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Abortion

[Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers Take Their Case to the Supreme Court](#)

On Tuesday March 20th, oral arguments were heard at the Supreme Court in National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (Nifla) v. Becerra. This case looks at California's 2015 Reproductive FACT Act, which requires



pro-life pregnancy centers to print



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they provide, as well as information about the state's free or low-cost abortion coverage and how to obtain abortions. The conservative pro-life justices were, unsurprisingly, quick to point out that this was a burden on free speech. But even the pro-choice justices observed the burdensomeness of the requirement. Although the verdict is not yet out, this looks like good news for pregnancy centers! This is an excellent—if a little sarcastic—run down of the Supreme Court proceedings.

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[490 Babies Saved From Abortion in Latest 40 Days for Life Prayer Event](#)

As this Lenten season draws to a close, so does this 40 Days for Life campaign. This year alone, 40 Days for Life leaders have estimated that 480 babies in 354 locations around the world are celebrating life in the womb this Easter! Included in this article are a couple of heart-warming stories of what 40 Days for Life participants experienced at clinics nationwide. [Read more.](#)

End of Life

[Investigation Launched After Mentally Ill Patients Euthanized Without Their Consent](#)

The Dutch Public Prosecution Service is now investigating several cases of euthanasia. These cases, four among 12, were flagged by the monitoring committee as not being correctly carried out. Two of the cases concern the same doctor at an end of life clinic in Noord-Holland. The doctor in question euthanized a 67-year-old woman with Alzheimer's, despite being unable to give consent, and a



84-year-old woman who was diagnosed as having several severe illnesses but appears to not have been considered “hopeless” or truly terminally ill. Still, while an investigation has been launched, will anything be done?



So far there have been no prosecutions of any doctor involved in euthanasia in the Netherlands.

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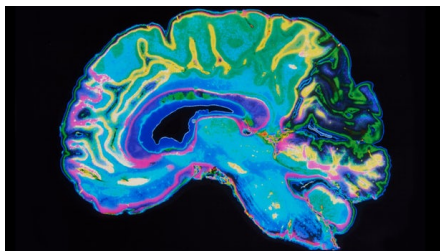
[Qualifying for Euthanasia by Self-Starvation in Canada](#)

The next step in Canada’s ever widening acceptance of euthanasia and assisted suicide? An ethics opinion by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia determined that a patient who would not be eligible under the existing law for euthanasia can actually make himself or herself applicable by refusing food and water. By refusing to eat and drink, called “voluntary stop eating and drinking”, or VSED, the patient develops an irremediable medical condition and can be thus given a lethal injection. In fact, in order to help the patient starve himself or herself, a doctor can palliate the unpleasant symptoms of starvation and dehydration, so a doctor can ultimately end the patient’s life. Admittedly, this is all purely academic discussion at the moment—but legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide were all ethical debates at one point, too. [Read more.](#)

BioEthics

[Scientists Map Brains of Premature Babies to Discover Potential Diseases](#)

A team of researchers at Washington University in St. Louis are using 3D ultrasounds to not only allow parents to have an image of their child but to have a better understanding of their baby’s



physical development—specifically how their brains are forming and what, if any, future mental health disorders, such as autism and schizophrenia, they could experience. Studying 30 premature babies, scientists have developed a computer algorithm for analyzing babies’ brain development. This is an incredibly complicated and

difficult task, considering that every person’s brain fold pattern is unique, like a fingerprint.

While research to help unborn babies is certainly something to be celebrated, the worry for pro-life people is how this research will be used. Will more children be aborted because of pre-natal diagnosis of a disease? [Read more](#)

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[In the Tomb with Lazarus: Jesus and the Sacredness of Life](#)



This is, ultimately, how the Church can see the value that God has placed on Life. Life is sacred because of Christ, because God has declared us sacred, through the sacrifice His Son.

[Anglicans in Action – Becoming a Life Leader](#)



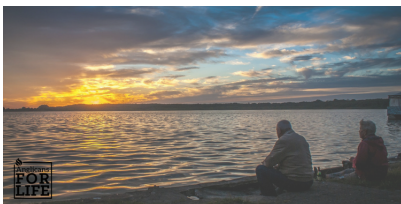
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[Memorializing the Unborn](#)



If the Church indeed believes that all lives are sacred and that life begins at conception, we as a people of God need to reach out to parents and families grieving a child lost to abortion or miscarriage.

[Anglicans in Action - Grandparents Who Have Lost Grandchildren To Abortion](#)



If you know grandparents who have lost grandchildren to abortion, this week's action idea is to encourage them to seek healing and help.

[The Christian's Final Scene: Choosing a Hospice Agency at the End of Life](#)



Choose a hospice that will not simply allow your loved one to simply fade to black, but one that will celebrate their last scenes on earth's great stage.

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

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