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- Justin Ricklefs

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Catholic Researcher: It's Morally Okay to Use a Coronavirus Vaccine Made With Aborted Baby Parts

Editor's Note: We are not endorsing this idea or promoting but offering it for the information of our readers.

By Micaiah Bilger

A leading Catholic bioethics researcher clarified this week that Catholics should not necessarily reject a vaccine because it was developed using cells from aborted babies.

The Tablet reports Helen Watt, a senior research fellow at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre in England, explained the complex ethics of such vaccines, especially as researchers are scrambling to develop one for the coronavirus.

Watt said it is morally wrong to use fetal tissue from aborted babies in experiments, even if those experiments could potentially lead to life-saving treatments. She encouraged Catholics and other pro-lifers to seek out ethically-produced vaccines and urge researchers to use materials that are derived ethically.

However, in a paper released Monday, Watt said pro-lifers should use their consciences to decide whether to use a vaccine developed with cells from aborted babies – especially when no alternative is available, according to the report.

“Boycotting a COVID-19 vaccine in the absence of an alternative is a serious action that should be carefully considered because of its potentially grave risks both for the person and for others,” she said.

“Boycotts are often rightly regarded simply as a means of achieving change by highlighting abuses,” Watts continued. “... some will feel, whether rightly or wrongly, called to a boycott even if no alternative vaccine is available to them.”

She compared the situation to walking “in Rome on paving laid by slaves” or living “in countries that our ancestors unjustly invaded.”

Catholic and pro-life organizations, including Watt’s bioethics center, have been advocating against research using aborted baby body parts for years. During the coronavirus crisis, they have renewed calls to scientists to abide by basic ethical standards in their efforts to save lives.

According to the Catholic News Agency, a Canadian Catholic archbishop recently took his pro-life advocacy a step further by donating thousands of dollars to an ethical



vaccine research project at the University of British Columbia.

Archbishop Michael Miller of Vancouver said he hopes the research and the archdiocese’s support will be “a visible sign to the world of the healing and reconciliation so needed right now.”

Here’s more:

Ryan Thomas, a special advisor to the archdiocese, told CNA that Archbishop Miller wanted to express, through his donation, the Catholic Church’s support for science and medicine that contribute to the common good.

“The Church — as Pope Francis has said from the beginning of his pontificate — is called to go out, we’re called to engage, not called to retreat,” Thomas told CNA.

“From a scientific standpoint, that means identifying the research that is worthy of our investment, that meets the high standards that we have to protect life,” he said.

Thomas said they confirmed with the university that the researchers are not using cells from aborted babies to develop the vaccine.

Earlier in the week, LifeNews reported how at least two companies are using cell lines created from the cells of aborted babies to develop a coronavirus vaccine. A third vaccine developed by the University of Oxford using cells from aborted babies is in the process of human trials and could be available by September, according to CNA.

Leading U.S. Catholic bishops responded to the news with a letter urging the Food and Drug Administration

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Supreme Court hears Little Sisters of the Poor defend their right not to be compelled to pay for health coverage for products and procedures they find “morally unacceptable”

By Dave Andrusko

Freedom of conscience and the freedom to practice one's faith are cornerstones of the American experience. To the abortion industry, however, they are tiresome, “religious” barriers to commandeering each and every one of us, directly or indirectly, into an offensive to weave abortion into every thread of American life.

At first glance, you might think the Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, and New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal would be embarrassed about going after the Little Sisters of the Poor. But you would be wrong.

In *Little Sisters of the Poor v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*, the Supreme Court this morning heard arguments about whether these Catholic nuns, and others with religious and moral objections, are bound by a mandate, issued by HHS under a provision of ObamaCare, which would force them to provide health insurance coverage for products and procedures they find “morally unacceptable.”

The Order, which serves the poor and the elderly, has fought the mandate for seven years and seemingly had finally prevailed when HHS announced a new rule to protect religious non-profits, including the Little Sisters of the Poor. That proved too much for several states, including Pennsylvania and California and New Jersey, who went to court.

At issue before the Justices today, who are conducting oral arguments by teleconference, is the nationwide injunction issued by the 3rd Circuit blocking the HHS rule. The Trump administration asked the High Court to reverse the injunction.

The issues at stake are fundamental. As a brief filed by 92 Members of the House and Senate argued:

The Third Circuit's decision below is a direct assault on RFRA [Religious Freedom Restoration Act] and imposes a drastic and unprecedented restriction on federal agencies' ability to protect religious liberty. It must be reviewed and reversed.

The one-two punch delivered by the Third Circuit both permits an agency to implement regulations that burden religious exercise, and also restricts the Executive from providing sufficient religious accommodations to temper that burden. That pair of rulings runs roughshod over RFRA's requirement that all laws – including all regulations promulgated to “implement” statutory law – be interpreted and construed to provide the greatest possible protection to freedom of conscience and religious exercise.

- NRLC News Today, May 6, 2020

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Dear LIFESPAN Members,

Never has our nation been so determined to protect human lives.

Social distancing, self-isolation, wearing masks, hand washing, churches closed, shortened school year and home schooling, limited number of shoppers allowed into those stores that are still open.

Marriages postponed, birthdays recognized by "drive by" parades of vehicles with signs. Babies being born and grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins seeing them only on iPhones or iPads; people facing death surrounded by strangers instead of their loved ones; grieving loved ones standing alone at the gravesite. All these things in an effort to protect our loved ones and all of society.

And yes, let's not forget to praise the first responders, doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, housekeeping staffs, makers of ventilators, masks, gloves, gowns and other need items to keep our health care providers "below the curve". They place their own well-being on the line every single day.

It seems that suddenly we have discovered that human life is indeed precious, to be cared for, fought

for, and protected. We are willing to put aside our own wants and desires to protect those around us. We are discovering that there are ways around these difficult circumstances. That it is possible to protect others. It takes sacrifice, yes, but it can be done! The result is clearly worth our efforts - people's lives are being saved, supported, and protected.

Our wish and prayer is that when this trial is over, we will not lose that newfound realization that we can protect human life - young, old, convenient, or problematic. We are a people of courage, a people of faith, a people of compassion and we will prevail.



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COVID-19

Unfortunately this article for this issue is one I thought I would not be writing for awhile. The COVID-19 virus has put everything at a stand-still and has closed our office until further notice. Who would have thought that the Governor would deem abortion an essential business? Oh... I forgot were talking about a Governor who supports Planned Parenthood and only respects life if you are walking and breathing. Shame on her and all those who support her in the elimination of the pre-born and elderly. No wonder she is being considered a Vice President candidate along-side a Pro-Abortion Presidential Candidate, Joe Biden. God is watching and we need to join forces with all Pro-Life Groups. This must not happen! VOTE PRO-LIFE!

Birth Control

I would like to touch upon a very serious subject: Hormonal Contraceptives. Did you know millions of women take hormonal birth control or receive contraceptive injections WITHOUT any idea about the poison they are putting into their bodies? Yes! Birth control contains poison and is a danger to ALL women. We need to stand together and tell the government that women must know the truth. You and I must help women understand that their health is more important than a drug that can alter their body and mind. Do the research and get on the band wagon and of course, as always, PRAY.

Happy Father's Day

On behalf of the Wayne County Chapter, we want to wish all a Happy Father's Day.



Your Brother in Christ,
Gary

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Gary Radomski, Director

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Wee Care

Dear Friends,

I pray that as you read this, a little bit of our lives is getting back to normal or at the very least, we are taking baby steps in that direction. My biggest wish and most fervent prayer is that each and every one of you, my dear friends, are well and have not personally experienced the worst of the pandemic. Our Wee Care family is just that--a family--a large family of very caring people who are so loved by my moms, my social workers and especially by me.

This has been a heartbreaking time. Because of the governor's orders, we had to shut down. So many babies were born and we were not there to help. Baby showers that would have supplied much needed material necessities for our little ones were cancelled and life changed suddenly and dramatically for all of us.

But, like the little rainbow on our Wee Care logo - we are filled with hope that our doors will be open soon! Granted, things may be different for awhile - baby packages may be placed outside our door and masks might be needed. I think the hardest thing to get used to will not being able to hug everyone! (But, that day will come!)

So, what do we anticipate and what can we do today? We really anticipate an overwhelming need for help. There will probably be so many extra requests due to the number of families out of work. What can you do today to help? We are going to need so many supplies in the days to come. If you sew blankets or crochet afghans--please continue to make them. If you can order baby items online while the stores are closed, that would be awesome. (We may have to ask you to hold on to them for awhile, but the need will be great.) If you belong to an organization or a church and they would consider doing a "drop off" shower or a collection in the Fall - that would be wonderful! (God willing, the churches will be open before then!) The most important thing you can do today is to pray. Pray for our moms, their babies and each other.

God bless you all.

Stay safe, stay well and consider this a socially-distanced virtual hug!

Love you!
Karen

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Youth Report

Dear Young People, Young Adults, Parents, Teachers, Youth Ministers and all others who work with Young People...During the last few months of the COVID-19 pandemic when the general public has been staying home a lot more to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and the risk of exposure to others if you have symptoms or are asymptomatic, the Pro-Life work behind the scenes has continued every day. Even though our offices have remained closed during the stay at home order the Governor set in place, there are still things we have been able to do from home to be a part of GENERATION TRUTH!

Maybe these are things you have done or could do: 1) You can catch up on social media with pro-life news from solid sources like: *Right to Life - LIFESPAN, *The Radiance Foundation, *LifeNews, *Protect Life Michigan, *National Right to Life, *40 Days for Life, *Students for Life, *Live Action, *And Then There Were None, *Family Research Council, *Priests for Life, *Lutherans for Life,

*Secular Pro-Life and others. 2) You can respond to news related to pro-life issues by writing comments to editors - be a part of the discussion to help save lives! 3) You can share pro-life news on all forms of your social media platforms. 4) If you haven't seen your grandparents or aunts and uncles in a long time, make a card or write a



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letter and send it to them in the mail to brighten up their day and yours too! That's an old fashioned way of keeping in touch and would be well received by your loved ones! I wrote to an aunt that I haven't written to in several months and she appreciated the letter so much! We talked on the phone after she received it. 5) Of course you can actually call them on the phone and talk! A lot of elderly people do not have the means of social media to do Face Time and Zoom, but they do have a phone to talk on! 6) We have some things at our offices that you can take home to work on during the summer months. Just give us a call to find out what we need volunteers to help with and arrange for a date/time to pick items up. 7) We can all ponder and pray about how we can be more actively involved in GENERATION TRUTH when things are opened up again and life has returned to "normal".

Until next time... Keep on Loving Life!

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From the President's Desk

Friends of LIFE,

I pray that all of you are well and taking the necessary precautions with this COVID-19 virus. I'm sure so many of you are like me, thinking "I never thought I would have to live through a plague!" It is especially disturbing when we see the number of lives lost. We pro-lifers work to save and promote respect for all life - this virus attacks human life with vengeance; it respects no life, especially the elderly.

While we live with the stress of this pandemic, we also add to that stress watching the pro-death groups at work not saving lives, but destroying more lives by their actions. In our own state of Michigan, Governor Whitmer announced that every business must close, however, there were exceptions, one being abortion clinics (chambers). She announced that they are an essential business. What kind of thinking do these pro-aborts have? We are closing down the economy of the country to save lives but keep open businesses that kill human life. It is sick thinking at best.

The Price is Right had a program because of COVID and had special guests, who if they won, would give their winnings to their special charity. Well, the winner, Drag Queen RuPaul, won \$97,000 and donated his winnings to Planned Parenthood. **The Price is Right** now is responsible for sending money to the largest abortion provider (killing a pre-born child) in the country. The *Bill Gates Foundation* is sinking millions for a vaccine that is using aborted fetal cell lines for experimentation. These are examples of the pro-death community at work. Is there any way to stop them? There is only one way and that is to use our talents and money to train the next generation. There is a lot of money being spent on tearing down the Judeo-Christian foundation of this country, but, we know that the human spirit can never be taken from us unless we allow it. Like so many generations before us, we must fight for our rights or they will be lost. The Right to Life is paramount: without life, all other rights become insignificant.

We will get past this. The world has experienced pandemics in the past and has survived. Pro-lifers must never stop working. While you are at home, you can email, snail mail, or call your legislator any time you hear of any bills or government actions which would include killing a human person. Even if your legislator is a pro-death legislator, let he/she know how you feel. And, above all, continue to pray for the success of the pro-life movement.

May God give us the courage and strength to continue our vital pro-life work.

— Diane Fagelman,
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Catholic Researcher

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(FDA) to ensure vaccines are being produced ethically.

Pro-life leaders also have highlighted how ethical alternatives to tissue from aborted babies are available, including pluripotent stem cells and tissue from placentas, umbilical cords and amniotic fluid. In 2018, the Trump administration created a \$20 million grant to invest in these ethical research alternatives.

Abortion activists have been trying to take advantage of the coronavirus crisis by pushing for abortion funding in government spending bills, the de-regulation of abortion drugs, and research using aborted baby body parts. In March, the Washington Post highlighted complaints from anonymous scientists claiming research on the coronavirus is being hindered by new restrictions from the Trump administration on the use of aborted baby body parts in taxpayer-funded research.

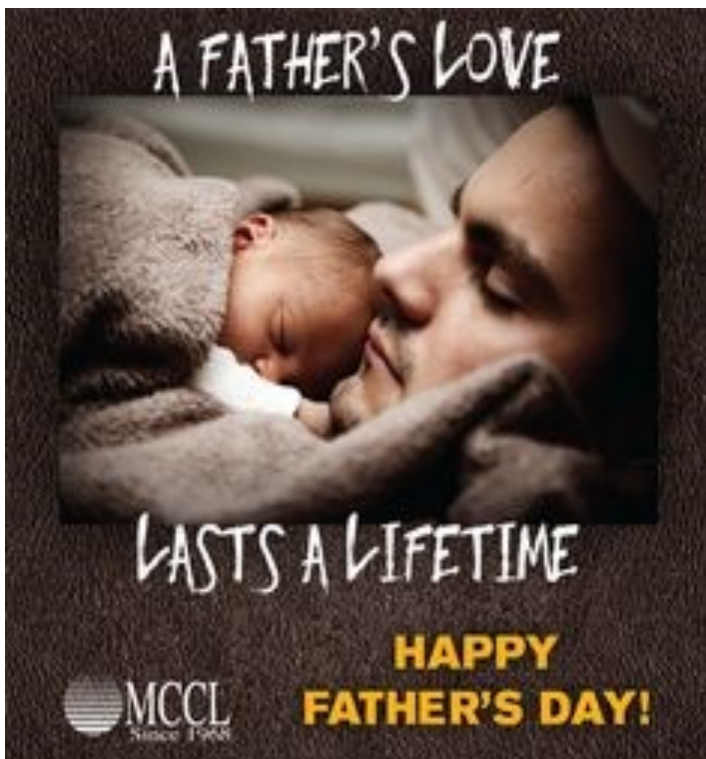
National Review reports pro-life lawmakers in the U.S. House and Senate both sent letters to the Trump administration telling leaders to stand firm in their commitment to defund the unethical research.

"In the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, complaints against your decision to halt funding of aborted fetal tissue research has reached a crescendo," the House letter states. "These critical litanies, however, repeat false claims and narratives which for many years have touted the utility of aborted fetal tissue in research ..."

Recently, the Charlotte Lozier Institute noted that at least 60 potential treatments for the virus are being investigated right now using materials that do not come from aborted babies.

- LifeNews.com, April 29, 2020

*Where do the
candidates stand on
pro-life issues? Watch
for LIFESPAN's July
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Nancy Pelosi Pushes Abortion Funding in Coronavirus Bill Meant to Help Unemployed Americans

By Stephen Ertelt

Nancy Pelosi is at it again with another attempt to force Americans to fund abortions in legislation meant to help people dealing with the adverse effects of the coronavirus. This time, Pelosi and House Democrats are wanting to fund abortions under legislation that is supposed to help Americans who are unemployed and needing health insurance coverage.

Pelosi is so dedicated to promoting abortion and forcing Americans to fund killing babies in abortion that, earlier this year, she was caught trying to add taxpayer financing of abortions to the bill to combat the Coronavirus and provide economic stimulus to the nation as it deals with the COVID-19 outbreak.

Now, Pelosi and her Democratic colleagues are threatening to scuttle a possible bipartisan deal to provide health insurance for unemployed Americans. As *The Hill* reports:

Republicans have expressed openness to a Democratic proposal to provide subsidies to help millions of people who are losing their jobs stay on their old employers' health insurance plans under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, commonly known as COBRA, according to congressional aides and others familiar with the talks.

But Republicans say the new funding needs to include the Hyde Amendment or another restriction on federal money going toward health plans that cover abortion, an idea Democrats oppose.

Including protections for health coverage in the next coronavirus response package is gaining urgency given that a staggering 30 million people have filed for unemployment in the past six weeks, many of whom will also be losing their employer-based health insurance in the middle of a pandemic.

"The life issue is a huge holdup," said a Senate GOP aide. "It's not clear that we can overcome that holdup since both sides feel dug in at this point."

Anti-abortion groups are also putting pressure on Congress. "It is definitely a priority," said Mallory Quigley, a spokeswoman for the anti-abortion group Susan B. Anthony List.

Naturally, Pelosi and top Democrats do not want any part of pro-life limit on forcing Americans to fund abortions.

Asked about the dispute, a senior Democratic aide said, "Now is no time for unrelated Republican ideological obsessions, trying to rewrite Americans' private health insurance plans to insert their anti-women agenda in the middle of a crisis."

Americans who do not want to have their tax dollars used to fund killing babies in abortions should speak up now and contact their member of Congress. Killing babies with our tax dollars is not the answer to the coronavirus and the situation should not be exploited for political gain.

- LifeNews.com, May 4, 2020