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Treating An Ectopic Pregnancy is Not An Abortion

A direct abortion has one purpose in mind: to end the pregnancy by killing the preborn human child. It does not matter what the woman's reason is for having the procedure; a successful abortion just means that her child is dead.

An ectopic pregnancy is one instance where the treatment inevitably and tragically causes the death of the preborn child, but death is not the purpose. Such a pregnancy is different than any other kind a woman wishes to terminate, because it is not able to continue. The preborn child is supposed to grow in her mother's uterus, but in this case, the child develops in the fallopian tubes. Such a pregnancy can severely injure or damage the mother. Thus, the baby, and at times, even the fallopian tubes, must be removed.

WebMd and the Mayo Clinic don't refer to treatments for ectopic pregnancy as abortion, and neither does Planned Parenthood! <http://liveactionnews.org> 6/8/15

Senate Adopts Anti-torture Amendment

The US Senate in a bipartisan vote June 16 approved a measure that would prohibit all US government agencies and their agents from using torture as an interrogation technique.

Catholic and evangelical leaders in separate letters urged US senators to support it. Pittsburgh Catholic 6/26/15



Supreme Court Rules That States Must Allow Gay 'Marriage'

The Supreme Court has ruled that the U.S. Constitution contains an inalienable right to same-sex "marriage." In a 5-4 ruling handed down June 26, the justices ruled that the Fourteenth Amendment requires states to offer marriage licenses to homosexual couples.

The justices also ruled that a state must recognize such a union performed in another state. "At least two members of the Court's majority opinion were under a legal duty to recuse and refrain from voting," wrote the *Foundation for Moral Law*, a pro-marriage organization, after the ruling.

Justices Ginsburg and Kagan performed same-sex "marriage" ceremonies, calling into question their impartiality and possibly breaking judicial ethics, critics said. Without their votes, the decision would have upheld marriage by a 4-3 margin.

The foundation wrote, "Their failure to recuse calls into question the validity of this decision." LifeSiteNews.com 6/26/15

Birth Control in Drinking Water: A Fertility Catastrophe in the Making

A recent report from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) found that birth-control hormones excreted by women, flushed into waterways and eventually into drinking water can impact fish fertility up to three generations after exposure — raising questions about their effects on humans, who are consuming the drugs without even knowing it in each glass of water they drink. The survey, published in March in the journal *Scientific Reports*, looked at the impact of the synthetic hormone 17 α -ethinylestradiol (EE2), an ingredient of most contraceptive pills, in the water of Japanese Medaka fish during the first week of their development.



Scientists have known for more than 15 years that humans are excreting their prescription drugs into American sewers and that water-purification systems are not equipped to filter the chemical effluents from drugs, including anything from birth-control pills and painkillers to psychiatric medicines. In a landmark 1999-2000 USGS survey, 80% of water samples from 139 American rivers and streams in 30 states were found to be contaminated with drugs, ranging from antibiotics and antidepressants to contraceptives and hormone replacements.

The Catholic Church has always taught that pharmaceutical contraception to prevent pregnancy is "intrinsically evil" and "contrary to the good of the transmission of life" (*Vade Mecum for Confessors* 2:4, Feb. 12, 1997), even without considering its effects on the environment or public health. National Catholic Register 6/16/15

Supreme Court Upholds Taxpayer Subsidies to Over 1,000 Obamacare Plans That Fund Abortions

In a major victory for the Obama administration, the Supreme court has issued its second major decision upholding Obamacare, ruling that millions of Americans can continue to receive taxpayer subsidies to allow them to purchase health care plans under Obamacare. Among GAO's findings, every ObamaCare taxpayer subsidized health insurance plan in New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island and Hawaii pays for abortion on demand.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) April 2014 estimate, between 2014 and 2024, taxpayer subsidies to buy ObamaCare health plans will total \$855 billion, making taxpayers unwittingly complicit in abortion. Lifenews.com 6/25/15

Company Uses Child With Down Syndrome to Promote Test That Could Lead to Aborting Them

In Spain, a biotechnology company called Genoma placed a building sized banner advertisement for a new prenatal test called

Tranquility, which screens for Down syndrome. Unfortunately, in the predominantly Catholic country, 95% of babies who are diagnosed with the condition prenatally are aborted. LifeNews.com 6/15/15



Abortion Drone Will Fly Dangerous Abortion Pills to Poland to Violate Its Pro-Life Laws



The pro-abortion organization, Women on Waves, that formerly ran the abortion boat

that distributed the dangerous abortion pill in international waters outside pro-life nations that protect unborn children has come up with a new marketing scheme to push abortion in pro-life nations: drones.

The group will take both parts of the two-part RU 486 abortion drug to Poland. As the abortion drone weighs less than 5 kg, is not used for any commercial purposes, will stay within the sight of the person flying it and does not fly in controlled airspace, no authorization is required under Polish or German law, it claims.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jun/24/abortion-drone-border-poland-germany-women-on-waves>

New Encyclical: "Laudatio Si"

Pope Francis blasts both abortion and population control in a new Encyclical on the environment and says **human beings can't truly be concerned about planet Earth if they first do not show a respect and concern for the right to life of the people who live on it.**

"When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected," Pope Francis writes. "Christian thought sees human beings as possessing a particular dignity above other creatures; it thus inculcates esteem for each person and respect for others."

The leader of the Catholic Church continues: "Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?" <http://www.vox.com/2015/6/24/8834413/pope-climate-change-encyclical>



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FDA Announces Additional Risks of Essure Contraceptive Device

After receiving thousands of complaints about the adverse effects of the birth-control implant Essure, the FDA announced late Wednesday that it has updated the list of risks and complications associated with the device, adding that a public hearing would be held Sept. 24 to evaluate the product.

Essure is a permanent type of birth control in the form of tiny metal coils inserted into women's Fallopian tubes. When the coils are implanted, they are supposed to stay in the Fallopian tubes, where they create a chronic infection that will cause scar tissue to form around the coils, effectively closing the tubes and rendering the woman sterile.

At least five deaths of women and five deaths of fetuses in women who've been implanted with Essure have been reported. Other side effects many of the "Essure Problems" women have experienced include perforated organs, coils lodged in colons, fetal disfigurement due to nickel poisoning, chronic pain, exhaustion, bouts of depression and suicidal thoughts.

National Catholic Register 6/29/15