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More Women Choose Life for their Baby in 2012

Abortion Statistics - 2012

Right to Life is encouraged that the number of abortions in 2012 announced by Statistics NZ on 19th June reveals a further continuing reduction in the number of unborn children killed before birth. Each of those children was a unique and unrepeatable miracle of God's creation, that were deserving of our respect and protection. Right to Life commends those brave and courageous women who when faced with an unplanned pregnancy chose life for their child. These are truly heroic women who deserve our admiration and support.

Key findings are presented below.

- The total number of abortions reported in 2012 was 14,745, 1,118 less than the 15,863 reported in 2011. The number reported for 2012 is the lowest since 1995 (13,652). Since the current abortion legislation was passed by Parliament in 1977 there have been a total of 436,175 abortions reported in New Zealand.
- The general abortion rate (abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years) decreased from 17.3 per 1,000 in 2011 to 16.1 per 1,000 in 2012. This is the lowest rate since 1995, when it was also 16.1 per 1,000.
- There is a notable decrease in the abortion rate for women aged 15-19 years – down from 2,822 in 2011 to 2,489 in 2012, that is 27 per 1,000 in 2007 to 16 in 2012.
- There were 5,585 women who were having a repeat abortion. 3,648 women were having their second abortion, 1,259 women were having their third, 457 their fourth, 165 their fifth, 38 their sixth, 16 their seventh and 12 their eighth or more abortion. Why is this? How many women are using abortion as a form of contraception?
- In 2012 the abortion ratio was 193 abortions per 1,000 known pregnancies, compared with 204 in 2011. The 2012 ratio is the lowest recorded since 1995 (191 per 1,000) Known pregnancies include life births, stillbirths and induced abortions combined.
- 203 unborn were killed in their mother's womb on the grounds that they had a serious disability. This is a violation of the rights of the disabled.
- There were 18 abortions authorised where the woman sought consideration of an alleged rape.
- There were 92 abortions that were of 20 weeks or more duration compared with 89 in 2011. Nine were over 24 weeks and eight were over 25 weeks. Those 17 children may have been born alive. What action was taken to preserve their lives?



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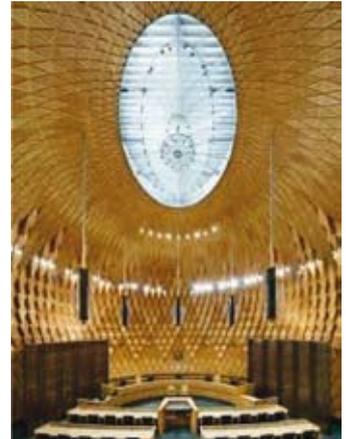
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*“Woe to you
 if you do not defend life”
 John Paul II*

Abortion Supervisory Committee – Supreme Court Judgment

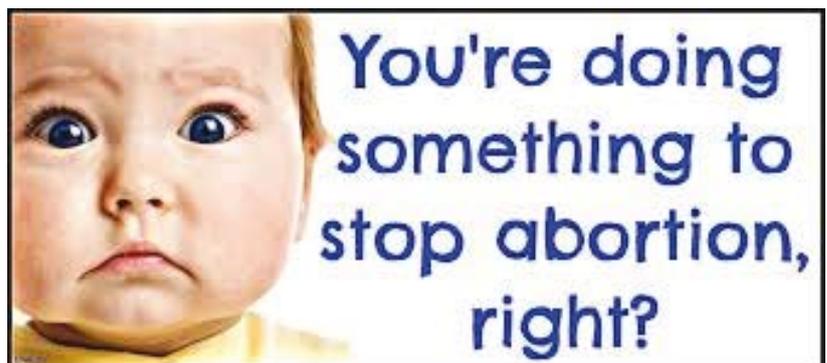
Right to Life is committed to ensuring that the Committee will implement the requirements of the Supreme Court judgment of August 2012 in the matter of the Judicial Review of the Performance of the Committee. In our letter of 4 December 2012 to the Committee, Right to Life outlined its expectations of the Committee. The Committee responded on 10 December and rejected our expectations advising that it was its belief that they were conforming to the law. Right to Life wrote again on 12 April and advised that certifying consultants were not conforming to the request of a previous Health Commissioner, Ron Patterson, that in approving 98 per cent of abortions on the grounds of mental health, they should state on the prescribed form the diagnosis of what condition constituted the serious threat to the woman’s health.



The Commissioner had also recommended that consultants be required to keep a record of interviews with women seeking an abortion. These records would then be available to the Committee and to the Health Commissioner in relation to any inquiry conducted by the Commissioner. Professor Simpson had also recommended to the Committee that the serious danger faced by the woman concerned should also be stated. The Supreme Court had confirmed that the Committee had a right to request consultants to send records of cases to the Committee when requested and did have not only the right but a duty to question consultants on the manner they were arriving at a diagnosis of serious danger to the mental health of women justifying the approval of an abortion.

Dr Christine Forster told a select committee in 1995 that doctors were using mental health as the grounds to provide abortion on request. We are awaiting the Committee’s reply on this very important subject.

[46] *We would go further. The Committee not only has the power to make generalised enquiries of the kind we have described but, in fulfilment of its functions of keeping under review the operation of the provisions of the abortion law (under s 14(1)(a)) and of ensuring consistency of the administration of that law throughout New Zealand (under s 14(1)(i)), it ought to make such inquiries from time to time – but not on the basis of individual cases. Although, like the Court of Appeal majority, we are not in a position to express a concluded view, it does seem from the material before the Court that the Committee has not been making inquiries of this nature because it has believed that it lacked the power to do so. If that is the position, then the Committee has not fully appreciated the breadth of its functions and powers in this respect.*



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The government continues to promote the killing of unborn children as a “core health service”, that has unlimited funding and no waiting list. Killing unborn children is not a health service and abortion has no place in our public health system. Women who are faced with an unplanned pregnancy deserve compassion and practical assistance to bring their child to birth. The killing of the child is not the solution to this important social issue. No child is unwanted as there are many families that are unable to have children. Many would love to adopt a child. Open adoption allows the birth mother to have an on-going relationship with their child. Why does the government continue to refuse to promote adoption as the loving option?

The killing of unborn children is a violation of the right to life of the child. It is also a violation of the human rights of the mother who is entitled to the love, protection and support of the community. This is the justice issue of our time. It is intolerable that the government should require that the taxpayer has the blood of innocent children on their hands. All taxpayers are required to fund the killing of the innocent and see damage being inflicted on vulnerable women.

Abortion is also a violation of a woman’s body. It is intolerable that this violation is inflicted by doctors paid by the state in public hospitals under a law that was intended by Parliament in 1977 to protect both

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the mother and her child. We should weep for our lost children. We should also weep for the grief and sorrow imposed on women and the spiritual, physical and psychological damage inflicted on them. Our abortion holocaust is the result of the introduction of the contraceptive pill in the 1960s.

Referring to contraception, Dame Colleen Bayer the National Director and founder of Family Life International said, “No one knows the true figure of human lives lost from the moment of conception in New Zealand. Let us not forget the ones whose lives will never be recorded.”

Mary-Anne Evers, spokesperson for Pro-life New Zealand, the University pro-life organisation welcomed the reduction in abortions and said “Our vision is for a country where no woman needs to choose abortion, where every woman feels supported to be able to choose life for their child.”

The reduction in abortions for 2012 can be seen in the substantial reduction in abortions for the age group 11 to 19. In 2011 there were 2,890 abortions. In 2012 there were 2,540, a reduction of 350. In 2011, in the age group 20 to 24 there were 5,160 abortions and in 2012 there were 4,560, a reduction of 600. The major reduction by ethnicity was with European women, in 2011 there were 9044 European abortions and in 2012 there were 8266 abortions, a reduction of 778 with European women. Maori women had 259 fewer abortions and Pacific Islanders, 69 fewer abortions.

Right to Life again asks; why are many of our churches completely silent on this crucial justice issue?

Abortion Supervisory Committee – Are they attempting to re-write our laws?

The Committee in its 2012 report to Parliament stated:

“Although the Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion Act 1977 is administered by, and the Committee is supported by, the Ministry of Justice, contraception sterilisation and abortion are health, not justice issues...”

Right to Life wrote to the Committee in December 2012 and challenged this statement and submitted that:

- The Royal Commission on Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion in its report to Parliament in 1977, clearly saw the killing of unborn children as a justice issue as they made recommendations that the law governing abortion should be in the Crimes Act.
- Abortion, the killing of an unborn child, is a justice issue. The killing of an unborn child is a serious crime included in Part viii, crimes against the person in the Crimes Act 1961. Under s 182 Killing unborn child a person on conviction, may be sentenced to up to 14 years imprisonment.
- The law providing grounds for abortion to be performed without prosecution is found in s 187A of the Crimes Act. It was the intention of Parliament in 1977 in passing the Contraception Sterilisation and Abortion Act and amending the Crimes Act that abortion was to be treated as a justice issue.
- There is no known pathology that the killing of an unborn child will remedy. The killing of the unborn is not a legitimate health service. Ninety –eight per cent of abortions are authorised on what is widely believed to be for socio-economic reasons masquerading as psychiatric.
- It is demeaning to women to pretend that it is necessary to kill their children to protect their health. It also devalues the intrinsic dignity of the unique and unrepeatable miracle that every child in the womb represents.

In June, our Society concerned that it had not received a reply from the Committee, contacted the secretary of the Committee who advised that the Committee had decided not to reply to our letter. Our Society has now written to the Minister of Justice Judith Collins expressing our concern and asked her if she would write to the Committee and instruct them to treat abortion as a justice issue and not a health issue. Language is very important and it would be inappropriate if the Committee aligned itself with the pro-abortion movement that continues to promote abortion as a health issue and not a justice issue.

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Reardon argues that since abortion is inherently a medical intervention, it is inherently the duty of physicians to form a reasonable, evidence based medical decision about whether an abortion is more likely to hurt than help a woman.

"If there are no benefits to abortion and abortion actually increases the physical, psychological, and social risks to the woman, as the best research shows, it is the obligation of physicians to recommend against these contraindicated abortions," he said. "Changing the law to allow physicians to perform abortions for 'social reasons' without any evidence of benefit, especially in light of all the evidence of risks, does a disservice to women who expect and desire their doctors to protect their health, not endanger it."

Savita Inquest Results Don't Justify Ireland Allowing Abortion

by Dr. Peter Saunders | Dublin, Ireland | LifeNews.com 22/04/13

The jury in the Savita Halappanavar inquest has returned a unanimous verdict of death by medical misadventure.

Savita Halappanavar (pictured), 31, was an Indian woman who tragically died in Ireland from overwhelming infection after allegedly being denied an abortion.

Her case has been seized upon by the pro-choice lobby as grounds for liberalising Ireland's abortion law.

Savita was 17 weeks pregnant when admitted to the University Hospital Galway on 21 October 2012 with an inevitable miscarriage.

At that time a fetal heart beat was detected and doctors opted not to end the pregnancy by inducing labour, but instead waited for her to deliver naturally. Her baby was born dead three days later on 24 October.

Savita died from multi-organ failure from septic shock due to an E coli infection on 28 October, four days after her baby's birth.

The coroner, Dr Ciaran MacLoughlin, said the verdict of medical misadventure did not mean that deficiencies or systems failures in University Hospital Galway necessarily contributed to Mrs Halappanavar's death; these were just findings in relation to the management of her care.



The chief operating officer at the Galway Roscommon Hospital Group, Tony

Canavan, acknowledged that there were lapses in the standards of care provided to Mrs Halappanavar and said that deficiencies identified during the inquest would be rectified by the hospital.

Leading obstetrician Peter Boylan outlined a number of deficiencies in her care, but stressed that none on its own was likely to have resulted in Mrs Halappanavar's death. Performing an abortion would not have saved her life. There was no need to change the law on abortion as claimed by the pro abortion movement in Ireland. The Irish Parliament have now passed the bill which will allow abortion in Ireland, the bill was fiercely opposed by the Catholic Bishops.

"Abortion is the last in a long line of non-choices. If the child is unwanted, whether by her or her parents, it will be her duty to undergo an invasive procedure and an emotional trauma and so sort the situation out. The crowning insult is that this ordeal is represented to her as some kind of a privilege. Her sad and onerous duty is garbed in the rhetoric of a civil right."

Germaine Greer (*The Whole Woman*, Doubleday, 1999)

Parliament – A Day of Shame

The passing of Marriage [Definition of Marriage] Amendment bill by 77 to 43 on Wednesday 17th April marks a day of shame in the history of New Zealand. Parliament has a duty to defend marriage, to their lasting shame they failed to do so.

All authority comes from God. He has not given Parliament the authority to redefine marriage. In an astounding challenge to God's authority, Parliament has assumed the right to seek to redefine the institution of marriage to include same sex couples.

God, the author of life, has, for the happiness of mankind and the procreation of the human race instituted marriage as being exclusively for one man and one woman. God has created man for woman and woman for man. Only a man can make a woman a wife and a mother and only a woman can make a man a husband and a father. Same sex marriage is not marriage, it will never be marriage. It is nothing but a cruel charade.

Mankind has always known these fundamental truths and no act of Parliament can change the institution of marriage which God in His wisdom and love has bestowed on us.



**This bill is an unjust law, that threatens the common good –
We are committed to working for the repeal of this law**

Parliament has now decreed that children do not need a father and a mother, just two men or two women who care for them. The terms father and mother are now to be taken off birth certificates and the terms husband and wife removed from marriage certificates.

Homosexual marriage is the logical conclusion for a culture that celebrates sterility. It is part of a culture of death. We have a culture that has rejected God's plan that places procreation as the ultimate end of sexual activity. The challenge to a culture of life commenced with the acceptance of contraception and the advent of the contraceptive pill in the 1960s, closely followed by the widespread acceptance of the killing of unborn children as a backup for failed contraception.

The fruit of this culture has been an abandonment of marriage in favour of de facto relationships, an explosion of sexually transmitted diseases, teenage pregnancies, abandoned solo mothers, fatherless children and exploding divorce rates.

The widespread acceptance of homosexuality might be God's punishment on society. The challenge for society is a renewed commitment to marriage as instituted by God. We have sown the wind we are now reaping the whirlwind. We must now work to have this unjust legislation repealed. 21,000 concerned citizens have signed the Marriage Pledge of Family First. They have pledged not to vote for any MP at a general election who has supported the Wall bill or give their list vote to any political Party whose leader has supported the Wall bill.

"In passing the 'shot-gun' same-sex marriage bill, Parliament has chosen to reject the obvious cultural and natural character of marriage and the subsequent creation and care of children, and made marriage just about partnership," said Bob McCroskie, National Director of Family First.

"In ramming through this bill in a shameful way without due consideration, and with no clear public mandate, politicians have committed an arrogant act of cultural vandalism."

The bill, which had its first reading in August 2012, only a month after it was introduced, redefines marriage to include same-sex and transgender couples. **The law also allows same-sex couples to adopt children, a consequence of the legislation that has not been widely understood within New Zealand.**

There are concerns that the rights of children have been overlooked. "With the accompanying consequence of changes to adoption laws, politicians have also weakened the rights of the child in favour of pandering to the demands of adults," said McCroskie. "A child has a right to a mum and a dad. We should not set out in public policy to deny a child that basic right. This is not a sexuality issue. This is a gender issue. The gender of the parents does matter to a child."

It has been stated throughout the debate that legalising same-sex marriage will not affect others, however Dame Colleen Bayer, National Director of Family Life International NZ, argued that same-sex marriage does affect those who oppose it. "Supporters of same-sex 'marriage' tell those of us who oppose the legislation that it will not affect us, that it is about love, equality and human rights. But this legislation does affect those who are not in support of same-sex marriage. We are not allowed to speak our minds. We are called 'haters', 'bigots'. What will come next?"

Archbishop John Dew, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, reportedly reacted to the passage of the legislation, saying: **"We find it bizarre that what has been discarded is an understanding of marriage that has its origin in human nature and common to every culture, and that almost all references to husband and wife will be removed from legislation referencing marriage. We know many New Zealanders stand with us in this."**

Civil Unions have been legal in New Zealand since April 2005.

The changes to the Marriage Act will take effect in August 2013.

Young Labour Declares War On Women

It is disappointing that Young Labour, the youth wing of the Labour Party has declared at its 2013 annual conference that they would make it a priority to decriminalise the killing of unborn children.

Right to Life is opposed to this violent assault on vulnerable women and their defenceless unborn. Should the decriminalisation of abortion be adopted by the Labour Party as policy for the 2014 general election, it will be vigorously opposed by the pro-life movement in New Zealand. It should result in a resounding electoral defeat of the Labour Party. A letter was sent to David Shearer expressing our concern and advising him of the reasons why he and the Labour Party should refuse to sponsor the decriminalisation of abortion. He was asked:

I would be grateful if you would give an assurance that the Labour Party will not support the decriminalisation of abortion at the 2014 general election.

A reply was received from David Shearer advising that our concerns were noted. He refused to answer our question. A further letter was sent to David Shearer asking him when we could expect a reply to our question. He has now replied saying that this remit is required to go through the party process if it is to be adopted as party policy for the next election. It is not clear at this stage whether the Young Labour remit will succeed.

The determination of Young Labour to seek the support of the Parliamentary Labour caucus is a threat to the human rights of all. If today they attack the unborn, tomorrow they may well deny the human rights of other vulnerable people in society, the aged the invalid and the elderly.

If Young Labour is really concerned about the welfare of women they would be seeking to have the current legislation upheld. Instead of promoting a culture of death. **Why does Young Labour not instead, make it a priority to promote a culture of life by promoting adoption as an alternative to abortion and promoting practical help and assistance to women who are being coerced into abortion?**

Shame on Young Labour, for they are promoting a selfish society that offers death and violence to women who are distressed with an unplanned pregnancy. Shame on them for campaigning to deny the human rights of the most vulnerable and the most defenceless members of our human family, our precious unborn. Shame on them for advocating for promiscuity with the killing of the inconvenient unborn as being acceptable, when contraceptives fail. They should be aware that each child is a unique and unrepeatable miracle of God's loving creation. Why is Young Labour ignoring the fact that the vast majority of women do not want their child to be killed; they desperately want compassion and practical help. They won't help women by killing their children.

Young Labour claim that the killing of unborn children is a health issue and not a crime issue. The killing of



innocent and defenceless unborn children is not a health service. It has never been a health service and it never will be a health service. Ninety eight per cent of abortions in New Zealand are authorised for socio-economic reasons masquerading as psychiatric. We don't improve women's health and wellbeing by killing their children. On the contrary, abortion damages a women's health, physically, emotionally and mentally. How can a woman ever forget the child in her womb?

Abortion is violence against women, it is unspeakable violence. This is what abortion really is; a doctor forcing his way into a woman's womb for the purpose of dismembering and murdering her defenceless unborn child.

The killing of the unborn in New Zealand is a crime against humanity. The Crimes Act recognises that the unborn child has a right to life. Section 183 provides that any person found guilty of procuring the miscarriage of a child in the womb may on conviction be imprisoned for a term of up to 14 years. This is a crime against women and their unborn.

This is a human rights issue, Human life begins at conception. At that moment the newly conceived human being is endowed by its Creator with human rights. The decriminalisation of abortion sought by Young Labour would deny the human rights of the unborn, the foundation right being an inalienable right to life. It would then no longer be a crime to kill an unborn child. Children in the womb could be killed right up to birth for any reason and for no reason.

There are 200 million missing girls in the world due to sex selection abortions. Sex selection abortions are unlawful in New Zealand. The decriminalisation of abortion would allow the killing of female babies because they are the wrong sex. Is this really what Young Labour wants? Why does Young Labour deny the humanity of the child in the womb and why would they wish to deny them their human rights?

ALRANZ Abuses US House of Horror Abortion Story to Promote Decriminalisation of Abortion in New Zealand

Gosnell Case Reminds Us that All Abortions are Violence Against Women



It is disappointing that ALRANZ is using the tragic Gosnell case to promote the decriminalisation of abortion in New Zealand on the grounds that our abortion laws are restrictive. This is absurd as ninety-nine per cent of women who request an abortion in New Zealand obtain one.

Kermit Gosnell was a sadistic monster who performed 40,000 abortions at his filthy unsanitary 'house of horrors' in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. He specialised in late term abortions with hundreds being born alive. He then killed them by snipping their necks. He was recently found guilty on three charges of murdering infants after birth. He ran a criminal

enterprise motivated by greed. He has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The following are the restrictions associated with having an abortion in Pennsylvania that are apparently opposed by New Zealand's ALRANZ and which were also opposed by Planned Parenthood as being an infringement on a "woman's right to Choose." Abortions may not be performed after 24 weeks gestation. A girl under the age of 16 must have parental consent for an abortion. A woman may not obtain an abortion until at least 24 hours after the attending or referring physician orally informs her of: (1) the probable gestational age of the fetus; (2) the nature of the proposed procedure, including risks and alternatives; and (3) the medical risks of carrying the pregnancy to term.

In addition, at least 24 hours prior to an abortion, the woman must receive from the attending or referring physician, or authority a state mandated lecture that must include: (1) that medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care; (2) that the "father" is liable for child support, even if he offered to pay for an abortion; and (3) that she has a right to review state-prepared materials that describe the "unborn child" and list agencies that offer alternatives to abortion.

The materials must include very detailed information in seven areas relating to anatomical characteristics, available medical assistance for pre-birth care, childbirth and neonatal care; physician liability; fathers liability, advise that adoptive parents may pay prenatal, childbirth and neo-natal care; describe abortion procedures and risks and provide a full list of services and agencies available to assist the woman through her entire pregnancy.

It is shameful that ALRANZ considers all these protections provided for the benefit of the mother and her child in the womb as being an unwarranted restriction on a woman's "right to choose," to have an abortion for any reason or no reason up to birth.

This tragic case is a reminder that abortion is about violence against women and their pre-born. In every abortion a child is killed whether it is in filthy house of horrors killed by a sadistic murderer or in a clean sanitary clinic with a state funded serial killer immaculately dressed in a spotless surgical gown. The result is always the same, death to the innocent and defenceless child and violence inflicted on a helpless woman. There is no such thing as a safe abortion; they are all fatal.

The killing of the pre-born is a lucrative industry in New Zealand. A certifying consultant receives a fee of \$135 for a brief interview with the hapless woman seeking an abortion. The busiest certifying consultant in 2012 received a total of \$224,930 in fees. It is estimated that this consultant authorised and probably performed 1,666 abortions.

If society is rightly outraged at the brutal killing of children shortly after birth, why is society not outraged at the killing of more than 15,000 pre-born children? Each year this number of abortions are sanctioned by the state in Public Hospitals and performed by state paid assassins. This is a continuing burden on the conscience of the nation.

We must continue to work for justice and bring an end to the horrific violence of abortion in New Zealand. Today is historic for the pro-life movement because we have seen that when it comes to the crimes of abortion, justice can be served. Now we must make this the norm, rather than the exception.

*When a woman is pregnant, she has a choice,
a dead baby or a live baby.*

United States – Barbara Willke Pro-life Champion - Deceased

CINCINNATI, April 15, 2013 (LifeSiteNews.com) – The pro-life movement is grieving the loss today of pro-life trailblazer Barbara Willke, the wife of Dr. John Willke. (both pictured). Barbara passed away Sunday evening at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. She had suffered head trauma as the result of a fall.

"She was truly a great leader along with her husband, Dr. John C. Willke," Jim Hughes, president of Canada's Campaign Life Coalition, told LifeSiteNews.com. "As a registered nurse, together with her husband who was a physician, they were able to educate hundreds of thousands of people around the world about the evils of abortion and the terrible after-effects...They were a perfect team." "Their handbooks on abortion were Bibles for the pro-life movement in the early years," he said.

With Dr. Willke, Barbara co-authored twelve books on human sexuality and abortion. Together they also created audio and visual materials that became the basic teaching tools for pro-life activists throughout the world. Their materials have been translated into 30 languages on all five continents. She and Dr. Willke frequently appeared on radio and TV shows, and they have spoken in 64 different countries.

Barbara is the mother of six, grandmother of 22, and foster mother of several teenagers. She headed the Department at the College of Nursing for five years before her full-time career as wife and mother. She and Jack would have been married for 65 years this June.

Hughes said that the Willke's pace in recent years has left their younger colleagues gasping for breath. During trips to Poland, the Philippines, England, and throughout Latin America, "the rest of us would be dying, and these two were still carrying on. I think they were in their 80's at the time," Hughes said. "They really blazed the pro-life trail for the rest of us."



Barbara Willke and Dr. John Willke.

News in Brief

Britain Will Ditch Liverpool Care Pathway, [LCP] Backdoor to Euthanasia

These are the consequence of centralizing healthcare under bureaucratic control. Deprofessionalization. Medicine practiced by the numbers. The most weak and vulnerable victimized.

The tragedy of the Liverpool Care Pathway tells the awful tale. Originally designed to prevent National Health Service patients from dying in agony, the LCP was applied bluntly rather than in a nuanced and individualized manner. Patients were dehydrated to death. People were rendered unconscious who didn't need that level of palliation. The well-intended LCP became a door for back door euthanasia.

The controversial Liverpool Care Pathway used to "manage" the death of terminally ill NHS patients is to be scrapped following an official review, ministers will announce next week. Doctors are expected to be told that, rather than an inflexible national system, each patient in the final days or weeks of their lives should have a personalised treatment plan agreed with their families.

Good grief! That is how medicine is supposed to be practiced: Individually!

We in New Zealand should be aware that patients are being dehydrated to death.

Do you know that Right to Life has run a website for over ten years?
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Right to Life and around New Zealand and the world

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regularly in the form of an email e-zine.

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Internal affairs Reject Complaint against Family Planning & Women's Health Action Trust

The Internal Affairs, Charities have rejected Right to Life's complaint that the Family Planning Association and the Women's Health Action Trust. The complaint was that the two organisations had breached their status as registered charities by engaging in a national campaign to decriminalize abortion. The law prohibits charities engaging in political activities. The Internal Affairs Dept did not provide any information on why our complaint was rejected. RTL has now lodged an Official Information Act enquiry to obtain more information.

House of Horrors – Abortionist charged with murdering babies and mothers

Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell was found guilty in May of murdering three babies born alive in his abortion clinic. He was acquitted in the death of a fourth baby, and found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the overdose death of an adult patient Karnamaya Mongar. He specialised in late term abortions and was alleged to have delivered hundreds of life babies who he killed by cutting their backbones. He was also convicted on hundreds of lesser charges ranging from infanticide to running a corrupt organization. He escaped a death sentence by waiving his right to appeal. He was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. His wife who assisted him in abortions and several staff received prison sentences. The trial was almost completely ignored by the media in the United States. "The Gosnell trial has reminded the world of the grisly nature of abortion. No one should be deceived into thinking this is an isolated case. This brutality is occurring all over the world.

Constitutional Review Panel

Right to Life has made a substantial submission to the Review Panel requesting that section 8 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights be amended to recognise the humanity of unborn children and their right to life. The submission comprised the substantial evidence presented to the Court of Appeal by Dr Ian Bassett Lib in the appeal of Right to Life V the Abortion Supervisory Committee. The Court of Appeal, in June 2011 rejected our appeal and declared that the unborn child did not have a right to life. The Review Panel was appointed by the government to advise it of the need for a written constitution and amendment to the Bill of Rights. Right to Life will not rest until the unborn child is recognised as a member of the human family endowed with a right to life.

John Paul II Crisis Pregnancy Centre Dunedin - A Culture of Life

Right to Life commends Family Life International for establishing the John Paul ii Centre in Dunedin. The Centre offers unconditional love and help to women faced with an unplanned pregnancy, to bring their baby to birth, rather than succumb to the violence of abortion. This Centre has the support of the Catholic Bishop of Dunedin, Bishop Colin Campbell. The Centre deserves the support of the whole community. The Centre will provide free pregnancy tests, counselling to unexpectedly pregnant women and advocacy for families given an adverse prenatal diagnosis, which is often incorrect. The chief executive of Family Planning, Jacki Edmund, is concerned that the John Paul Centre would be discouraging women from killing their unborn children. She sees no need for a crisis pregnancy centre in Otago. Family Planning is anti-life and promotes a culture of death with the killing of the unborn as a backup for "failed contraception". Family Planning provides no encouragement and support for vulnerable women to chose life for their child. Women disturbed by their pregnancy and needing help are strongly advised to stay away from Family Planning. Family Planning is the biggest abortion referral agency in New Zealand and has recently obtained a licence to kill babies in the first 12 weeks of life at its Tauranga clinic. It is Family Planning's intention to ultimately have a licence to perform abortions at all of its clinics. Family Planning is currently conducting a national campaign to have abortion decriminalised. This would remove all legal protection from our unborn. It would then be lawful to have an abortion for any reason or no reason during the whole nine months of pregnancy. Family Planning is no friend of women and their children. Why does the government continue to fund Family Planning with our taxes and yet provide no funding for Crisis Pregnancy Centres like the John Paul Centre?

Labour Caucus – Euthanasia

Right to Life in July wrote to every member of the Labour caucus requesting that in the interest of the common good they encourage Maryan Street to withdraw her contentious bill that would be a threat to the disabled, the elderly and those seriously ill. The bill is also opposed by the NZMA, Hospice NZ and the Catholic Bishops Conference. Maryan Street, a member of the Parliamentary Labour caucus, has a private members bill titled, "End of Life Choices" with the Speaker waiting to be drawn from the ballot. There are over 100 bills waiting to be drawn. The bill if drawn and passed would allow doctors to kill their patients or assist in their suicide. Right to Life encourages concerned citizens to write to their local Labour Members of Parliament to express their concern at this bill.

News in Brief *continued*

Ireland – Abortion Law

DUBLIN, July 24, 2013 (LifeSiteNews.com) – On Tuesday, the Irish Senate gave final approval to the Fine Gael/Labour abortion bill by a 39-14 vote. If the bill is signed off it will allow direct abortions at all stages of pregnancy when the mother's life is at risk, including if she threatens suicide.

The suicide provision in particular has been singled out by critics, who say that not only is there no medical evidence that abortion is an effective treatment for suicidality, but argue that the provision is wide open for abuse and paves the way for abortion on demand.

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While the president has the power to delay the bill by referring it to the Supreme Court for legal examination in light of the country's constitutional protections for the unborn, there is little expectation Higgins will make that move.

Pro-life groups have called the passage of the bill "a stain on the nation" and have vowed to punish both Fine Gael and the Labour Party for forcing it through. Niamh Uí Bhriain of the Life Institute said the bill has been rammed through Parliament in opposition to both "medical evidence and public opinion."

Critics have said that by passing a bill that contains no term limits, Ireland will go, at the stroke of a presidential pen, from being one of the most pro-life countries in the world, to one of the world's most permissive. All western countries that have legalized abortion, except Canada, have retained some restrictions based on the gestational age of the child.

"Abortion is a medieval solution to an unexpected pregnancy," Uí Bhriain said. "It has no place in modern medicine or a civilised society."

She reminded government of the 60,000 people who rallied this month against the bill, the largest political rally on any topic in recent Irish history. She added that over 100,000 have signed a pledge never to vote again for Fine Gael, who had made explicit promises in the last election campaign never to legislate for abortion.

Women Deliver Conference: Rich Women vs. Poor

KUALA LUMPUR, May 31 (C-FAM) Drawn by the promise of helping poor women, over 3,000 power-brokers, policy-makers and aid workers gathered in Kuala Lumpur this week for Women Deliver, a global conference on women's health organised by the United Nations.

A billionaire, Malinda Gates, wife of Bill Gates founder of Microsoft who runs a multi-million dollar family planning campaign and a princess graced the stage to tell nurses and clean water advocates that any effort to help poor women is secondary to giving them contraception and abortion. There was a great divide at the conference between rich women who want poor women to have fewer babies and poor women who want real help and not abortion. This was a shameful conference.

Australia- Euthanasia bill defeated in NSW

A bill to legalize euthanasia in New South Wales Australia was defeated on 23 May in the NSW Upper House by a resounding vote of 23 to 13.

Congratulations to Paul Russell, the leader of HOPE Australia, and its coalition partners for coordinating the massive defeat of this dangerous bill.

The bill titled: The Rights of the Terminally Ill, was introduced by Greens MLC Kate Faehrmann. The Green Party are strong supporters of doctors being allowed to assist in the suicide of their patients or to kill them if requested.

The ABC News article stated in its conclusion that:

Ms Faehrmann says the campaign for voluntary euthanasia will continue and the bill will be introduced to the lower house by her Greens colleague Jamie Parker and two Independent MPs. The annual bill to legalize euthanasia in South Australia is expected to be voted-on soon and a bill to legalize euthanasia in Tasmania is expected to be introduced soon, even though the Tasmanian legislature is believed to be split 12 to 12 on the issue of euthanasia.

Advisory Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology. (ACART)

Right to Life in May made a submission to ACART in May in response to the consultation document on the proposal that human embryos, gametes and eggs be permitted to be imported and exported from New Zealand. Right to Life is opposed to In-vitro Fertilisation, IVF. This technology is contrary to God's plan for pro creation, and entails the creation of human embryos in a Petri dish. The proposals under consideration treat human embryos and gametes as commodities that may be bought and sold, this is in effect human trafficking. Right to Life is totally opposed to the proposals in principle. After the consultation process is complete ACART will make recommendations to the Minister of Health, the Hon Tony Ryall.

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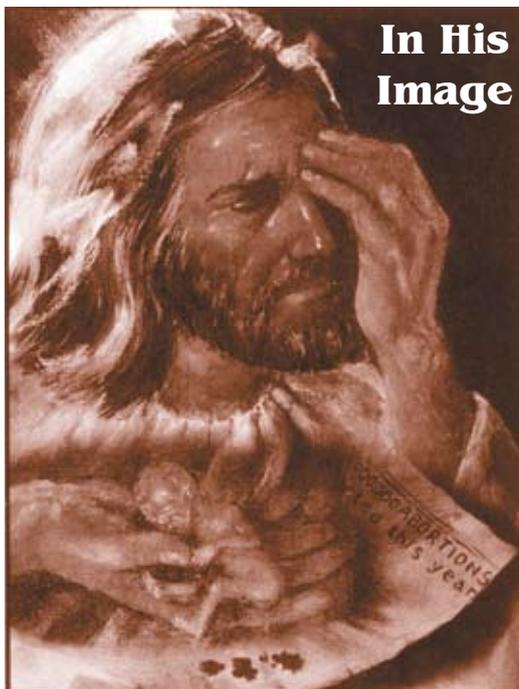
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