

Lifespan

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
and before you were born, I consecrated you.” Jeremiah 1:5

2020 Fourth Quarter

Worldwide News...

Belgium—A woman who aborted her third child after a Down’s Syndrome diagnosis subsequently killed her three living children, ages 22-months, seven and nine, allegedly from post-abortion trauma. Julie Lambotte began her killing spree by allegedly drowning her 22-month-old daughter, Orphee, in the bathtub and then proceeded to stab her other two children—seven-year-old Ceres and nine-year-old Thibald—killing Ceres and leaving Thibald in serious but stable condition in the hospital. Lambotte told authorities she committed the crimes because she “missed her little girl,” with her violent spree taking place shortly after the three-year anniversary of her abortion.

Britain—Trials for one of the leading potential coronavirus vaccines were halted after a trial participant became seriously ill. Astrazeneca, a British pharmaceutical company that has been developing a coronavirus vaccine in collaboration with the University of Oxford, has used cell lines from an aborted baby in the development of the vaccine. Past experience with the drugs used to treat Parkinson’s Disease has shown that aborted fetal tissue is unstable and leads to serious complications, including cancer and neurological problems.

Canada—The Nova Scotia high court ruled against the petition of an 82-year-old woman to save the life of her husband, 82, who suffers from non-fatal chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) but is otherwise healthy. According to the affidavit of a doctor filed in court on behalf of the wife, the husband has suffered from hypochondria for years and has “delusional” beliefs that he has medical conditions and health issues he does not have. In spite of the documented mental issues, her husband was approved for euthanasia on first assessment, rejected on a second, and then approved on a third assessment. The high court has now dispensed with the pretense of “compassion in dying” and allowed for death on demand, regardless of the reason.

France—The French National Assembly approved guidelines that allow for genetically modified embryos, chimeras, and state-funded artificial procreation for lesbian couples and single women. In addition, French underage girls 14 or younger have totally free access to contraceptives and all medical consultations and testing necessary to the prescription process.

Ireland—Two Christian organizations that help people deal with unwanted same-sex attraction and gender identity issues have been notified by their bank that their accounts will be closed. The move by Barclays Bank follows a social media attack demanding that the bank end its professional relationship with Core Issues Trust (CIT) and The International Fed-

eration for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice (IFTCC), incorrectly accusing both groups of promoting “conversion therapy.”

Italy—Italian women will now be able to use the RU-486 abortion pill at home without medical supervision of any kind throughout the first nine weeks of pregnancy, thanks to new guidelines issued by the nation’s health minister. The two-part abortion pill regimen has been available in Italy since 2009, but required that the first pill, mifepristone, be taken in a hospital. Now, however, women will be able to use both mifepristone and misoprostol within their own homes. The use of RU-486 has proven dangerous with complications ranging from heaving bleeding to severe pain (over 96%), incomplete abortion leading to infection, sepsis and potential death, and long-term damage to the uterus.

Mexico—The nation’s Supreme Court struck down a lower court ruling that had ordered the state of Veracruz to legalize abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The 4-1 ruling prevented the legalization of abortion throughout the country. Currently, only Mexico City and Oaxaca state have legalized abortion on demand up to 12 weeks’ gestation. When the culture of death is embraced, all other ills quickly follow suit as well, as evidenced in Mexico City. Treatment to help overcome unwanted homosexual tendencies will soon be illegal in Mexico City under a new law by the city’s Legislative Assembly. Under the legislation, which was first introduced two years ago, healthcare practitioners could spend up to five years in prison for conducting “practices consisting of psychological, psychiatric sessions, methods or treatments that are intended to nullify, hinder, modify or impair the expression of gender identity, as well as the sexual orientation of people.

Netherlands—A draft law proposing the legalization of assisted suicide for people over 75 who are “tired of living” has been presented in the Second Chamber of the Dutch parliament by Pia Dijkstra, of the D66 progressive “social-liberal” party. This push reveals the truth behind the compassion in dying movement—it is ultimately about death on demand.

Russia—A new constitution based on the results of recent referendums proclaims the obligation of the state not only to protect the family, motherhood, fatherhood and childhood (that already was part of the Constitution before), but also to protect the “institution of marriage as a union of a man and a woman” (Article 72). In addition, one of the new norms obliges the Government of the Russian Federation to pursue a unified policy in the country in the field of “supporting, strengthening and protecting the family, preserving traditional family values” (Article 114). Poland, Estonia and Hungary are looking to make similar changes as well.

Scotland—The nation has lurched left again becoming the first nation in the world to include LGBTQ courses in the school curricula. In November 2018 Scottish ministers adopted a proposal to adopt “LGBTQ inclusion” into school curricula to ideologically indoctrinate young children and teens. All pupils in public schools will receive equality and identity education that includes LGBTQ content such as “homophobia,” “biphobia” and “trans-phobia,” as well as promoting “awareness” towards members of LGBTQ groups. The signs of religious persecution loom large, particularly in light of the new hate

crime legislation passed this year that could result in the criminalization of having possession of a Bible or the Catholic catechism. Sadly, this is not an exaggeration.

United Kingdom—Premature twins born five days apart have beaten the odds to become among the youngest to survive premature birth in Britain. Dolly was born at just 23 weeks and one day weighing just 1lb and 1oz (482g). Five days later Albert was born weighing 1lb 6oz (624g). The twins are now flourishing at home with their parents. This medical miracle should be a wake-up call to all governments who insist on the right to kill preborn children at any stage of development. If we can save children this young today, what will tomorrow's medical advances bring? Maybe it is time to rethink the viability issue altogether.

National News...

California—A Catholic charity has won a hard-fought battle with state authorities over the right of the charity to exercise its religious principles. The San Diego-based Children of the Immaculate Heart, which has served adult victims of human trafficking since 2013, had aimed to open a house for girls age 12-17 who had been victims of human trafficking. The charity has sought a license for the project for three years. The state delayed the application insisting that the organization needed to pledge to affirm LGBT sexuality, to inject sex hormones into any beneficiaries who identify as transgender, and to agree to drive minors to abortion clinics. In November 2019, the charity filed a lawsuit accusing California officials of delaying the license for the project and violating its constitutional rights. The charity had invested \$600,000 in the project and was paying rent and maintenance costs of \$15,000 a month. Aside from the monetary costs, the damage to victims is simply unconscionable. Yet, the Democrats in California, repeatedly show where their loyalties lie. In September, the California senate passed Bill 145 which was subsequently signed by Gov. Newsom. The bill lessens the penalties and changes the definition of a sex-offender by exempting from mandatory registration under the act a person convicted of certain offenses involving minors if the person is not more than 10 years older than the minor and if that offense is the only one requiring the person to register. This means that a 22-year-old man who has sex with a 13-year-old boy will not have to register as a sex offender under this new law!

California—In a new video released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP), Planned Parenthood officials give sworn testimony describing how abortionists alter abortion procedures in order to produce more intact human fetuses and, therefore, more usable fetal tissues and organs that can be sold for profit. In 2015, the CMP and journalist and activist David Daleiden released a series of videos featuring undercover conversations with Planned Parenthood officials and medical directors. Planned Parenthood and their media allies decried the undercover videos as “edited” and claimed their late-term abortion practices were in complete compliance with the law. As attorney general of California, current vice-presidential candidate **Kamala Harris**, who received tens of thousands of

dollars in campaign donations from Planned Parenthood, prosecuted Daleiden for exposing Planned Parenthood's crimes, crimes they themselves admit to on video! Watch for yourself, but be forewarned:

<https://thefederalist.com/2020/08/24/planned-parenthood-staff-admit-to-performing-illegal-partial-birth-abortions-for-better-tissue-harvesting/>

District of Columbia—Judicial Watch announced that it received **165 pages** of records from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) showing that the FDA between 2012 and 2018 entered into 8 contracts worth \$96,370 with Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR) to acquire “fresh and never frozen” tissue from 1st and 2nd trimester aborted fetuses for use in creating “humanized mice” for ongoing research. Federal law regulates the purchase and acceptance of human fetal tissue for research purposes. It is unlawful to knowingly transfer fetal tissue for profit. Consequently, Judicial Watch filed the **lawsuit** in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department Health and Human Services* [No. 1:19-cv-00876]) after HHS failed to respond adequately to a September 28, 2018, FOIA.

Georgia—A federal judge has blocked Georgia's 2019 law banning most abortions on babies with detectable heartbeats, ruling that it violates the U.S. Constitution. Signed into law in May 2019, the Living Infants Fairness and Equality (LIFE) Act (HB 481) would forbid abortions once a fetal heartbeat can be detected, except in cases of rape, incest, physical medical emergencies, and pregnancies deemed “medically futile.” Last year abortion advocates with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR), and Planned Parenthood challenged the law's constitutionality and U.S. District Judge Steve Jones placed an injunction on the law before it ever took effect. Once again, the importance of constitutionalist district and circuit court justices cannot be over-emphasized.

New York—Religious freedom suffered yet another blow at the hands of the abortion-loving left. The Catholic Diocese of Albany has lost an appeals challenge to a 2017 New York regulation that mandates health insurance providers to cover the cost of “medically necessary” abortions. The diocese had argued that the 2017 mandate has “moral and religious freedom issues” and despite losing, vows to continue fighting the regulation. Most recently, the New York Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court voted by unanimous decision (5-0) to uphold a January 2019 ruling by the State Supreme Court Justice Richard McNally. That ruling said that insurance providers who provide surgical, hospital, and medical expense coverage must also pay for abortions that are deemed “medically necessary.”

Massachusetts—In June, the city of Somerville adopted a legal amendment to an ordinance on “Domestic Partnerships” that extends legal recognition of such partnerships to arrangements between more than two people, or so-called “polyamorous” groupings. This decision only proves the warnings of family advocates who predicted that after the Supreme Court allowed for “homosexual marriage” in the Windsor v. Obergefell case, that other sexual depravities would follow. Those advocates were mocked and ridiculed for their slippery

slope analogy. Now that we see a city in Massachusetts recognizing polyamory, it seems that the argument of a slippery slope is not fallacy, but an accurate observation that we are not on a slope but a steep downward trajectory and gaining speed.

North Carolina—A woman in Wilmington rescued a newborn baby from a trash bin after hearing the infant’s cries. The baby was struggling to breathe with his umbilical cord still wrapped around his neck. The woman cleared his airways, called for emergency services and held the baby, praying and singing to him, until help arrived.

Pennsylvania—In July, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued a short per curiam order, in which it agreed with the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania that the state legislature violated the Pennsylvania Constitution when it added “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to Pennsylvania’s “ethnic intimidation” law. As a result of the clarification, citizens of PA will now face potential hate-crime prosecution for preaching that homosexuality is sinful, for example. The methods used by the Pennsylvania legislature in passing the “hate crimes” bill were extremely devious and yet another chilling example as to how far politicians are willing to go to silence Christian speech that they would violate our own state Constitution to do it.

Texas—The Austin city council recently approved its 2021 budget, which cuts \$150 million from the Austin Police Department to be spent on other services, *CBN News* reports. At the same time, the budget increases the funding for “abortion access” to \$250,000, under the auspices of “health and social services.”

National—

- Government cannot interfere with a religious school’s judgement on who should or should not teach religion classes, according to a July 7-2 ruling handed down by the United States Supreme Court. *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru* and *St. James Catholic School v. Biel* concern two California Catholic elementary schools’ right to select educators who reflect their understanding of their faith, free from government interference.
- In a decision that may have far-reaching implications for the pro-life cause internationally, the Supreme Court ruled on Monday that foreign organizations don’t have free speech rights under the U.S. Constitution. The Supreme Court may have crushed the hopes of pro-life advocates at home in the *June Medical Services* ruling, but it left open the door to pro-life advocacy abroad in *Alliance for Open Society International*. The decision about U.S. conditions to foreign aid will likely help ward off future legal challenges to the Mexico City Policy, a Republican party policy that denies U.S. funding to foreign groups that promote abortion. The *Alliance for Open Society International* case involved a challenge to a pledge against prostitution required of foreign organizations as a condition to receiving U.S. grants to combat HIV/AIDS.

Did You Know...

- **Did you know that suicide rates in Oregon are a third higher than the U.S. national average?** With the legali-

zation of assisted suicide in the state, more than six times as many people die by suicide in Oregon annually than by homicide.

- **Did you know that the abortion rate for babies diagnosed with Down’s Syndrome in the U.S. is 67%?** In other countries, the percentage is even higher, with Iceland bragging that 100% of all Downs babies were killed before birth. The rate in France is 77% and 90% in the UK.
- **Did you know that the worldwide birth rate is continuing to decline to the point where we will fall below the population replacement rate of 2.1 by the year 2100?** A team of researchers from the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics published their study in *The Lancet*, revealing that family size has dropped steadily for decades. Taking into account mortality, fertility, and migration, the study forecasts that global population will peak at 9.73 billion people in 2064 and decline to 8.79 billion by 2100. Thus, it predicts population decline will happen sooner than current United Nations forecasts. By 2100, 183 of the 195 countries in the study are forecast to have a fertility rate lower than the global replacement level of 2.1 children per woman. As a result, it is forecast that the populations of as many as 23 countries will fall by half the current totals by 2100, including Japan, Thailand, Ukraine and Spain. Another 34 countries will likely decline by 25–50%, including China which is forecast to experience a 48% decline.
- **Did you know that over 2.4 million lives have been estimated to have been saved by the Hyde Amendment, which prevents federal taxpayer funding of elective abortion through Medicaid and other government programs?** The Charlotte Lozier Institute, the research organization associated with the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List), released a new study on the Hyde Amendment, a pro-life rider that must be added to every Department of Health and Human Services appropriations bill, and has been added each year since first introduced by Rep. Henry Hyde in 1976.
- **Did you know that over 10,000 children are now dying each month due to the economic disruption that COVID-19 restrictions have imposed in Latin America, Southern Asia, and sub-Saharan African communities?** In those regions, families are faced with a stark future without enough food, according to a study published in *The Lancet*. All this while the world’s wealthiest nations shut down for a virus that has a proven 98.5% recovery rate.
- **Did you know that the government of British Columbia is allowing a 78-year-old woman to commit suicide because of depression and loneliness brought on by the COVID restrictions?** After being confined for months in her room at a long-term care facility under provincial COVID restrictions meant to keep her “safe,” she now wishes to end her life as a result of the isolation she is forced to bear. How many others like her are there?

- **Did you know that in 2014, a study conducted by the online dating website ChristianMingle.com revealed that 63% of single Christians between the age of 18 to 59 indicated that they would be willing to have sex before marriage?** One commentator noted that these numbers prove something that many have been observing for some time: The rise of so-called “sexual atheism,” in which people profess belief in Christianity but ignore its teachings on sexuality and marriage. A full 62% of Roman Catholics surveyed stated that casual sex is “sometimes” or “always” acceptable, and 54% of mainline Protestants concurred. Those numbers are significantly lower than the percentage of “unaffiliated” people surveyed who believe casual sex to be permissible—84%—but still indicative of an enormous disconnect amongst those claiming to hold to Christian teaching.
- **Did you know that Facebook and its photo platform Instagram are banning any content advertising or promoting treatment to overcome unwanted same-sex attraction?** The ban comes under the auspices of its policies against “hate speech,” CNN reported, and follows a controversy over the UK-based Christian organization Core Issues Trust, that “works with people who voluntarily seek to change from a gay lifestyle to a gender-affirming one.
- **Did you know that a popular new Netflix series available on children’s platforms includes a young transgender character and promotes the idea that gender can change?** The live-action original series, *The Baby-Sitters Club*, is rated TV-G and follows the story of five middle-school girls who launch a babysitting business. It is based on a collection of Scholastic books. In addition, Netflix has also produced a show entitled “Cuties” that has caused a firestorm of protest over the blatant sexualization of very young children.
- **Did you know that the latest document from the Vatican, a reflection on the COVID-19 pandemic, does not mention God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, prayer, or even charity; even the word “Christian” does not appear in the text which is well over 4,000 words?** There is admittedly a call for “moral conversion,” but in context it is clearly a call for an ideological rather than religious conversion. The Pontifical Academy for Life, you see, regards the pandemic as a con-dign punishment for mankind’s sins against the environment: “The Covid-19 epidemic has much to do with our depredation of the earth and the despoiling of its intrinsic value.” Shameful!

Catholic Watch...

Good priests are speaking up and facing persecution for it. Sadly, the persecution is not just from the forces of evil in society, but from within the episcopacy.

After Fr. Alejandro Miguel Ciarrocchi, the rector of the diocesan seminary, defended the right of his seminarians to receive the Blessed Sacrament according to the traditional

norms, Bishop Taussig retaliated by dismissing him from his post. Then, as other priests were also administering communion according to the traditional preferences of their parishioners, Taussig shut down the seminary itself.

In a recent video message posted on Facebook, Father José Antonio Álvarez, spokesman for the Diocese of San Rafael, blamed the clergy of this diocese for their “undisciplined reaction” and said that the order to shut the seminary had come from the Vatican Congregation for Clergy.

The Catholic Church states clearly in *Redemptionis Sacramentum* that a Catholic “always has the right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue,” a right that cannot simply be taken away.

As we hear from sources close to the situation, this seminary had excellent theologians and professors and was flourishing. Taussig is said to soon be transferred to another diocese, but this closing of the seminary clearly has found the approval of the Vatican.

When our priests seek to put Catholic doctrine into action on the real-world stage, they are silenced or worse. National Director of Priests for Life Fr. Frank Pavone quietly stepped down a month ago from his official roles with two coalitions organized as part of President Donald Trump’s re-election campaign at the request of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Clergy. Father Pavone, although he is no longer on the advisory board of Catholics for Trump or co-chair of Pro-Life Voices for Trump, Pavone is still wholly, but unofficially, involved in the Trump campaign as a member of both coalitions, and informally advises them.

Fr. Altman, pastor of St. James the Less Catholic Church in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, has been preaching with the zeal of the prophets since the COVID lockdowns began. Father Altman also produced many videos proclaiming the truth of Catholic teaching in light of today’s worldly challenges without the ambiguity we have become so accustomed to. In one video, first released at the end of July:

“Here is a memo to clueless baptized Catholics: You cannot be Catholic and be a Democrat. Period!”

“Their party platform absolutely is against everything the Catholic Church teaches,” he said. “So just quit pretending that you’re Catholic and vote Democrat.” He warned, “Repent of your support of that party and its platform or face the fires of hell.”

Regarding baptized Catholics who voted for Democrat candidates in the past, specifically President Barack Obama, Altman said, “There were a lot of pretenders, a lot of impostors, a lot of people masquerading as Catholics, laity and clergy alike, (but) there were zero faithful Catholics who voted for that godless politician who had the audacity to blaspheme and say, ‘God bless Planned Parenthood,’ the most racist organization on the face of this planet, founded to wipe out black babies.”

Fr. Altman’s bishop moved to silence and censor this good and holy priest after receiving letters from the followers of Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit who has promoted the LGBTQ message of acceptance and active participation in the church without

modification of behavior. To date, over 59,000 signers of Lifesite’s petition, along with thousands of letters, and hundreds of people praying on the street in support of Fr. Altman has been the response of the faithful.

Please check out Fr. Altman on you-tube :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5kNIyFJHNo>
and write in support of him to his bishop:
Bishop William Callahan
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Notable Quotes...

“There is a very strict relationship between the doctrinal crisis of the Church and the immorality of the clergy, that scandalously reaches up to the highest levels of the hierarchy. But it is also apparent that this crisis is being used by the ultra-progressive wing not only to impose a false morality together with a false doctrine, but also to irremediably discredit the Holy Church and the Papacy before the faithful and the world, through the action of its own leaders.”

-Archbishop Vignano, 7/25/20

Most Outrageous...

In a recently released interview about the film, “Unpregnant” (possibly a shot at the pro-life film “Unplanned?”), one of the screenplay writers said she wanted to “write an abortion road trip story [to] bring some humor and make people more comfortable with the subject of abortion.”

The plot of “Unpregnant” centers on a teenage girl who finds herself unexpectedly with child. Rather than turn to her “Jesus Freak” Catholic parents for help, she decides on her own to obtain an abortion. But, there’s a catch. The abortion laws in her state make that all but impossible. So, she enlists a friend to accompany her on the 1,000-mile journey to the nearest abortion clinic. Their escapades on the road make up the bulk of the movie, with the film documenting the “hysterical” trials and tribulations of two teenagers traveling to end the life of a baby.

The trailer for “Unpregnant” is shocking. Even those who support abortion have generally not treated it as a laughing matter. Most people have had the moral decency to recognize the seriousness of the decision for the woman, if not for the unborn child. “Safe, legal, and rare” was the pro-abortion rallying cry. Not “safe, legal, and hilarious.”

Political Action Corner...

1. The Catholic University of Notre Dame has announced the hiring of Pete Buttigieg, a pro-abortion homosexual who is “married” to another man, as a 2020-2021 faculty fellow at the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS). Buttigieg is the former South Bend mayor who ran as a Democratic presidential candidate. Buttigieg’s new position at the Catholic University comes as a surprise in view of his high profile political

campaign which revealed to the American public a personal life and beliefs which stand in direct opposition to moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Please contact the University at: <https://president.nd.edu/contact/>

2. In May, Jackie Bieber found her daughter, Shatto, on her bedroom floor unresponsive and cold after an apparent suicide. Shawn Shatto, who had suffered from anxiety and depression, was guided through her suicide by an online assisted suicide website. Family members later revealed that the site was literally cheering her on to the finish line; on the post, people were telling her what kind of drugs to mix in order to kill herself. Then they had the audacity to wish her “good luck” and “safe travels.” Ms. Beiber is currently working to pass House Bill 1827 (Shawn’s Law) passed that would protect the vulnerable and depressed from those who want to further the right to die movement. This bill has been referred to the judiciary. Please contact your state representative and ask them to support this legislation. Link: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Pro-life Miracle...

Micro-preemie identical twins Vivienne and Margot were born prematurely at just 22 weeks and five days, and 23 weeks at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown in March. But with just a 20-30% chance of survival, the girls were able to beat each of the odds stacked against them and are a total joy to their grateful parents.

“You were born four and half months premature at the start of a global pandemic. I pleaded with God to let you live, yet I prepared my heart for you to die,” their mother Laura **wrote to the girls in a blog post**. “Only one in seven babies born as early as you were making it—the odds are even worse for twins. Only one in four hospitals in the U.S. would even attempt to save you. At just one little pound and four ounces each, most people have never seen one baby as tiny as you, and we got to see two. We got to watch you develop outside the womb—we watched your little eyes come unfused, and your skin change. We watched your ears finish forming and your nails harden. We watched you fight, and I sang to you about how I just wanted to know you better.”



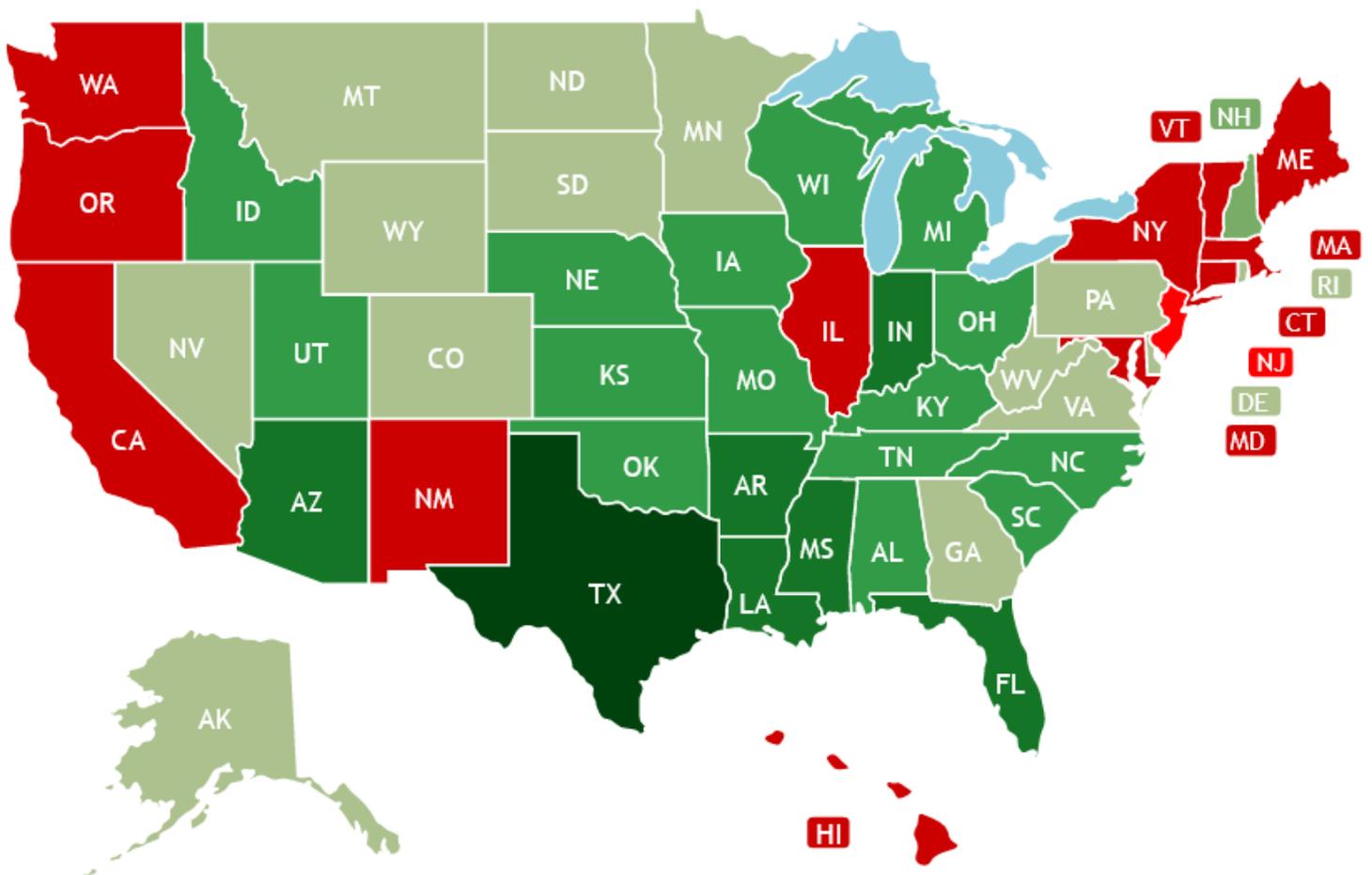
At a glance...

Today Family Research Council released the fourth in a **series of interactive pro-life maps**, tracking state funding of the abortion industry through three principal funding streams: Medicaid, Title X family planning funds, and state appropriations.

Twenty-three states have defunded (or attempted to defund) abortions with taxpayer dollars. (Some efforts have been stalled or stopped by the courts.)

- Texas is the only state to have defunded (or attempted to defund) abortions and abortion providers in Medicaid, Title X and state appropriations, and to have been granted a Section 1115 waiver from the Trump Administration to divert federal Medicaid funds away from abortion providers.
- Six additional states have good laws that defund abortion providers in the three principle funding streams: Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

- Sixteen states have only partial defunding laws (not addressing all three principle funding streams) and/or temporary defunding policies (executive orders, state budgets, etc.): Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and Wisconsin.
- Another 14 states have not taken any action to defund abortion providers: Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming. (States that merely enacted a “state Hyde Amendment,” duplicating federal protections in Medicaid, are not credited on this map with having taken a significant step in defunding abortion providers.)
- Thirteen states have taken steps to directly fund abortions and abortion providers with taxpayer dollars: California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.



This Election...

“He [Biden] is a walking and talking scandal to his Catholic faith and has rightly been refused the Eucharist because he persists in ongoing mortal sin thus separating himself from communion with the Church. He scandalizes the Catholic faith in so many ways that objectively he actually seems “anti-Catholic” in his beliefs.”

“Biden is not living as a Catholic.”

-Fr. Pavone, Priests for Life

Consider that choice for Catholics this November is **literally a choice between life and death.**

Here is a look at where the two candidates stand on issues that no Catholic can ignore:

Trump

- Supports restrictions on abortion
- Since 2016, Trump has appointed 214 pro-life, constitutionalist judges to Appellate/ Superior courts, in addition to two new SCOTUS appointments.
- Supports the Hyde Amendment which prohibits tax-payer funding of abortion.
- In 2017, Trump signed H.R. 354 that defunded billions from the abortion industry, including Title X funds and has given the states the option, by executive order, to withhold Medicaid and other federal money from organizations that perform abortions.
- In January 2018, Trump re-instituted and expanded the Mexico City Policy that ensures our tax dollars are not sent to support abortion overseas. This protects over \$8.8 billion dollars in overseas aid from being used for abortions.
- Defunded the pro-abortion United Nations Population Fund (UNFP), which has used coercion to force poor countries to legalize abortion.
- Overturned the Obama era HHS mandate that forced insurance companies to cover abortions and abortifacients in their plans.

- Created a new office in the federal government for Conscience & Religious Freedom so that citizens cannot be forced to participate in abortions in the workplace.
- Supported all pro-life legislation that offers protection and safeguards against abortion atrocities such as the Pain Capable Unborn Protection Act, No-taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act and the Born Alive Infants Protection Act.
- On 9/23/20, Trump signed the Born Alive Executive Order that will give legal protection to babies born alive following an abortion procedure, guaranteeing life sustaining treatment.

- Opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Biden

- Supports abortion up to *and after* birth
- Pledged to only appoint pro-abortion judges to all levels of the judiciary.

- Opposes the Hyde Amendment and has promised to overturn it and ensure tax-payer funding of abortion.
- As part of the Obama administration, supported Title X funding that included abortion coverage which would ensure compulsory funding of abortion by all 50 states.

- Promised to overturn the Mexico City Policy just as Obama had done, ensuring that American tax dollars will fund abortion and population control programs overseas.

- Will fund the UNPF as was done during the Obama administration.

- Promised to reinstate the Obama HHS mandate which forces insurance plans to cover abortions. Biden even admitted he would force Catholic nuns to pay for contraception and abortion in spite of the fact that the U.S. Supreme Court sided with the conscience and religious freedom of the nuns, 7-2.
- Would end religious exemptions and conscience protections against abortion and would use the weight of the federal government to force compliance just as Obama did.
- Would eliminate safeguards against the use of horrific abortion practices and other safeguards such as informed consent, clinic regulation and inspection and the protection of minors.
- Biden has not dissented from his party’s opposition to the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act nor has Kamala Harris, who voted against the bill. Additionally, Biden criticized the U.S. Supreme Court majority for upholding the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act in 2007.
- Supports assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Trump platform: <https://www.promiseskept.com/timeline/>

Biden platform: <https://www.politico.com/2020-election/candidates-views-on-the-issues>

Sources: Catholic News Agency (CAN), Family Watch International, LifesiteNews, SPUC, *The Christian Post*, Mercatornet.com, *USA Today*, *New York Times*, Holodomorinfo.com, U.S. Government website, Catholic Vote.org, Priests for Life, Family Research Council

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