Your Monthly Digest of Life Issues in the News August 2018



# Hello there!

We've researched and found the most relevant and worthy articles to educate and equip you in affirming and protecting Life.

We encourage you to share these stories and updates by email or social media!

We have also included our most recent AFL blog posts. You can read all our blog posts on our <u>website</u>.

# **End of Life**

## <u>Canadian Man Sues Hospital for Offering Euthanasia</u> <u>Instead of Care</u>

In a landmark case, Roger Foley, a 42-year-old Canadian man, is suing the Victoria Hospital London Health Sciences Centre, as well as two other health care agencies, for pushing him towards euthanasia, despite his repeated preference for at home support. He has released recordings of his interactions with Support Anglicans For Life: Donate Today!

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hospital staff in an effort to prove that he was denied his right to "assisted life." Foley has

cerebellar atazia, a degenerative brain condition that impairs his ability to move his arms and legs and requires home care. He also additionally claims his life was endangered by the home care he had been previously provided by government-funded agency South West Local Health Integration Network. "I have been given the wrong medications, I have been provided food where I got food poisoning, I've had workers fall asleep in my living room, burners and appliances constantly left on, a fire, and I have been injured during exercises and transfers," Foley said, "When I report(ed) these things to the agency, I would not get a response." And as states and countries either move to <u>reject</u> or <u>enact</u> assisted suicide and euthanasia legislation, this case is an important one. <u>Read more</u>.

#### **Death Wishes**

What is "life?" This is usually a question asked when debating the rightness or wrongness of abortion and not when discussing end of life issues. But it is increasingly becoming an important question. What is "life" or, more specifically, what is quality of life? Did 23-month-old Alfie Evans have quality of life? The hospital did not think so. Did Terri Schiavo have quality of life? Her family thought she did, but her husband did not. Whether someone has quality of life when they are suffering from brain damage or are in a vegetative state is a difficult question to answer. The problem is that medical ethicists are answering that question for us—and are looking at critically ill Learn more about our first ever youth event on January 17th 2019!



Quick Links: Our Website <u>Products</u> patients, not with the desire to care for them until their natural end, but with the goal of harvesting their organs. <u>Read more</u>.

# Abortion

#### Inside the FDA's Research with Aborted Baby Body Parts

We have all heard the discussion and debate about defunding Planned Parenthood, who not only performs abortions but was caught on undercover video illegally selling baby body parts. But what is sadder is that we have just discovered that tax payers have been unknowingly funding the sale and use of aborted baby remains for years, all done in name of research for the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA signed a contract with Advanced Bioscience Resources as early as 2012, which promised to provide "human fetal

tissue" to make "chimeric animals that have a human immune system." These humanized mice are used to test the safety of medications. "It's horrifying news because we hope that our FDA and our federal government are going to be doing ethical research and not contributing to the trafficking of baby body parts and abortions," said David Prentice, vice president



of the Charlotte Lozier Institute. "There are actually ethical alternatives to make these humanized mice. You don't have to use aborted fetal tissue to do this anymore." <u>Read</u> <u>more</u>.

#### China Backtracks on One-Child Policy in Face of Massive Demographic Crisis

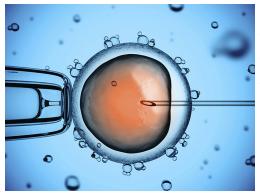
What a surprise. Demanding families only have one child and forcing women to have abortions have birthed an all-new problem for China—a demographic crisis. While fears of a dwindling work force has forced the Chinese government in 2017 to allow couples to have two children, that change appears to be too little, too late. A recent government study released in July estimates that the Chinese workforce will decrease by 100 million people from 2020 to 2035 and by another 100 million from 2035 to 2050. And because of the

discrimination against girls, there are fewer women in the population to give birth. New incentives are being offered to families to have more children...but a new fear is surfacing. Will this new reproductive freedom lead to reproductive servitude? <u>Read more</u>.

# **BioEthics**

#### Judge Rules Human Embryo 'Property' of Ex-Wife in Divorce Case

In what sounds like the plot of a soap opera, a now-divorced couple went to court over a



frozen human embryo that they purchased together from the United States. The judge ruled that the embryo was the "property" of the exwife. Experts say that this will be considered a precedent for future related cases. Although Canada prohibits the buying and selling of human eggs and sperm (mentioned by the judge, although it appears that no charges were filed),

the decision was based mostly on contract law because "there is no law on point that has considered how to dispose of embryos when neither party has a biological connection to the embryos." <u>Read more</u>.

#### BreakPoint: Pet Clones

Many of us have had pets that we have loved. Additionally, most of us have experienced the sadness of their deaths, and missed the cat, dog, or other animal that gave us such joy. However, the latest issue of Vanity Fair investigates a way to bring those beloved animals back—by cloning your dead pets, specifically dogs. Brought to you by the same research foundation that claimed to clone a human embryo in 2004 (which was discovered to be a hoax afterward) the Sooam Biotech Research Foundation in Seoul, South Korea has produced more than 1,000 clones of deceased dogs and claims that animal cloning does not have the same ethical problems of human cloning. But with dead pet cloning becoming a reality, it is not much of a stretch to imagine that one day scientists will consider cloning as a means of bringing back our lost—and human—loved ones. <u>Read more</u>.

## **AFL Blogs**



## <u>Hiding from the Truth – Abortion Clinics and</u> <u>Hurting Women</u>

While abortion supporters wish to hide it, we want to share the truth—abortion kills an unborn baby & brings unspeakable harm to women & families.





#### Anglicans in Action - Millennials and Abortion

AFL shares a weekly Anglicans in Action video, which gives practical suggestions & ideas for life ministry. This week's focus is on millennials & abortion.

### <u>Uncomfortably Numb: Traumatized Abortion</u> <u>Providers</u>

While this does not relieve them of moral responsibility, abortion providers not only destroy babies but deeply wound their own souls.



## <u>Action Ideas for Life – Let's Talk about Planned</u> <u>Parenthood</u>

Advocates for Life forget that people are unaware of Planned Parenthood & its commitment to abortion. We must educate ourselves to better inform others.



### <u>GAFCON & the Voice of the Church – Sanctity of Life</u> <u>Statements</u>

May sanctity of life statements leap off the page & work in the hearts & minds of the Church, as she seeks to protect the unborn & the vulnerable.



<u>Elephant in the Examination Room: Why Are</u> <u>Medical Professionals Reluctant to Talk to Women</u> <u>About Their Abortions?</u> Abortion is looked at as a medical "non-event." Yet



it's a life-changing experience & a significant part of

the medical history of millions of women.

If you have questions, concerns, or thoughts, please feel free to contact us!

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