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Abortion

[Ireland votes to legalize abortion: 'a tragedy of historic proportions'](#)

After years of upholding the sacredness of Life, the people of Ireland voted to abolish the 8th



Amendment on May 25th, thereby legalizing abortion in their country. In

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1983, 67 percent of the Irish population voted to add the

Eighth Amendment to their constitution, protecting the unborn in the womb. There have been five previous attempts to repealing the Eight Amendment by vote, all of which have failed. Sadly, this last vote finally achieved the needed numbers. “The 8th amendment did not create a right to life for the unborn child – it merely acknowledged that such a right exists, has always existed, and will always exist,” the pro-life Save the 8th campaign said in a statement. “What Irish voters did yesterday is a tragedy of historic proportions. However, a wrong does not become right simply because a majority support it.” [Read more](#)



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[Yes, Community Health Centers Are a Better Alternative for Women than Planned Parenthood](#)

Sometimes I’m not sure who is more tired of reiterating the same point—abortion supporters who declare that Planned Parenthood is essential to women’s health or pro-lifers who remind everyone about the important community health centers that provide the same valuable health services without performing abortions. But, with Title X funding in discussion once again, we need to talk about the alternatives to Planned Parenthood and the continued efforts of abortion supporters to either disregard community health centers or to inflate the services provided by Planned Parenthood. Looking specifically at the state of Maine, this article discusses how redirecting funds from Planned Parenthood will benefit women nationwide. [Read more](#)

End of Life

[Pro-lifers Celebrate the Death of California's Euthanasia Law](#)

While Ireland is undergoing a tragic legal change, California is undergoing some positive changes of its own, at least for the lives of the elderly and vulnerable. A California judge overturned the state's assisted suicide law, stating that lawmakers violated the state's constitution in passing the End of Life Options legislation during a special legislative session in 2015. According to Judge Daniel Ottolia, the End of Life Options Act is illegal because the special legislative session was originally held in order to address Medicare Funding, and the passing of the End of Life Act was not within the mission of the session. "Giving terminally ill patients the right to request aid-in-dying prescription medication and decriminalizing assisted suicide for doctors prescribing such medications have nothing to do with healthcare funding for Medi-Cal patients, the developmentally disabled, or in-home supportive services," Ottolia wrote in his ruling. With [New Zealand](#) and [Finland](#) also rejecting euthanasia, this is positive news for those who seeking to protect the lives of the elderly and infirm. [Read more](#)

[What Alfie Evans Tells us about End-of-Life Care and Futility](#)

The case of Alfie Evans gained national attention, with thousands of people advocating for life-supporting treatment for him, as the government and the hospital stripped both his parents of their rights and Alfie of medical treatment, even food and water. It's a tragedy that such a young boy, who should have been valued and cherished as long as his life would have naturally continued, had to be the focus of all this attention and that none of it saved his life. But his story should also teach us more about how our culture is beginning to understand the word "futile". According to a key legal judgement of the case, treatment for Alfie would have been futile. But for the lives of those at the end of life, their very lives are being seen as "futile". How should we honor and protect the aging and dying? [Read more.](#)



Pregnancy and Adoption

[Infertility Remedy: Couples Increasingly Look to 'NaProTechnology' as an Alternative to IVF](#)

Infertility can be a heart-breaking thing for many couples struggling to conceive. But what follows can be even more bewildering and troubling. Where to go next? In vitro



fertilization? Surrogacy? Both options have a number of ethical and moral problems. But for those struggling with infertility, an IVF alternative is available and growing in popularity. NaProTechnology, short for “natural procreative technology”, was founded in the mid-1980s by Catholic doctor Thomas Hilgers. It relies on meticulous tracking of a woman’s menstrual cycle

and treatments that address the underlying causes of infertility. While the medical community increasingly pushes infertile couples to IVF treatments, NaProTechnology has been quietly growing more popular due to its non-invasiveness and focus on diagnosing the cause of the infertility. [Read more.](#)

[Pro-Life Should Include Foster Care, Too](#)

“Physician, heal thyself.” It’s a famous quote from Christ that has become a rather pithy, common phrase—but its meaning remains the same. Look to your own faults or ills before diagnosing the faults or ills of others. In this way, the Church should take Christ's words to heart. While an ardent supporter of the unborn and adoption, the Church can be remarkably silent about children in need of protection on their very own doorstep—children in foster care. One mother shares her experience of being a foster parent and why the Church must open its eyes and its doors to these children in need of loving homes. [Read more.](#)

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[A Fate Worse Than Death – End-of-Life Healthcare Decisions](#)



On the issue of abortion, the Church advocates for the unborn. Now the elderly & vulnerable are in danger of having their deaths hastened or healthcare denied. Given the fact that the Church has the promise of the Gospel to address the reality of death, we must help those at the end of

life.

[Anglicans in Action – Family Health Centers](#)



When talking to women about their health care and reproductive needs, we need to pro-life recognize that most of society doesn't know that there are other options out there. Across America, thousands of low-cost health centers offer women and their families high-quality health care

without pushing an abortion agenda.

[I Lived on Parker Ave – A Love Letter to Adoption & Life on Film](#)



“I Lived on Parker Avenue” tells the story of David and his reunion with his birth parents. But it's more than just a story of an adoption. It's a love letter to Life, a celebration both of his birth parents' decision to choose life as well as of the future that David has in store for him.

[Take Action – Churches and Pregnancy Centers](#)



Women and families facing unexpected pregnancies are in the Church, and we need to be ready to respond. And one of the best resources to address this need is right around the corner—local pregnancy centers!

[Motherhood Calling – Honoring Mothers in a Conflicted Culture](#)





God knew what He was doing when He created women with the ability to nurture life. May we help the next generation of mothers reclaim and respect this gift of motherhood!

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