

A VICTORY FOR LIFE!

The Supreme Court of the United States delivered a momentous ruling to overturn Roe and Casey decisions which allowed abortion on-demand at least through the first six months of pregnancy and for the last 49 years.

The responsibility to legislate abortion has been returned to the States; some had trigger legislation in place which was activated immediately. Thousands of babies are being saved as a result.

We are praying that this positive step toward a return to morality will have a beneficial influence. For we will now be able to live up to our founding documents and fulfill our common calling to protect the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We are thankful for the six Supreme Court justices who voted to overturn legislation which harmed millions of preborn babies and their mothers. They did so in a climate of fear and intimidation.

As a result, protective legislation will be enacted in several states and the conversation will change; adoption will experience a revival as there are thousands of people hoping to adopt but very few pregnant mothers choosing that option.

Health care will experience a restoration. The medical practitioners will come to view the protection of the baby in the womb as part of their duties, having two patients in their care. Advocating for life should become the norm and bring congruence to their lives and the practice of medicine as a vocation, and in the Hippocratic tradition.

Thousands of Pregnancy Resource Centers are already providing support services to pregnant mothers in distress. We encourage everyone to support life in some way: by supporting a PRC, voting for pro-life legislators, praying for an end to abortion, and speaking for life.



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OUR PRESIDENT, LOUISE ALLARD

AN UPDATE FROM UGANDA

We plan to return to Uganda very soon and for the next three months. From our new location in Gayaza, our PRC is now offering its services. Emily is teaching the Billings Ovulation Method in surrounding churches and acting as Branch Manager. She continues to host Life Matters, a successful weekly radio outreach, which has a wide reach, and brings several callers seeking advice.

With schools having reopened after two years, we are now focused on teaching the CCAP, a community abstinence education program. We will hold our first Pilot in Kibaale at St John school, founded and operated by Godfrey, our St Raphael Hospital Project Coordinator. He and his wife Beatrice, both credentialed teachers, will teach the CCAP. We are so excited because we are finally in a position to influence the youth to keep sex for marriage and follow God's plan for their lives, thereby avoiding so many pitfalls such as teenage and premarital pregnancies and STIs. The bakery is still pending as we wait for electric power!(cont. P. 3)

WHAT'S A FATHER FOR?

According to sociologist and author (Life Without Father) David Popenoe, "American fathers are today more removed from family life than ever before in our history [6]." He made that statement twenty-five years ago but it is still relevant today. The authors of a recent article: *Life Without Father: less college, less work, and more prison*, explained why [7].

Twelve million boys are living apart from their biological father, almost double than in 1960. Let's look at the distribution: 62.5% of boys under 18 are living in intact, biological *family*; 1.7% are residing in a step family but with their biological father present; 4.2% are staying with their single, biological father; *while 31.5% are living at home but without their biological father* [8].

As they move into adolescence and young adulthood these fatherless boys are less likely than girls to attend or graduate from college. What makes the difference is living with their biological dad. Men graduating from college at ages 28-34, with bio father present: 35%; bio father absent: 14% [9].

Let's look at an alternative to college, such as attending high school or working, versus being idle, or the failure of young men to launch into adulthood. Those who are bio fatherless are 19% idle; those with their dads in the home: 11% idle [10].

Do bio fathers keep their sons out of jail? Ever been arrested by age 15-19: father present, 21%; father absent, 31%. Incarcerated by ages 28-34: father present 10%, father absent 21% [11].

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CONSCIENCE RIGHTS ARE BACK!
South Carolina is leading the way by enacting legislation that protects medical professionals and organizations against forced participation in procedures which violate their conscience [1].

But on which basis does The MED Act [2] define the right of conscience as fundamental and inalienable? The Universal Declaration of Human Rights enshrined this right in Art 18:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance [3]."

The practice of medicine has been based on the Hippocratic Oath which new doctors pronounced and assumed in their practice for centuries. With the advent of scientific discoveries, often attained through gross human rights violations, the practice of medicine is fraught with attacks on conscience for the practitioners. The government can't be counted on to protect these rights as they are often mandating participation regardless of conscientious objection [4].

Alliance Defending Freedom commented: "Americans shouldn't be forced to violate their consciences, and doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals are no exception. Patients are best served by medical practitioners who are free to act consistent with their oath do "do no harm [5]."

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A REPORT FROM UGANDA (cont. from p.1)
We are still looking for a qualified Pregnancy Counsellor/Youth Educator. In the meantime, Emily assumes this function. Baby Joseph and his mom Catherine have been home on the Tea Plantation. Baby Joseph continues to struggle with feedings and he fights for his life. God must have an unusual design for his life. We are still looking for a dedicated Child Sponsor for him. They are so deserving.

Under our new Board chaired by Chancellor Dominic, the St Raphael Hospital Project plans to begin construction in the 3rd quarter. Soil and topography studies, including an Environmental Impact Assessment are underway. It is complex but our Technical Committee under Chair Joseph, is guiding us. We are delighted with the level of commitment and expertise which the new Board and its committees are bringing to the project. We are appealing for your continued support for the PRC and the St Raphael Project, a labor of love, which we are pursuing together and to the glory of God.

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Research indicates that biological dads offer guidance, stability, and positive examples, and definite financial advantages to their male children. Not all fathers do, but overall, boys benefit from having their biological fathers at their sides [12].

What can we do as a society to encourage two-parent intact families. They are the Gold Standard in terms of their children's achievements. We need to encourage our youth to follow the Success Sequence. It was spelled out by the Brookings' Institute in the 1950s and goes like this: "You get at least a high school diploma, you get a full-time job, you get married, and then you have children [13]." Is it still relevant today? The Institute of Family Studies found out [14].

97% of Millennials (born 1981-1996) who completed all four steps in sequence, did not live in poverty. 53% of those who did not follow the rules overall lived in poverty [15].

Having children before getting married is common among Millennials: 55%; but for the previous generation, the Baby Boomers, it was 25%. Did it matter that they waited to get married to have children? Yes, 95% of those who waited lived out of poverty; for the Millennials who had children before marriage, it was 72% [16].

The author of that study was interested in economics and social constructs that favor economic stability, not morality. But how do you exercise the restraint and order your life toward the good without morality? The Word speaks: "For the Lord gives wisdom...He has success in store for the upright, is the shield of those who walk honestly [17]."

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States in building cultures of life in which preborn children are welcome and the lives of those who are vulnerable are protected. The lack of essential medical care in Uganda is a reflection of the grievous health disparities found in socially disadvantaged countries. Therefore, we are leading and cooperating with partners to bring modern medical care in Uganda.

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