

## Scientists Extend Period for Killing Preborn Children for Research

An international group of scientists has ditched ethical guidelines, to allow them to pursue grisly experiments that would grow unborn babies in the womb for 40 days for the sole purpose of killing them for dubious research.

This week, the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), an international non-profit and professional organization of stem cell scientists, issued new guidelines governing research with ethical implications. The guidelines lift restrictions on certain types of unethical research that manipulate, alter, or destroy human embryos.

On May 25, 2021, Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Senator Mike Braun (R-IN) introduced the Human-Animal Chimera Prohibition Act of 2021 (HR 3542/S.1800), which would prohibit research involving human-animal chimeras that blur human-animal species distinctions. They both complained about the International Society for Stem Cell Research removing the longstanding prohibition against experimenting on human embryos more than two weeks past their creation and allowed the creation of chimeras that blur the line between human and animal.

"The ISSCR has shown an utter disregard for the value and dignity of human life," said Rep. Smith. "Its previous rule allowing scientists to create and experiment on human embryos up to 14 days was already unethical and morally repugnant, but the ISSCR has now removed all restraint, allowing unborn humans at any stage of development to be manipulated and destroyed."

Smith said, "The United States now has the responsibility to decide how it will respond to this updated guidance. HR 3542, which would create a permanent, statutory ban on certain types of human-animal chimeras, is an important step.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) currently has a moratorium on funding experiments involving human-animal chimeras. On May 24, Smith and Braun led a letter with 32 Members of Congress urging the Administration not to weaken its stance on this important issue.

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## Pro-Life Message on Local Radio

Mercer County Right to Life reports: one-minute radio spots with Brad Mattes of Life Issues Institute are being aired on the Celina radio station WCSM 96.7 FM. The radio segments air five days a week right before the noon news from now till July 31. If you receive WCSM 96.7 FM, please tune in to hear the insights from this pro-life veteran!

## Volunteers



It's not too late to sign up to help at the Shelby County Fair Booth. If interested, contact Jen Bohman at 937-526-3451.

## Permanent Pro-life Signs



Several properties in the area boast permanent pro-life signs near the roads. Shelby Co. RTL is considering making more and/or new designs. If interested, email [director@shelbycountyrctl.org](mailto:director@shelbycountyrctl.org) or call 937-658-3535. Funding and designs will be discussed.

## Thrift Shop Report

### *Month of April*

289 Customers  
5 Work-to-Earn Shifts  
123 Units, Assistance Program

### *Month of May*

335 Customers  
3 Work-to-Earn Shifts  
135 Units, Assistance Program

### *Month of June*

259 Customers  
2 Work-to-Earn Shifts  
116 Units, Assistance Program

## July-August Prayer Intentions

For an end to all efforts to pass the Equality Act, ERA or any similar bill. For enlightenment and conversion for those pushing unethical bills.



## Voting for the Pro-Life Flag

As noted in previous newsletters, the Pro-Life Flag Project is seeking a flag to represent the pro-life movement worldwide, highlighting the common goal of the pro-life community. The project is in its final stages and the general public will have an opportunity to **vote on the finalists July 7-18, 2021**. If this idea interests you, go to [www.prolifeflag.com/vote](http://www.prolifeflag.com/vote) during the designated days to find the link to vote.

## Prayer Chain Volunteers

Those members signed up for prayer chain emails are accustomed to praying when this message comes to their inbox:

We have been asked by an employee at the Women's Center to pray for a young woman considering abortion and her unborn child. Thank you for your prayers.

***Jesus, You have the power to change hearts; I pray for the woman considering this option - help her to see there is another way. I beg you, Lord, to save this child and provide for the needs of the mother.***

Cheryl Flood has been in charge of the prayer chain emails for many years, but having moved to a neighboring county, Cheryl has arranged for April Harshbarger to take on this task. Thank you to both ladies. If you are interested in joining the prayer chain so you are aware of immediate and specific needs for prayer, please contact [director@shelbycountyrfl.org](mailto:director@shelbycountyrfl.org).

## Abortion: Leading Cause of Death Worldwide in 2020, 42.6 Million Killed

A heartbreaking reminder about the prevalence of abortion, statistics compiled by Worldometers indicate there were over 42.6 million abortions worldwide in 2020. The independent site collects data from governments and other reputable organizations and then reports the data, along with estimates and projections, based on those numbers. It reveals 42,655,372 people died from abortions in 2020. When contrasting the abortion numbers to other causes of death, including cancer, HIV/AIDS, traffic accidents and suicide, abortions far outnumbered every other cause.

And when compared to the coronavirus, the number of people dying from abortions dwarfs the number of coronavirus deaths. Worldometers indicates that 1,830,979 people died from the coronavirus worldwide in 2020. There is considerable question as to whether those figures are accurate, as the CDC and state figures in the United States indicate 40-50% of deaths [initially attributed to] the coronavirus aren't actually directly resulted from the virus itself, but are of people who had the virus and died from some other cause.

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In memory of Ann Cordonnier and Roberta "Joan" Elsas  
In whose honor memorial donations were made to Right to Life.  
May they rest in peace.



Regular readers of our bimonthly newsletter are familiar with the practice of commemorating deceased members and friends of Right to Life when memorial donations are made in their name. This month, however, special mention is made to commemorate the life of Ann Cordonnier, who for many years was an integral part of the mission of Shelby County Right to Life, serving as our Thrift Shop manager, caring for each client with love and compassion. Ann often went the extra mile for those in particular need. We are very grateful for her dedication to the pro-life cause and that of her whole family, as they carry on that mission in their own ministries.

## Right to Life Parade Season: Variations on a Theme



*Thank you to  
our parade  
volunteers:*



The Platfoot,  
Dietz, Stucke and  
Bohman families;  
many helpers  
from Russia-  
Versailles;  
Ron and Diane  
Meyer.



## Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio Targets New Victims *Now giving gender hormone therapy*

Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio (PPSWO) has recently announced that they will offer gender hormone therapy to adults at their surgical center in Cincinnati, as well as all satellite locations in Dayton, Hamilton, and Springfield.

By their own admission, Planned Parenthood will not require any kind of psychological evaluation or treatment prior to administering unnatural hormones to men and women. Research indicates serious and even life-threatening conditions associated with testosterone and estrogen treatments.

Hormonal manipulation is also being promoted for children in a growing number of hospitals. Cincinnati Children's Hospital has a Transgender Health Clinic with "services for patients 5-24 years old." Dayton Children's Hospital is growing its transgender program as well.

Margie Christie, Executive Director of Dayton Right to Life responds: "It is quite incredible that Children's hospitals in our region are focusing so much on 'gender therapy' [in spite of the dangers of the practice, and the diversion from pressing health needs.] We must protect our children from those who may prey on their vulnerability at any stage of their life. For decades, Planned Parenthood has preyed upon the hopeless, confused, and vulnerable. This is just another revenue stream for their business."

This is relevant to the pro-life cause in that protecting every individual's human dignity is at the very core of the pro-life movement. Attempts to change people's sex by giving them sterilizing puberty blockers is a direct attack on this dignity. Planned Parenthood has always been about birth control, abortion, and sterilization. Their objective is to destroy the true understanding of human sexuality and the purpose of the God-given gift of procreation. And so, Planned Parenthood continues to expand its targeting of vulnerable populations.

A parent of a gender-confused child, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, "Parents of gender-confused adolescents are alarmed that Planned Parenthood is putting adolescents' fertility at risk with testosterone treatments as their latest money maker. A majority seeking testosterone have comorbid mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety, or neurodevelopmental disorders, such as autism. The regret rate is growing, and it's disturbing that Cincinnati and Dayton Children's hospitals and UC Health are partnering with Planned Parenthood. It shows the lack of interest in these vulnerable people's long term mental and physical health."

*Excerpted from a press release by Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati and Dayton RTL, May 2021*



## 26 Teams Participate in the 10th Annual Scramble-4-Life

On Saturday, May 8, the Right to Life of Shelby County hosted its 10th Annual Scramble-4-Life golf outing at Shelby Oaks Golf Club. 26 teams participated in the event that was sponsored by 24 area businesses and families. Commemorative t-shirts, door prizes, 50/50 raffle money, a Blackstone Grill, and \$700 in prize money were awarded to participants.

A special thanks to everyone who supported this pro-life event! The money raised will help the Right to Life of Shelby County continue their efforts to promote respect and legal protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

As a result of all of the generous donations, the Scramble-4-Life raised \$6,135 for the Right to Life organization this year bringing the cumulative total raised from this event to \$57,341!

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

**Eagle Sponsors:** Buckeye Electrical Products, Botkins; Flinn Veterinary Clinic, Sidney; Meyer's Tavern, Botkins; Upper Cervical Health Centers, Botkins; The Hoge Family: In Memory of Megan.

**Birdie Sponsors:** Area Energy & Electric; McCrate, DeLaet & Co.; Brian & Kathy Monnin; Osgood State Bank.

**Par Sponsors:** Wells Brothers, Inc.; Gary & Anita Bornhorst; The Fullenkamp Family: In Memory of Dale; Steve & Rita Monnin.

**Hole Sponsors:** Bergman Drywall; Custom Foam Products; Dickman Supply; Dietz Painting; Local Equipment; Prueter's Body Shop; Silver Cross; St. Marys Chiropractic; The Ray Limbert Family: In Memory of Elizabeth & Jacob; In Memory of Cara Meyer; Chris & Heather Monnin.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR!

**2022 Golf Outing: Saturday, May 14 Shotgun Start 8:30am**

Right to Life Membership dues may still be paid if not already done for 2021.

## Poland Models Legal Protection for Pre-born Children

Poland is one of the few European countries that protects unborn babies from abortions in almost all circumstances. On Oct. 22, its Constitutional Court struck down one of the few exceptions allowed in its 1993 abortion law: abortions on unborn babies with disabilities. The justices ruled that the exception violates the constitution because it discriminates against human beings with disabilities. The Polish government plans to begin enforcing a new anti-discrimination ruling that prohibits abortions on unborn babies with disabilities. Reuters reports the government announced that, starting Wednesday, it will enforce the October ruling by its Constitutional Court.

The ruling could save thousands of babies' lives. Polish health officials reported 1,100 abortions in 2019. The country still allows abortions in cases of rape, incest or threats to the mother's life.

A "silent majority" of the largely Catholic country supports wide-spread protections for unborn babies, according to a recent AFP report. Evidence of this can be seen in polls and recent elections where voters repeatedly have elected strong pro-life majorities to parliament.

Recent polls indicate that the "devout Catholic country is far from turning pro-choice," the report continued. These include an October poll by Kantar that found 62 percent believe abortion should be legal only in limited cases; 11 percent believe it should be completely illegal. Another poll by Estymator last fall found that 67 percent support the existing law, while only 19 percent want the country to expand abortions.

Pro-life advocates are active in Poland, working to educate people about unborn babies' value and support them and their families.

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*Shelby County Right to Life affirms the dignity of every human life; our abhorrence of abortion includes abortion in cases of rape and incest. Furthermore, the direct killing of preborn children via abortion or "early termination of pregnancy" is never necessary to save the life of the mother. There are cases in which the child cannot be saved when there is a threat to the mother's life, but doctors with sound ethical principles will always try to save both lives.*