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Pro-Life Victoria (Inc.): Towards a Pro-Life Millennium

We Do Not Kill People

Pro-Life Victoria (Inc) was very grateful when fellow pro-life activist Eugene Ahern made himself available to travel to Tasmania to communicate personally with Tasmanian State MPs with an appeal to resist the death peddlers and to give witness outside the Tasmanian Parliament with the message *We Do Not Kill People!* We remain indebted to him for his efforts, devastating as was the final vote on December 5, about which he had the following to say:

I find it almost impossible to believe that the Tasmanian Legislative Council unanimously passed the euthanasia bill. Not one MLC voted against the bill!

I was so appalled and distressed that, in the crucial Second Reading Vote, the Legislative Assembly passed the euthanasia bill with seventeen MLAs voting for the euthanasia bill and only seven MLAs voted against that dreadful bill.

Perhaps my only comfort was that each of the seven MLAs who voted against this "Bill to Kill" gave excellent speeches detailing compelling reasons why the bill should not be passed. This was contrary to the speeches of those MLAs in favour of legalising state-sanctioned extra judicial executions to be performed by physician-executioners who administer the lethal poison to kill their patients.

While I was making my



Pro-Life Victoria (Inc) commissioned this banner as one of our contributions to the campaign conducted by fellow Tasmanian pro-lifers against the legalisation of assisted suicide in Tasmania.

silent witness outside Parliament House against patient executions, I had the opportunity to have a conversation with the premier, Peter Gutwein. As in conversations with other MPs, I immediately focused on the fundamental principle, "*We do not kill people.*" I explained that I was opposed to euthanasia because in every act of euthanasia a physician kills a patient. I did not get my sentence finished, before Mr Gutwein interrupted me saying, "*It is not about killing at all! It is just about assisting a person to die.*"

Despite my polite reply to Mr Gutwein explaining to him that in euthanasia the physician uses a lethal dose of poison with the intention of killing the patient, he continued to deny that in euthanasia a patient was not

killed.

After a few seconds, Mr Gutwein said he was sorry, but he had to go. Through our conversation, I learnt that Mr Gutwein is unwilling to listen and learn what euthanasia involves. Instead he is happy to parrot meaningless euphemisms such as "*Voluntary Assisted Dying*", a sentiment expressed in all the MPs' speeches in favour of euthanasia in either chamber.

I am left praying to know how we might get through to these supporters of euthanasia. As I say so often, I do not own a "White Flag"! I refuse to surrender. I will continue to fight patient killing. Let's hope and pray that 2021 may be a Year of Grace, in which Australian MPs turn their backs on killing.

Pass this edition of Pro-Life News on to a friend!

Editorial

The Christmas (25/12) edition of the Sydney based *Catholic Weekly* carried a 2-page contribution from the Catholic Labor senator, Deborah O'Neill, acknowledging the truth that the last federal election results revealed the Labor Party had lost votes from people "of faith" and was keen to woo them back.

The Australian pro-life movement was founded as a non-party political movement and has always encouraged its supporters to join political parties of their choice. Since its inception, the movement has been inspired by the witness and support of some outstanding members of parliament, across the political divide. It recognises the importance of "numbers" when legislation concerning life issues is debated and the absolute urgency for there to be pro-life legislators in our parliaments today.

The absence of them to date could be described as our greatest failure. Increasingly problematic however, is the situation when a particular party has a rock solid pro-abortion platform and actively discriminates against pro-life members. Something I addressed in the following letter published in the *CW* on 24/1.

In *Winning voters of faith back to Labor (CW 25/12)* Catholic Labor MP Deborah O'Neill admits

the Labor Party was adversely affected in the 2019 federal elections by people of faith feeling unwelcome in the party, but avoids the elephant in the room: the pro-abortion plank inserted in the Labor Party's platform by the late Labor MP Susan Ryan. Remove that plank and Catholics like those who letter-boxed electorates in Victoria against pro-abortion Labor MPs Bill Shorten and Tanya Plibersek, may rejoin your Party. And open up Labor's *Emily's List* to pro-life women.

Though it is laudable for Senator O'Neill to be involved in the Labor Party, she should understand many are discouraged from joining when they see Catholics of influence in the Party and others, supporting, enabling and voting for abortion and euthanasia.

Senator O'Neill began her contribution by reminiscing on the Feast of Christmas. Three days later is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, when "political policy" decreed the massacre of these innocents, just as it is political policies like the Labor Party's which today decrees the annual massacre of up to 100,000 Australian "innocents".

Denise M Cameron
President



Dear Letters Editor,

Reading the death notices in your newspaper, I am increasingly struck by the descriptions of "*peaceful deaths*", "*surrounded by their loved ones*" and of the increasing longevity of the deceased. Medical advances have resulted in all the centenarians feted on your pages. Apart from tragic accidental and homicidal deaths, nowhere do I read that people are dying agonising "undignified" deaths at the hands of heartless doctors and nurses.

What I do read is a lot of ignorant, demeaning statements from politicians such as the member for Murray, Helen Dalton. *People are being kept on and on when all they really want is to die.* (BM 14/12) How must octogenarians have felt reading that? Her attitude to lives she deems devoid of value is frightening and her vague claims that "*In palliative care cases it's almost going on anyway*" is an insult to doctors and nurses in this

specialty. If she suspected they were acting illegally, did she report them to the police?

Typically, *Dying with Dignity* spokespersons like Sharon Potocnik (BM 29/12) claim surveys show "strong support for 'assisted dying' to be made legal" without identifying one survey or the questions asked.

People do need "assistance" in their dying days. Not killing. A fact that should not be too difficult for local Albury MP Justin Clancy to enunciate. When all the verbal engineering of these death peddlers is stripped away, for any government whose first responsibility is to protect human life, it is simple. We just don't kill people.

Denise M Cameron

Published under "People need assistance when dying, not assisted dying" in *Border Mail*, 4 January 2021.



Premier Daniel Andrews suggested there would only be “about twelve” euthanasia deaths in the first year of operation of his doctor prescribed suicide legislation. Instead there were a staggering 124 deliberate deaths. On the anniversary of the beginning of physician prescribed suicide in Victoria, *Pro-Life Victoria (Inc)* will again be mourning these deaths on the steps of the Victorian Parliament on June 19 this year.



Pro-Life Victoria (Inc) received the following Christmas Greetings from long time correspondent Vivian Mauya of Malawi, Africa, to whom we supplied foetal models in the past.

Dear Denise,

Many, many thanks for sharing with us your pro-life experiences and Merry Christmas and New Year. May our ever-loving Jehovah continue blessing you with more and more energy, wisdom and love for this sacred pro-life apostolate.

May I also share with you that through your great support and encouragement, I together with a few friends, have managed to register a local interdenominational pro-life organisation called the Registered Trustees of the Right to Life Friends (RILIF).

I will be sending you our articles on the current pro-life status quo here in Malawi-Africa to have them published in your lovely *Pro-life News*.

Probably you have heard how our Republican President Dr Lazarus Chakwera, a former reverend



Pro-life demonstrators march through Lilongwe, Malawi.

of a Christian church, is being forced to disclose his personal stand on abortion by supporting its legalisation processes in the Malawi Parliament.

With the birth of *RILIF*, we vow not to let the president alone being pushed willy-nilly into assenting to this bill of death and darkness.

My best regards please, Vivian.

In Some Instances... Feticide Is Undertaken

By Stuart Lindsay, retired Federal Court Judge who lives in Adelaide

I wrote in November about the Liberal Bill before the parliament here in Adelaide which seeks to make lawful the killing of a foetus right up to the time and immediately after, his or her birth. The upper house has already passed it. The lower house will vote on the February 3.

Since I first wrote of the bill, an anonymous someone in the Attorney-General's Department or Health Department has distributed to MPs a document explaining how the Bill the department has drafted will operate. This is question and answer #5 in that government publication:

Q: What happens in later term abortions?

A: In later term terminations, either an induction of labour or surgery will be used. If induction of labour is the chosen method of termination, the most usual outcome in this situation is that the baby will be stillborn. In this instance, palliative care is offered, the baby is wrapped in a blanket and the mother is given the opportunity to hold the baby as it dies. In some instances in late termination feticide is undertaken which means the baby will be stillborn.

Leave aside if you can the savagery and heartlessness involved in merely contemplating placing in the arms of the mother the wreckage of her infant, almost certainly at that point displaying the hideous wounds of the clumsy and bloody attempt to murder it. Leave aside, too, the idiocy of the unknown author in suggesting a stillborn child can subsequently die in the mother's arms. This writing and the thinking that brought it forth surely betoken the presence of a diabolical, rather than merely human, enterprise...

But passing a law reflecting our vastly improved knowledge of life in utero since 1969 is not the purpose of this vile Bill. Instead, a late-term foetus - a viable child, if we are honest - can be "terminated" up to and including the time of birth. Vickie Chapman, the Liberal attorney-general co-sponsoring the Bill with a Greens politician (and the support of her leader, Premier Steven Marshall), has abandoned earlier futile attempts to conceal this fact...

What has happened to us? And when? How? Whoever wrote those words, I can't stop thinking,

did so without even a tincture of shame or apprehension of the response they might elicit.

Whenever questions of this kind pierce my quotidian complacency these days, in my mind I hear the King James Bible verses that a young lady from that Christchurch choir would often read, with a hesitancy altogether absent from her glorious singing, to Premier Marshall and to me and the rest of the congregation when she gave the Second Reading, a verse like this one:

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

You see, I can find no worldly explanation for this barbarity going on about me or, more particularly, for its startling acceleration in the space of a season or two.

I thought I knew the people I live among. I didn't. Some of them must have always understood themselves as living in a vastly different moral dispensation than the one I thought we were living in. I don't mean that I personally have sinned any less than they have; of course not. But I at least know and can acknowledge that I am living in a society that has repudiated its Christian roots and is now bereft of all the normative guidance and assurance those roots nourished. I know that the Almighty is against child-slaughter. I thought we all knew that. But we didn't. We don't...

I implore you to get involved immediately in fighting this savagery...

We must insist on a return to the fearless use of our own language. We must express ourselves in those words which allow the truth to be stated with clarity. You see, in speaking about abortion, I say we are dealing with extermination, not merely termination; motherhood, not merely pregnancy; crimes, not merely choices; lives, not merely politics, and that these are matters requiring all people of conscience, men and women alike, to speak boldly and clearly. We can only do that in our own natural language.

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Biden's Gain Is Unborn Children's Loss

The Donald Trump loss and Joe Biden/Kamala Harris win is catastrophic for America's unborn children.

These elections were a straight life and death election reinforcing the core belief of the pro-life movement, that irrespective of personal antipathies one may have for a candidate, their position on the life issues takes precedence over all other issues. Have respect for all human life "codified" in society and other issues we may feel are important, are more likely to be resolved.

For the historical record these were Donald Trump's top 13 pro-life accomplishments from standing up to the United Nations' pro-abortion agenda to defunding the abortion giant Planned Parenthood:

1. Appointing pro-life judges to the Supreme Court and other federal courts. These judges include Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, federal court judges Sarah Pitlyk, Anuraag Hari Singhal, and approximately 200 others.

2. Defunding the abortion chains Planned Parenthood and Marie Stopes through the Mexico City Policy. (Trump reinstated and later expanded the policy to cut off more streams of revenue to international non-governmental agencies (NGOs) that promote and/or provide abortions. The rule defunded Planned Parenthood's international arm of about \$100 million and the British abortion chain Marie Stopes International of about \$73 million in US tax dollars.)

3. Defunding Planned Parenthood through the Title X program.

4. Cutting off taxpayer funding to scientific research that uses aborted baby body parts.

5. Issuing new religious freedom rules for Obamacare.

6. Signing an international declaration urging countries to protect unborn babies and mothers. The Geneva Consensus declaration, signed by Trump administration leaders and 31 other countries recently sent a clear statement to the UN that they will not tolerate its abortion advocacy.

7. Defunding the United Nations Population

Fund. The Trump administration stopped funding a United Nations agency linked to forced and coerced abortions.

8. Sanctioning Chinese communist leaders amid reports of forced abortions and other human rights abuses against Muslim minorities in the Xinjiang Province.

9. Making it easier for states to defund Planned Parenthood.

10. Giving Texas a waiver to defund Planned Parenthood.

11. Signing an executive order to protect newborns from infanticide. In September, Trump announced an executive order to do what Democrats in Congress refused more than 80 times to do: require medical care for babies who survive abortions.

12. Creating a new office focused on religious freedom and conscience protections.

13. Becoming the first president to speak at the March for Life.

In contrast... "From America with love"...

One of the first Executive Orders incoming President Joe Biden signed was to reverse the Mexico City Policy, allowing for funding of international pro-abortion groups in US family planning and global health assistance.

Biden also ordered a review of Title X regulations, the first step toward once again allowing federal funding of domestic groups that refer for abortions or are co-located with abortion clinics.

Democrat leaders who have close ties to the billion dollar abortion industry are working to overturn the Hyde Amendment, in place since 1976, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion and which 58 percent of American tax payers approve for US abortions and 77 percent for overseas abortions. This amendment has saved an estimated 2.4 million babies from abortion according to the Charlotte Lozier Institute.

And frighteningly, on the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe V Wade ruling that legalised abortion nationwide, Biden stated his commitment to codifying Roe into law.

When writing or updating your Will in the future, give thought to saving a life and put aside something for Pro-Life Victoria (Inc). Just inform your solicitor or include a section in your Will.

From America With Love... President Biden's Executive Order

Austin Ruse, Friday Fax 28 Jan. 2021... A weekly source of social and conservative news coming out of the UN

Today President Joe Biden rescinded the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance Policy of his predecessor Donald J. Trump, also known as the Mexico City Policy. C-Fam President Austin Ruse made this statement.

“Biden is committing a crime against humanity. Millions of babies around the world will be killed with the complicity of U.S. taxpayers because of President Biden's executive order. It breaks our hearts.”

“Biden's executive action effectively orders U.S. taxpayers to fund abortion giants International Planned Parenthood Federation, Marie Stopes International and hundreds of foreign groups that perform and promote abortion across the developing

world, including by lobbying to repeal protections for the unborn.”

“This is not a popular policy in America. 77% of Americans either ‘oppose’ or ‘strongly oppose’ using tax dollars to support international abortion according to a Marist Poll published yesterday.”

“Biden's order diverts funds from urgently needed items on the global health agenda, like maternal and child health and primary care infrastructure. It lines the pockets of already lasciviously funded abortion groups that target vulnerable women and girls.”

“The order promotes their false narrative that poor women must sacrifice children for economic advancement.”



China Claims Brutal Crackdown “Emancipated” Women

Courtesy of the Population Research Institute, <http://www.pop.org>

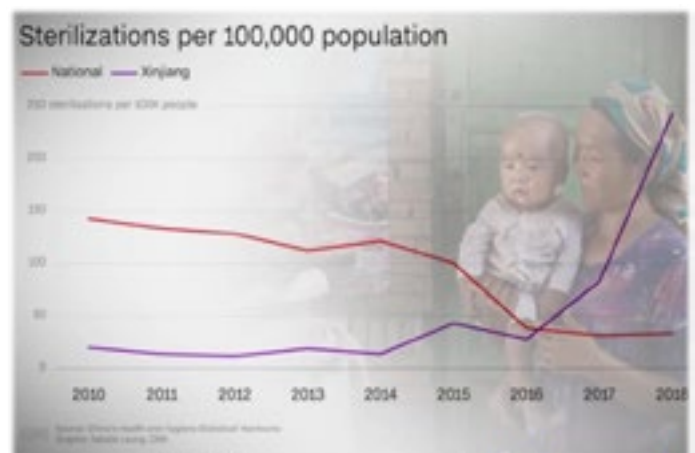
The Chinese embassy recently tweeted that the women of that country's persecuted Uyghur minority were “no longer baby-making machines” because their “minds have been emancipated”.

PRI President Steven Mosher begs to differ, saying that the real reason that Uyghur women are having fewer children is the draconian population control program underway in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) in China's far west.

“What is really taking Uyghur women out of the baby-making business are two things,” commented Mosher. “The first is the fact that many of their husbands are currently locked up in concentration camps, forced to work long hours producing cheap Chinese goods for export. The second factor is that Uyghur women who have two children are subject to forced abortions and forced sterilisations if they conceive a third.”

“To call this ‘gender equality’ is laughable,” continued Mosher. “This is Chinese Communist propaganda mimicking the language of Western feminists in a clumsy effort to disguise their ongoing genocide of the Uyghur people.”

The Chinese embassy's tweet was linked to an article that appeared in the Communist Party



mouthpiece: the *China Daily*, touting a recent “study” published by the state-affiliated Xinjiang Development Research Centre. The study insisted that the sharp drop in the birth rate among Uyghur women in recent years was “not caused by ‘forced sterilisation’ of the Uyghur population.”

The tweet, since deleted, read: “Study shows that in the process of eradicating extremism, the minds of Uyghur women in Xinjiang were emancipated and gender equality and reproductive health were promoted, making them no longer baby-making machines. They are more confident and independent.”

Pressure On Pro-Life South America To Legalise Abortion

Micaiah Bilger, 1 February 2021

The Honduran National Congress recently strengthened pro-life laws by amending the national constitution to declare that unborn babies have the same rights as born human beings under the law.

Breitbart reports lawmakers passed the reforms Thursday in response to growing international pressure on pro-life countries to legalise abortions.

They amended the Honduran Constitution to read: “The unborn shall be considered as born for all rights accorded within the limits established by law. It is prohibited and illegal for the mother or a third party to practice any form of interruption of life on the unborn, whose life must be respected from conception.”

They also passed legislation increasing the vote threshold to 75 percent for congress to repeal unborn babies’ constitutional right to life.

“All human beings have a right to life from the moment of conception,” said Mario Pérez, the lawmaker who sponsored the legislation.

The South American country was spurred to action after Argentina legalised abortions in December. Lawmakers said they wanted to create a “shield against abortion” in Honduras, where most people support unborn babies’ right to life.

Pro-abortion groups expressed hope that Argentina’s decision would prompt other South American countries to do the same, but now they fear – and pro-life advocates hope – the opposite will be true.

According to Breitbart, the British medical journal *The Lancet* described how Honduran lawmakers’ action “sparked fears” among abortion activists that other countries also may act to secure unborn babies’ rights.

After the vote last week, international pro-abortion groups and agencies, including the United Nations and European Union, slammed Honduras for protecting unborn babies.

“The move doubles down on draconian reproductive rights laws in a country with some of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy and sexual violence in Latin America,” according to *The Lancet*.

Abortion activists with the UN also criticised Honduras for even considering a measure to strengthen protections for unborn babies.

“This bill is alarming. Instead of taking a step towards fulfilling the fundamental rights of women and girls, the country is moving backwards,” they said in a statement earlier this month.

Other critics included *Amnesty International*, *Human Rights Watch* and *Oxfam*, according to the report.

Most Central and South American countries protect unborn babies’ right to life, but they face growing pressure from the United Nations and other international groups to legalise abortion on demand. Abortion advocacy groups, backed by some of the richest men in the world, hope the vote in Argentina will prompt neighbouring countries to legalise abortions as well.

Legalising abortion does not save lives or help women. Abortions destroy unborn babies’ lives and often harm mothers physically and/or psychologically. Pro-abortion groups often overestimate the number of illegal and unsafe abortions that occur in countries across the world.

Research indicates that access to basic health care, not abortion, is what really helps improve women’s lives. For example, in 2018, Michelle Oberman, a Santa Clara University law professor, told the Atlantic that she was surprised when she began doing research on abortion in El Salvador. Abortions are illegal there, and she said she expected to find hospitals full of women dying from botched abortions, but she did not. According to Oberman’s research, better medical care, along with an increased availability of abortion drugs online, are leading to fewer maternal abortion deaths.

A recent *Washington Post* fact check also found what pro-life advocates have been saying for years: that, in the United States, few women died from abortions in the decade prior to *Roe v. Wade*, and a rise in the use of antibiotics appears to be the biggest factor in the drop in maternal deaths, not legalised abortions.

Last year, medical groups representing more than 30,000 doctors in America emphasised that abortions are not “essential” or “urgent.”



World View

I SRAEL - For the past several months, a small but faithful team has been doing what we now call a “PRAYTEST”.

We had begun by praying opposite the Knesset and have now moved to a major intersection where we carry large signs which are visible to the public.

Despite the recent restrictions in place due to Covid-19, protests are still allowed, and we are PRAYTESTING (praying and protesting) abortion. It is our goal to raise public awareness about abortion, to change public opinion and to save lives.

We are thrilled by another initiative to turn public opinion called “Zchutam” (Their Right), which is a social media campaign to let the public know the real facts about abortion.

A wonderful article was written for the *Kehila.org* online

magazine about our public campaigns.

Sandy Shoshani, Be'ad Chaim, February 2021



Be'ad Chaim
Pro-Life Israel

CROATIA - Politicians in Croatia have begun procedures to introduce strong pro-life legislation into the country that aims to protect life from conception.

Currently, the law permits abortion up until 10 weeks' gestation and allows abortion after that point in limited circumstances.

Under the new proposals, abortion would be permitted only if a mother's life was in danger. Instead, under the party's proposals, the focus would be on education, counselling and prevention.

Politicians started gathering signatures on Monday of this week.

This moves comes after

Poland has introduced strong legal protections for babies in the womb, recently banning abortion on the grounds of disability. The previous law in Poland, which permitted abortion on these grounds, was found to be incompatible with the constitution, which forbids such discrimination.

Right To Life UK spokesperson, Catherine Robinson said, “It is encouraging to see more countries trying to introduce legislation to protect life at its most vulnerable.”

“As Zekanović implies, attempts to introduce pro-life legislation are a chance for voters to see where politicians' loyalties really lie.”

“Are they really pro-life, and willing to put their name on a bill which says as much? Or are they more concerned with their place in their party and seeming to be pro-life to get votes? Whether or not this vote is successful, it will at least let voters know which of their representatives are genuinely pro-life and which aren't.”

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