

BULLETIN INSERTS JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2015

July 26 - In another attempt to regulate abortion into the fabric of American life, the Obama administration is getting ready to issue new rules requiring charities to provide abortion to child refugees entering the U.S without their parents. The rules require faith-based providers to partner with groups which provide abortion or notify the federal government which would make arrangements for the abortion. Failure to do so leaves faith-based groups unable to receive federal aid. LifeNews.com, 2/24/15

August 2 - *Silent No More*, a group of women who regret their abortions, has launched a yearlong campaign, "Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion." They compare abortion to an earthquake that causes shockwaves to spread out in every direction along fault lines: "With abortion, the fault line is the conditions that made ending the life of the unborn child seem like the right choice. The violent shift takes place in the abortion clinic, where a child is literally torn from what should be the safest place on earth. The shockwaves of that abortion extend far beyond the epicenter of the procedure ..." touching all who had anything to do with that abortion. **The Southern Cross**, Feb. 2015

August 9 - A study published in the medical journal *The Lancet* last year indicates that people diagnosed in PVS (persistent vegetative state) may have a much greater level of awareness than the diagnosis implies. This raises significant ethical concerns surrounding the decision of whether to continue life-sustaining measures for these patients. In the words of Dr. Steven Laureys, lead physician on the study, "if life support and feeding are to be withheld, 'we better get it right.'" Ken Connor, "Erring on the side of Life," Townhall.com 1/20/14

August 16 - There are now countless studies demonstrating that adult stem cells are far superior in practice to stem cells taken from embryonic human beings. When it comes to making a difference in people's lives, adult stem cells are the gold standard. The most recent breakthrough came in the treatment of multiple sclerosis where using the patient's own adult stem cells "gave a wheelchair-bound woman her life back" without the possibility of transplant rejection and the possibility of tumors from embryonic stem cells. NRL News Today. 3/3/15

August 23 – “Assisted suicide is the deceptively-attractive face of euthanasia. The most compelling cases grip our attention and sway the debate, and so the [Canadian Supreme] Court opens the door to assisted suicide, all the while seeming to do less than it actually has done by surrounding its action with a set of limiting conditions, seeking to guarantee informed consent, as if that were the key issue. But the state is authorizing the killing of an innocent person, whatever controls are in place, and even those limitations can over time be swept away, leading to the more widespread practice of euthanasia,” as the European experience shows.
Canadian pro-life activist Jim Hughes

August 30 – In a large survey (n > 75,000) of abortion-inclined pregnant women who saw an ultrasound image of their unborn children before deciding about an abortion, 78% of those women chose life. Planned Parenthood has tried over the years to downplay the significance of ultrasound examinations for a pregnant mother considering abortion. The results of this survey - which is the largest national sampling to date on this issue - conclusively show that when a mother considering abortion sees an ultrasound image of her baby, she is overwhelmingly more likely to choose life. Atty. Thomas Glessner, president of *National Institute of Family & Life Advocates*, in *NRL News Today*, 3/6/15

September 6 - In his conclusion to an emotionally wrenching story in *American Thinker*, a father who sought to (and failed) to protect two of his triplets from “selective abortion,” wrote, “For I have failed, intentionally and knowingly, in the first duty of a parent: protecting the lives of two of my children.” Story from *Americanthinker.com*, cited in *LifeNews.com*, 2/18/15

September 13 - For every black murder victim in 2011 there were 19 blacks killed by abortion, according to data from the FBI and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). 2011 is the latest year for which the data is available. Columnist Leah Barkoukis challenges those marching under the banner “Black Lives Matter” with the statement, “Black lives *do* matter—beginning in the womb. It’s well past time the movement shift its focus.” *Townhall.com*, 1/20/15

September 20 – After a nine year struggle with infertility, adoptive couple Dennis and Carita Chen wrote the following beautiful reflection on adoption: “Adoption is more than a pursuit of a child. It is more than attempts to complete a family. It is more than a salve for the wounds of

infertility. It is more than lofty, noble intent...more than desperate longing. Adoption is about a loving God, pursuing and ultimately redeeming. It is, more than anything, theology...because adoption tells us something profound and beautiful about God and how He sees us.” LifeNews.com
3/6/15

September 27 - Commenting on the Canadian Supreme Court’s decision to legalize assisted suicide, Toronto Cardinal Thomas Collins observed, “We all are on the way to death and should gain wisdom from contemplating that inescapable fact, so that we use each present moment to prepare for the moment of our death by living well. We should provide all who are suffering with the best medical assistance we can offer, especially in palliative care for those who are coming to the end of life. Most importantly, we should accompany each person with love, especially those without friends or family. But any society that authorizes killing people through assisted suicide and euthanasia has lost its moral compass. NRL News Today,
2/11/15

SUGGESTED PRAYERS

July 26 For women struggling with an “untimely” pregnancy, that they may trust that the Lord will provide for them and their unborn children, we pray

August 2 For all those involved in the abortion industry, that they may have a change of heart and choose to protect, not end life, we pray

August 9 That we may be compassionate toward women who have had abortions and help them find healing, we pray

August 16 For parents of children with physical or mental problems, that they may see God’s wisdom in the gift they have been given, we pray

August 23 That all who follow Christ may realize their obligation to work for respect for each human life, we pray

August 30 That God’s law “Thou shall not kill” may again be the law of the land, we pray

September 6 That those who support abortion, infanticide and euthanasia may open their eyes and ears to the beauty of each life, we pray

September 13 For those in the pro-life movement, that they may continue their battle for the right to life of each person, we pray

September 20 That all may realize that each unborn child is a gift from God, we pray

September 27 For those who pray outside abortion clinics, that their efforts may change the minds of those planning an abortion, we pray