



# PARISH 'LIFE' NEWS

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## Mexico Court Decriminalizes Abortion



In a landmark ruling in Mexico, the nation's Supreme Court unanimously decided Tuesday that it is unconstitutional to criminally punish abortion.

The court's decision immediately affects abortion policies in Mexico's northern state of Coahuila – where strict abortion laws were the subject of the court review – and will effectively decriminalize abortion across the country as well.

Abortion law in Coahuila, which borders Texas, previously threatened up to three years of jailtime for women who receive illegal abortions. The decision frees women who have been jailed for getting abortions. [USA Today 9/21/21](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2021/09/21/mexico-supreme-court-abortion/8111111002/)

## Administration Fires Father of Teen With Down Syndrome Because He's Pro-Life

The Kondrich family played a pivotal role in passing "Chloe's Law," a Pennsylvania measure which provides educational and support materials to parents who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. The landmark law has become a model for the rest of the country. Meanwhile, Kurt and Chloe are determined to continue with their advocacy, despite Kurt's dismissal from the national disability council.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2021/09/20/joe-biden-fires-father-of-teen-with-down-syndrome-because-hes-pro-life/>

## Satanic Temple Challenges Texas Abortion Ban, Wants "Religious Freedom" to Kill Babies

The Satanic Temple, a group that claims aborting unborn babies is a religious "ritual," is challenging the new Texas heartbeat law on religious freedom grounds. The group just asked for an exemption from the pro-life law under the Texas Religious Freedom Restoration Act. If the state refuses, the Satanic Temple said it will ask the courts for "judicial relief."

The Satanic Temple believes abortion is a religious "ritual" similar to communion or baptism for Christians. Last year, the group even raffled off a free abortion to raise money for its pro-abortion work.

<https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/satanic-temple-to-fight-texas-abortion-law-cites-religious-freedom>

## POPE CONDEMNS EUTHANASIA

Pope Francis condemned a movement to legalize euthanasia across Europe, calling it the sign of a broader "throwaway culture" that treats the elderly and unborn children as "disposable." Pope Francis said: "What is (deemed) useless is discarded. Old people are disposable material; they are a nuisance. Not all of them, but of course, in the collective subconscious of the throwaway culture, the old, the terminally ill, and unwanted children, too; they are returned to the sender before they are born."

<https://catholicvote.org/pope-condemns-throwaway-culture-of-euthanasia-and-abortion/> 9/8/21

## TEXAS ABORTION BAN

Texas banned most abortions effective Sept. 1st after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied emergency motions to stop a new law. The Texas Tribune reported Sunday that the 5th Circuit's cancellation of a hearing and denial of motions from pro-choice groups mean that all abortions after six weeks will be banned in Texas. Abortion supporters petitioned the Supreme Court to hear an emergency appeal, which by a 5-4 vote, the United States Supreme Court rejected. The decision permits the Texas law, which outlaws abortions after six weeks, to stay in place. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan dissented.

<https://catholicvote.org/texas-to-ban-most-abortions-wednesday-after-court-denies-motions/>

## Gender Ideology



Bishop Michael Burbidge of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, recently published a lengthy pastoral letter addressing gender ideology.

This immensely compassionate document addressed to Catholics says that "the claim to 'be transgender' or the desire to seek 'transition' rests on a mistaken view of the human person, rejects the body as a gift from God, and leads to grave harm. To affirm someone in an identity at odds with biological sex ... is to mislead that person." In the case of children suffering gender dysphoria, Bishop Burbidge's letter is unequivocal:

"Under no circumstances should parents seek 'gender-affirming' therapy for their children, as it is fundamentally incompatible with the truth of the human person. ... They should not seek, encourage, or approve any counseling or medical procedures that would confirm mistaken understandings of human sexuality and identity, or lead to (often irreversible) bodily mutilation." Read his pastoral letter in full at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/public-messages/2021/a-catechesis-on-the-human-person-and-gender-ideology/>

National Catholic Register 9/6/21



## PROJECT MUSTARD SEED

This month we are writing to:

### MERCK

**Operations:** pet care (microchipping: HomeAgain, parasites: Tri-HeartPlus, pest control: Activyl, Scalibor Protector Band), pharmaceuticals/prescriptions.

Please write to:

Mr. Kenneth C. Frazier  
Chairman & CEO  
Merck & Company Inc.  
2000 Galloping Hill Rd.  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

[www.merck.com](http://www.merck.com)

We last wrote to them in March 2016. Just as a reminder, Life Decisions International states: "Do not, under any circumstances, boycott products essential for good health, particularly prescription medications, when comparable substitutes are unavailable and approved by your doctor."

Tell him to  
stop funding  
Planned  
Parenthood



## Chinese Tanker BUSTED With 'Tons' Of American Body Parts in the Hold

Body brokers are using Chinese transportation to move body parts of Americans all around the world. One recent shipment contained three tons of body parts valued at \$67,204 in a container that was kept at 5 degrees to keep the parts from spoiling. The families of the deceased didn't realize that their loved ones' parts were being sent all over the globe. Some say they might not have minded if they had been told about it when they signed.

The parts were sent to countries such as Mexico, China, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, among several other countries. In Germany, plastic surgeons use the heads to practice new methods.

Some of the body brokers such as International Biological Inc (IBI), owned and operated by businessman Arthur Rathburn, had filthy conditions at their facilities and it is suspected that they sent out body parts contaminated with HIV and hepatitis, which could infect those handling the parts. It was discovered when customs found a shipment of human heads being shipped to Mexico. <https://dailycaller.com/2018/02/08/chinese-tanker-container-dead-americans/>



## Pro-Life Student Sues University That Kicked Him Out of Med School for Opposing Abortion

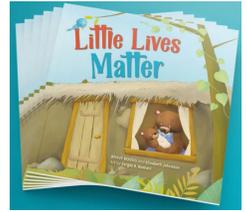
A pro-life medical student is fighting in court to be allowed to finish school at the University of Louisville School of Medicine after he said he was expelled because of his pro-life beliefs.

Austin Clark was a fourth-year medical student at the university when he was expelled on July 15, 2020. He was scheduled to graduate in May 2021.

Clark recently filed a lawsuit against the school accusing it of discriminating against him because he believes unborn babies are valuable human beings who deserve a right to life. "They are saying I was being unprofessional, but all I've done is to be a vocal pro-life student, standing up to bullies," Clark said in a statement.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/kentucky-louisville-medical-student-abortion-expelled>

## New Children's Book "Little Lives Matter" Teaches Kids Pro-Life Values



Elizabeth Johnston, a best-selling Christian author and homeschooling mom, just published a new children's book to counter the pro-abortion culture and help children understand the value of every human life.

The mother of 10 children, Johnston said she knows how much modern culture is pushing abortion on society, including on young children.

She wrote her new book "Little Lives Matter" to help parents teach their children that "every life deserves a chance, even the unborn." The book is available now through BRAVE Books. <https://www.lifenews.com/2021/08/24/new-childrens-book-little-lives-matter-teaches-kids-pro-life-values/>

## Christians Dump Lyft for the Unborn



After Lyft donated \$1 million dollars to Planned Parenthood in protest against a pro-life Texas law, Christians deleted the ride-sharing company's app from their phones and vowed never to use its services again. "Lyft is using your ride money to fund the murder of innocent unborn," activist Benny Johnson wrote. "Do not contribute to their cursed blood money."

<https://catholicvote.org/christians-dump-lyft-for-the-unborn/>

## ABORTION AT SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court has set the date of December 1 to begin hearing arguments in a case that directly challenges the constitutionality of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion in all 50 states.

The case, called Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, will decide the validity of a Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. In December, attorneys will begin presenting arguments against a lower court ruling which stopped the Mississippi pro-life law from being enforced.

<https://catholicvote.org/supreme-court-sets-date-for-case-that-could-end-roe-v-wade/>

## ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS

Gov. Kristi Noem, R-SD, has signed an executive order prohibiting the abortion industry from prescribing and selling abortion-inducing drugs online. Under Noem's new order, only licensed South Dakota doctors may prescribe abortion-inducing drugs, and then only after an in-person exam.

<https://catholicvote.org/south-dakota-governor-issues-executive-order-restricting-telemedicine-abortions/>