

# PARISH 'LIFE' NEWS

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## Hungary Offers New Moms 0% Income Tax for Life to Help Boost Nation's Birth Rate

Hungary enacted a new family-friendly tax policy this January that exempts mothers under 30 and mothers with at least four children from paying income taxes for the rest of their lives.

The tax exemptions are part of the prime minister's pro-life, pro-family policies. In 1956, under socialist power, Hungary legalized the killing of unborn babies in abortions for any reason in the first trimester. Since then, more than 6 million unborn babies have been aborted.

Recently, however, Hungarians have elected more conservative leaders, including Viktor Orbán and its first female president, Katalin Novak, who support unborn babies' right to life and other family values.

<https://gript.ie/hungary-exempts-mothers-under-30-from-income-tax/>

## Safe Haven Box Saves Baby

A Florida city celebrated the safe surrender of an infant this month in a specially designed Safe Haven Baby Box that protects newborns from infanticide.

Monica Kelsey, who was abandoned as an infant and later adopted, founded the Safe Haven Baby Boxes organization in 2015 to educate and advocate for safe haven laws and baby boxes across the U.S.

The Ocala baby is the 23rd to have been safely surrendered in a Safe Haven Baby Boxes so far, according to her organization.

All 50 states have safe haven laws that allow mothers to safely surrender their newborns to authorities, often at a police station or hospital, without questions or repercussions as long as the infant is unharmed. Typically, laws allow safe surrender within a certain time limit, such as up to 30 days after the baby's birth.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2023/01/09/safe-haven-box-saves-baby-from-infanticide/>



## USCCB: CONGRESS MUST STOP TAX-FUNDED ABORTION

The U.S. bishops are urging Congress to permanently ban the use of taxpayer dollars for abortions through the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act. The "government should never fund the destruction of innocent preborn children," wrote Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, chairman of the bishops' Pro-Life Committee, in a Friday letter to the House and Senate. "Congressional action is required."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253500/us-bishops-urge-congress-to-pass-no-taxpayer-funding-for-abortion-act>



## Abortion Was the Leading Cause of Death Worldwide in 2022, Killing 44 Million People

More human beings died in abortions than any other cause of death in 2022.

A heartbreaking reminder about the prevalence of abortion, statistics compiled by Worldometers indicate that there were over 44 million abortions world-wide in 2022. The independent site collects data from governments and other organizations and then reports the data, along with estimates and projections, based on those numbers.

Worldometers bases its daily abortion figures on a fact sheet from the World Health Organization, which estimates an even higher figure for abortions per year than Worldometers. "Around 73 million induced abortions take place worldwide each year," the WHO says.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2023/01/02/abortion-was-the-leading-cause-of-death-worldwide-in-2022-killing-44-million-people/>

## UTAH FIRST STATE TO PASS THIS PROTECTION

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox signed two of the highest-profile bills from this year's legislative session into law on January 28th.

Cox gave his approval to SB16, a bill banning transgender surgeries for Utah children and teens, and HB215, which tied a \$6,000 pay raise for school teachers to an \$8,000 private school voucher program. SB16, which has an immediate effective date, also places an indefinite moratorium on treatments including puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones for minors. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Mike Kennedy, R-Alpine, a practicing family physician, and passed by the Utah Legislature on a final 20-8 vote by the Senate.

<https://www.ksl.com/article/50567331/gov-cox-signs-high-profile-bills-on-transgender-surgeries-school-choice-vouchers>

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Washington Free Beacon published a story exposing the Alzheimer's Association for partnering with Compassion & Choices, the nation's largest and most active assisted suicide lobbying group. Hours later, the Alzheimer's Association announced it would sever the relationship, stating that the values of Compassion & Choices are "inconsistent with those of the Association." <https://freebeacon.com/policy/alzheimers-association-hides-new-partnership-with-lobbying-group-for-assisted-suicide/>

## FDA: PHARMACIES CAN SELL ABORTION PILLS

The Food and Drug Administration on 1/3/23 made a regulatory change opening the door for retail pharmacies to offer abortion pills directly to patients. Specifically, certified pharmacies may now dispense mifepristone — which is used to abort babies in their first trimester.

<https://www.axios.com/2023/01/04/fda-abortion-pills-pharmacies-roe-wade>



## Boycott Walgreens and CVS Because They're Now Abortion Drug Dealers

Local pharmacy giants, Walgreens and CVS, are now your neighborhood

abortion drug dealers. Thanks to the FDA, abortion pills (mifepristone) can now be sold in retail pharmacies.

Many don't realize the long sordid history **Walgreens** has when it comes to jeopardizing public health. In 2008 Walgreens paid out \$35 million to the federal government as a result of a national investigation into its fraudulent prescription altering and billing scheme. The pharmacy was accused of changing prescription dosage without any kind of physician approval and charged Medicaid more for the medications.

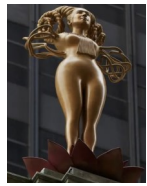
In 2013, Walgreens paid \$80 million for an "unprecedented number of record-keeping and dispensing violations" with millions of controlled substances, including oxycodone.

In 2009, **CVS** paid \$2.25 million in a joint Federal Trade Commission and Health and Human Services investigation where the chain failed to protect patient information.

In 2016, CVS paid \$3.5 million to settle allegations that 50 of its stores filled out bogus prescriptions for addictive painkillers.

In 2022, both Walgreens and CVS agreed to pay a massive \$5 billion settlement because of allegations that they enabled the opioid crisis. In 2021, just over 75,000 human lives died from synthetic opioids according to the CDC.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2023/01/13/boycott-walgreens-and-cvs-because-theyre-now-abortion-drug-dealers/>



## New York City Erects Satanic Statue on City Courthouse to Promote Abortion

"The statue, named 'NOW,' is a female figure emerging from a pink lotus." Andrew Beck, of the advertising agency Beck & Stone wrote. "It has braids shaped as horns with a judicial lace apron. It is meant to pay homage to Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her fight for abortion."

The statue is not a permanent piece on the courthouse. According to the report, its next stop is Houston, Texas in June.

Also notable, pro-abortion politicians' and abortion activists' talking points frequently now include fighting "like hell" to keep the killing of unborn babies legal, and "Hail, Satan!" sometimes gets shouted at pro-abortion protests. In recent years, The Satanic Temple also has filed numerous lawsuits that challenge laws protecting unborn babies' lives on religious grounds. The group claims abortion is a religious ritual. <https://www.lifenews.com/2023/01/25/new-york-city-erects-satanic-statue-on-city-courthouse-to-promote-abortion/>



## GM FUNDING 'TRANS' BOOKS FOR KIDS

General Motors (GM) donated to an LGBT organization that supplies kindergarten and elementary classrooms with pro-transgender children's books. GM provided a grant to the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) to fund the organization's "Rainbow Library" Program, according to the corporation's 2021 Social Impact Report.

<https://www.breitbart.com/education/2022/12/29/general-motors-funds-effort-embed-pro-transgender-books-classrooms/>

## NEW YORK ALLOWS 'HUMAN COMPOSTING'



New York became the sixth state to legalize the composting of human remains, a practice that has raised alarm bells among religious groups. Legislation signed over the weekend by Democratic Governor Kathy Hochul would add "natural organic reduction" alongside cremation and entombment as an acceptable burial method.

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/new-york-is-the-latest-state-to-legalize-human-composting>

## AGE VERIFICATION FOR WATCHING PORN

State Rep. Laurie Schlegel, a Louisiana Republican, succeeded in getting legislation passed that requires age verification before residents can view pornography online. "Pornography is destroying our children and they're getting unlimited access to it on the internet and so if the pornography companies aren't going to be responsible, I thought we need to go ahead and hold them accountable," said Schlegel.

<https://www.fox8live.com/2022/12/28/watching-porn-now-requires-age-verification-la-because-new-law/>

## COURT SIDES AGAINST 'TRANS' AGENDA



A federal appeals court upheld a Florida school district's traditional bathroom policy in a landmark ruling that separating school bathrooms based on sex in no way violates Title IX anti-discrimination rules.

The practice of having separate restrooms for girls and boys "advances the important governmental objective of protecting students' privacy in school bathrooms and does so in a manner substantially related to that objective," wrote Judge Barbara Lagoa for the majority.

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/judicial-sanity-appeals-court-rejects-trans-students-challenge-to-school-bathroom-policy.html>