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Mexican Court: Abortion is International Human Right

The Mexican Supreme Court struck down the country's federal abortions restrictions on the basis that "women and gestating persons" have an international right to abortion-on-demand.

Citing the non-binding recommendations of international human rights bodies, the court ruled that any criminal restriction on abortion was a violation of the right to health, gender equality, and personal autonomy. The court further ruled that the denial of abortion services and any barrier that restrict or limit access to abortion are forms of "gender-based violence."

"The unborn child cannot be considered a person entitled to human rights, because the exercise of these rights only begins with birth," the Court said.

[Center for Family & Human Rights 9/8/23](#)

40 Days for Life Reports Success

This fall's 40 Days for Life campaign will once again be the largest in history, as 681 cities worldwide unite for one of the largest mobilizations of pro-lifers in history.

We recently learned of the 250th abortion worker to become pro-life and quit her job.

This fall will see the 24,000th baby saved at a 40 Days for Life vigil.

We're closing in on the 150th abortion facility to CLOSE following a 40 Days for Life campaign.

[Excerpted from Life News 9/11/23](#)

BISHOPS CONFRONT ADMIN OVER LGBTQ RULE

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) sent a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) criticizing a proposed rule addressing "LGBT discrimination."

The change could "mandate" that shelters for women fleeing domestic violence "house biological men who identify as women in single-sex facilities," the bishops warned.

[23-0905_COMMENTS_HHSGrantsRule_FINAL.pdf \(usccb.org\)](#)



Fireman Adopts Abandoned Newborn Baby Girl Who He Rescued

A Florida newborn who was left in a safe haven baby box in January now has a permanent home with the man who rescued her: a firefighter from Ocala. The father shared how he and his wife adopted baby Zoey after they were unable to have biological children.

Zoey's father works as a firefighter and paramedic at the Ocala Fire Rescue in central Florida. Two years ago, the station installed a specially-designed safe haven baby box to allow mothers to safely surrender their newborns to authorities if they cannot care for the child on their own. The boxes and Florida's safe haven law protect newborns from infanticide.

On Jan. 2, the box was used for the first time. The firefighter heard the box's alarm around 2 a.m. and immediately went to check. Inside, he found a baby girl wrapped in a pink blanket, according to the report. When he took the baby girl to the hospital, he said he left a note with her explaining his family's situation. Two days later, he and his wife welcomed the baby girl into their home, and, in April, they adopted baby Zoey, according to the report.

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.

[Fireman Adopts Abandoned Newborn Baby Girl Who He Rescued - LifeNews.com](#)



Lianna Bravely Rejected Abortion After She Was Raped at 12, She Has No Regrets Now

Lianna Rebolledo was only 12 years old when she was abducted, brutally raped by two men and became pregnant. To hear it from supporters of abortion, she should have had an abortion because she would have been saddled with bearing the "rapist's baby." But she refused.

"Just knowing that I had my baby girl, it helped me. It helped me to heal and I just knew that my daughter had a purpose in life," she explained. "And she gave me the strength to go on. She gave me hope. She showed me what real love was, and because of her, I am who I am right now."

Rebolledo is now focused on teaching others that "abortion is not a solution when you're raped."

[Lianna Bravely Rejected Abortion After She Was Raped at 12, She Has No Regrets Now - LifeNews.com 9/21/23](#)

THE LORD IS MERCIFUL

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ... But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."



Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Three More Pro-Life Advocates Found Guilty of Rescuing Babies From Abortion, Face 11 Years in Prison



A total of 10 pro-life advocates faced federal criminal charges after they were arrested and indicted for allegedly violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE) in 2020 at the Washington Surgi-Clinic in Washington, DC. That's a late-term abortion facility suspected of breaking federal law by performing partial birth abortions and illegally allowing babies born alive after a failed abortion to die.

They are facing federal charges after they prayed and sang hymns outside an abortion facility in Washington D.C. and then went inside to stop abortions from happening. The FACE (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances) Act prohibits individuals from attempting to injure, intimidate, or interfere (by use of force, threat of force, or physical obstruction) with anyone obtaining or performing an abortion.

[Three Pro-Life Advocates Found Guilty of Rescuing Babies From Abortion, Face 11 Years in Prison - LifeNews.com](#) 9/15/23



Meet 'Chatbot Charley' Pushing Mail-Order Abortions

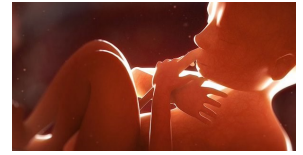
Meet the abortion lobby's latest technique for circumventing limitations on access to abortion: "Chatbot Charley."

For a vulnerable woman considering her options after discovering an unplanned pregnancy, an internet search can often be a starting point. But rather than offering more direct access to counselors or medical professionals for women during this difficult time, abortion advocates recently launched the abortion chatbot Charley, offering automated answers that can direct a woman to get an abortion by mail without ever talking to another person.

A "conversation" with the chatbot sends women to abortion-pill websites, even if they are beyond the gestational age at which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says they can be safely used, advises women and minors on how to circumvent state abortion laws, and tells women that pro-life pregnancy centers that offer alternatives to abortion are "fake clinics" designed "to prevent pregnant people from getting abortion care."

[A Decision Between a Woman and Her Abortion Bot? Meet 'Chatbot Charley' Pushing Mail-Order Abortions | National Catholic Register \(ncregister.com\)](#) 9/29/23

Late-Term Abortions Kill 12,000 Babies Every Year, Almost 33 Viable Babies Killed Every Day



The pro-choice Guttmacher Institute estimates that approximately 930,000 abortions took place in the United States in 2020. A previous estimate from the same organization pegged the proportion of abortions performed after viability at about 1.3%, which would mean that somewhere around 12,090 late-term abortions were performed in 2020.

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CATHOLIC FARMER WINS IN COURT

A federal district court sided with a Michigan farmer, ruling that he is free to participate in a city-run farmer's market after he was booted over his Catholic views on marriage.

Steve Tennes, who owns Country Mill Farms, was banned in 2017 from the East Lansing farmer's market by city officials after he posted on Facebook that he adheres to the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage.

"He serves and welcomes everyone to his stand. No one is ever turned away," attorney John Bursch said.

[Federal Court Sides With Catholic Farmer Booted From Farmer's Market Over Traditional Marriage Views | The Daily Wire](#)

FIRST UNBORN CHILD BEATIFIED

On September 10, Pope Francis beatified the Ulmas, a Polish family of nine who were murdered by the Nazis for hiding Jews. Their beatification bears a twofold significance for the Church: The Ulmas are not only the first family to be beatified together, but also their youngest child will be the first unborn baby to be directly honored in this way.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was published before the Vatican clarified that the youngest Ulma baby was "partially born" during his mother's martyrdom. He will be beatified as born, not unborn, according to the Vatican's clarification.

[The Vatican beatifies a Polish family of 9 killed by the Nazis for sheltering Jews - The Washington Post](#)

New York City Becomes First in America to Hand Out Free Abortion Pills Killing Babies

New York City Mayor Eric Adams signed legislation that makes abortion drugs free at the city's sexual health clinics, making New York City's Health Department the first in the country to offer free abortion drugs in this manner.

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