youth gatherings in 1985.

This page will be updated with details on the U.S. involvement with and preparation for this global event:

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/world-youth-day>

Please contact wyd@usccb.org for more information.

FDA Warns Against Telehealth Abortion

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced concerns that healthcare workers are acting against its recommendation and giving the abortion-inducing drug mifepristone to women who are not yet pregnant. Pharmaceutical firms, including start-up companies such as Choix, have begun selling mifepristone to non-pregnant women so that "they can stockpile them for future use."

According to the FDA, self-administered mifepristone is at high risk to cause serious health complications for the mother. Abortion should not be induced without a medical professional monitoring factors such as gestational age of the child, whether the pregnancy is ectopic, or if the mother requires antibiotics or the follow-up abortion drug misoprostol. <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/10/31/advance-provision-fda-00064075>



DISTURBING SMALL PRINT IN MICHIGAN'S PROP 3

Proposal 3, a pro-abortion ballot measure in Michigan, would empower Planned Parenthood facilities in the state to give children "gender transition" drugs without parental consent. Few Michigan voters are likely aware of it, but if they vote to pass Prop 3 in November the measure "will also give boys a constitutional right to be castrated and girls the right under Michigan's constitution to be sterilized by way of a hysterectomy or the removal of their ovaries — all without their parents' consent."

<https://thefederalist.com/2022/10/12/michigan-is-hiding-a-childrens-constitutional-right-to-genital-amputation-in-its-abortion-amendment/>

Abortions Drop 6% in Two Months After Dobbs, Over 10,000 Babies Saved From Abortions

A new report in the New York Times shows abortions quickly declined after the Supreme Court overturned Roe. In just the first two months after the Dobbs decision in late June, abortions had already dropped 6% as more than 10,000 babies were saved from abortion.

See the statistics by state here: <https://www.lifenews.com/2022/10/31/abortions-drop-6-in-two-months-after-dobbs-over-10000-babies-saved-from-abortions/>

Planned Parenthood Launches Abortion RV Going to Red State Borders to Kill Babies



The Planned Parenthood abortion chain plans to start aborting unborn babies out of the back of an RV this fall, traveling to the borders of pro-life states to do abortions and then leaving women to fend for themselves if something goes wrong.

The specially-made RV will travel around Illinois, where abortions are legal, to sell abortion drugs and eventually surgical abortions in the first trimester, according to the report. [NPR News.com 10/3/22](https://www.npr.com/2022/10/31/planned-parenthood-abortion-rv)

MILITARY & ABORTION

The Department of Defense (DOD) released a memo October 20 to senior Pentagon leadership titled "Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Care." The memo, signed by Secretary of Defense Lloyd James Austin III, directs the Department to provide funding for service members wishing to travel for an abortion.

CatholicVote Director of Government Affairs Tom McClusky denounced the move as illegal, stating, "The DOD will start funding abortion tourism, without regard for current law."

<https://catholicvote.org/defense-sec-defies-federal-law-funds-service-member-abortions/>