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# LIFESPAN Chapter News

## IVF Considerations

The Alabama State Supreme Court made headlines recently when the Justices ruled that human embryos, created in the laboratory for the purposes of in vitro reproduction, are human and as such cannot simply be destroyed as unwanted or “leftovers.”

My own personal bias will show when I ask what else these embryos could possibly be. They came from the union of a human ova and a human sperm—fertilization—the beginning of a new human life. The fact that this union takes place in a petri dish, in a laboratory, does not change its nature. This has moral implications for many but from a secular viewpoint, IVF is a way for individuals dealing with infertility issues to be able to nurture a child and create a parental bond. As one website, Compassion Care, put it,

*“For IVF to work, doctors usually retrieve 10-20 eggs. All viable eggs are fertilized (usually about 70% of those retrieved). The doctors do this so they will have enough strong embryos to implant and increase the woman’s odds of becoming pregnant. Extra embryos that are not strong enough to implant are not preserved.”*

Notice the carefully chosen word “preserved” in that last sentence. It can be translated to “thrown away, put in the dumpster, put into the biohazard waste container, incinerat-

ed, or sent down the garbage grinder. The Alabama court recognized these embryos for what they are—human persons. What other result could this process be for? After all, the idea here is to become pregnant with a human baby—not a carrot, or a cabbage, or cat or a dog. It seems there are a large number of people who don’t understand the biology and cannot recognize the baby has human until birth.

The IVF industry is largely unregulated but that is a topic for another day. For our purposes, we must set the record straight. The Alabama Supreme Court DID NOT ban the process of IVF. It did not prohibit anyone from using this process to achieve the creation of a family. They DID say that once you create life in a test tube, (something usually left up to the Creator), you cannot treat it like garbage and discard what is now a living, growing human person.

In an uncharacteristically quick fashion, 20 days later, a new law was introduced and signed by the governor aimed at pro-

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## New & Improved Chapter Office Hours

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

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9:00AM-12:45PM

The phone number remains **734-422-6230** and the email address is **wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org**.

## New Team Members

**Julia Ferracciolo, Assistant Youth Director**

My name is Julia, and I am the new Assistant Youth Director for the RTL-LIFESPAN Wayne Chapter. I have been pro-life since my conception and was raised to grow fervently for the cause. I am eager to see young people rebel against the pro-choice agenda and embrace life at every stage. Hence, I will be reaching out to the youth to enact a revival in Michigan. I would love to help spread the plethora of resources available and attract young people to events, as well as establish memberships in Wayne County. I am ecstatic to help LIFESPAN make a difference and stop abortion and euthanasia, protect all life, and share our passion for this gift of life.

**Rebecca Bridgnanan, Office Manager**

Hi, I am Rebecca Bridgnanan! I’m excited to be part of the Wayne Chapter of RTL-LIFESPAN as Office

Manager! I have previously worked for other national and state pro-life organizations before spending almost a decade working in corporate America. I am thrilled to be back supporting and promoting the pro-life cause! I graduated from Franciscan University (Go Barons!) in 2007. My husband and I have a wonderful and precocious 2-year-old daughter. Please feel free to stop in the office to say hi!

♥  
*¡Feliz  
Día de las  
Madres!*  
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Julia Ferracciolo, Assistant Youth Director



# Wee Care

Ahh, Spring! It has finally arrived! Every store you walk into is decorated with tulips & daffodils, bunnies and lambs, crosses and lilies and so many symbols of new life. We are so blessed at Wee Care that the joy of new life is always present regardless of the season (but it is beautiful to see the sunshine!).

Spring is such a busy time here. Baby Showers are taking place (LIFESPAN arranges for many churches to have baby collections for all of the pregnancy centers in the area and Wee Care is one of the recipients.). Thank you for supporting this wonderful project at your local church!

We are also working on our auction, which benefits our babies and takes place on May 7th at our Celebration of

Life Dinner (Please see details in this Newsletter). We have a great need for gift cards to restaurants and stores and any items that would generate excitement at our auction!

And then there are our Spring babies! Our hallways are lined with bags overflowing with much needed infant supplies and maybe a stuffed bunny or two.

Because of you – when our moms hold their precious, new baby in their arms, they will not be overwhelmed with fear on how they will be able to provide for their little one, but instead, will be filled with the joy every mom feels as they experience the love of the miracle of their child's birth. Thank you for making all of this possible! You will never know how many lives you have touched. God bless you! Love, Karen • PS: Enjoy Spring!

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# YOUTH REPORT

**Good news for us...I am happy to report that we have a new Wayne County Assistant Youth Director! See Julia's introduction on page 4 and join me in welcoming her to our Pro-Life organization!**

By the time you read this, our annual **Be the Change** event will be taking place or has already taken place. We look forward to sharing with you in the next Newsletter about our youth event – what the speakers shared with us, what our attendees learned and how they will put that into action! Of course, we will have some pictures to show as well!

We hope young people, parents and their friends will join us for an evening of fun on Tuesday, May 7th at our **Celebration of Life Dinner & Auction**, sharing good conversation and a delicious meal, and meeting/listening to Pro-Life Leader Frank Pavone! We are in need of young adults to help us with our raffle tickets, so if anyone 18+ is interested, please let Lynn know through email at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org) and put in the subject line: **Raffle Volunteer**.

Please follow our new account on X (Twitter): **@RTLLIFESPAN**. We will have memes and witty content to keep you updated and entertained while you spend time scrolling through our page!

Together, we will

*Be the Change*

**Lynn Gura**, Oakland/Macomb Counties Youth Director, 248-816-1546, [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)

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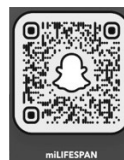
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# The Virtual Abortion Clinic

By Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D.

When someone says “abortion clinic,” what comes to mind? Perhaps some brick and mortar facility, a suite in a medical building in an office park, or maybe a converted old house with a waiting room, receptionist, and a doctor performing abortions in the back room?

Those sorts of clinics still exist, but they are becoming a rarity, replaced by large regional mega-clinics and, thanks to chemical abortions and new government policies, something much less tangible and far more scary – the virtual clinic. The virtual clinic is one that exists only in cyberspace. It is a place where women never visit, never meet a doctor or any other medical professional in person, yet still serve as the source of terrible advice and all too real abortion pills which take the lives of their innocent children and put their own lives at risk.

The virtual clinic is pretty much just a phone number, an email address, or a website. There might be some connected small corporate office with a desk and a phone tucked away in some northeastern, midwestern, or west coast city, but just as likely it consists of someone sitting at home on their computer responding to an email, answering a cell phone, or maintaining a website.

Maybe they have some pills they keep on hand that they take down to the local post office and ship by overnight mail. Maybe they have an arrangement with the distributor and just call the order into a local warehouse and have them shipped from there. Maybe they fire off an email to a rogue Indian pharmaceutical manufacturer and have knockoff pills sent out on the next flight to America.

Perhaps there is a nurse or doctor involved somewhere in the process, reviewing and approving of the orders, technically responsible for making sure women understand the procedure, know the risks, and know what to do in the event of an emergency. But the company may be run by and the phones and computers staffed by people with little or no previous medical background.

These virtual clinics exist, if that is the right word for it, to make money for opportunistic entrepreneurs or to further the cause of chemical abortion, not to have someone there on hand to meet the medical, material, or social needs of their pregnant patients.

According to Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health, a pro-abortion research institute out of the University of California, San Francisco, there were no virtual clinics offering chemical abortion in 2020. But by 2022, there were 69 such clinics, representing 9% of the facilities offering such abortions in the U.S.



These have become more prominent since *Dobbs*, the 2022 decision that returned power to regulate abortion to the states. One organization of the abortion providers, the Society of Family Planning, claims in its October 2023 “We Count” report that virtual clinics have risen 72% since that time.

This means that instead of going to see a doctor at a medical office, taking tests to confirm the pregnancy, having a physical exam and maybe undergoing an ultrasound to determine the gestational age and location of child in the womb, a woman simply goes online, or emails, or makes a phone call, answers a few questions, and has abortion pills shipped to her home in an overnight package.

If this were something innocuous like a common children’s cold or cough medicine, or an over-the-counter pain reliever, this might not be so alarming. However, these are drugs that work (when they do work) by causing bloody, painful abortions that put thousands of women (some studies estimate as many as 5-10% of users) in the emergency room. They come with issues such as failed abortions, hemorrhage, infections, or ruptured ectopic pregnancies. More than two dozen U.S. patients ended up in the morgue.

The abortion pill was originally approved in 2000 under very strict conditions. Those included specifying limits on gestational age, careful screening, a full briefing on process and risks, and requiring multiple in person visits. Democrat administrations, at the behest of their allies in the abortion industry, dropped most of these safeguards in March of 2016. Finally, in 2021, they abandoned requirements for in-person exams and visits.

Though virtual medicine (online visits with one’s doctor) became popular during the COVID pandemic, these changes in government policy were the real reason why

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# Upcoming 2024 Pro-Life LIFESPAN Events



## Celebration of Life Dinner & Auction

May 7, 2024

## Mother's Day Flower Sale

May 12, 2024

## Father's Day Candy & Pens Sale

June 16, 2024

## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

September 14, 2024



## We Remember Fr. Michael Green

It is with a heavy heart that we must say goodbye to a lifetime supporter of LIFESPAN and a spiritual advisor for pro-life people everywhere.

Fr. Michael Green, OSB was called home to the Lord on Feb. 21, 2024, at the age of 80. He was a professed Benedictine monk for 61 years and a priest for 53 years.

Fr. Mike (as he preferred to be called) was born in Detroit on June 23, 1943. He attended St. Scholastica Grade School and Benedictine High School in Detroit. He entered the Novitiate of the Sylvestrine-Benedictine Order at the St. Benedict Monastery in Oxford, Mich., professing his Solemn Vows on Sep. 4, 1965. He was ordained a priest on April 5, 1970.

Fr. Mike served his monastic community in many ways, primarily operating *The Monk Press* for over 60 years. He always had a smile for anyone and made himself available to anyone who visited the Monastery.

Fr. Mike was active in Right to Life -LIFESPAN for many years and was the chaplain of K of C Council 4764 in Lake Orion for over 50 years. He enjoyed flying model airplanes, hockey, golf, and his ham radio.

He is survived by his loving sister Cathy, his sister-in-law Nancy, his monastic community and many nieces and nephews.

We, his LIFESPAN family, remember him as our efficient and speedy printer. He never said no to any of our printing projects no matter how quickly we needed the job.

But we remember him mostly when he answered our call to help officiate at the burial of five Babies found in specimen jars and a garbage bag in an alley; killed by

abortion. The year was 1980 and those of us in LIFESPAN claimed the bodies of these aborted babies from the Oakland County officials. Our purpose was to give them a respectful burial, deserving of all God's children. We wanted to have an ecumenical representation for this funeral. Fr. Mike did not hesitate when we asked him to help officiate at the burial site at White Chapel. Fr. Mike continued his priestly mission by representing the possible Catholic connection to our little ones during the service at our "National Day of Remembrance" ceremony for aborted children every September at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. He did this until his health no longer allowed him to officiate.

He will be missed by many of us who know him well. We have lost a true pro-lifer who never wavered in his commitment to speak the truth about abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. He loved God, he loved his Benedictine community, he loved his family, and he loved life!

May his soul be in heaven, and may he be surrounded by all those he helped during his lifetime, the pre-born and the born!

Thank you, God, for giving us Fr. Michael Green.



# YouTube Fixes ‘Disclaimer’ on Chemical Abortion Video After 16 Attorneys General Demand False Information’s Removal

CV NEWS FEED // YouTube this week corrected the “context” that it added to a pro-life video about chemical abortion pills after 16 attorneys general sent a letter to YouTube’s CEO warning that the false disclaimer is both illegal and dangerous.

“Women deserve to know the truth about the risks posed by abortion drugs, which is why first-hand accounts like the ones ADF posted on YouTube are so vital,” Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Erik Baptist stated on March 6 after the disclaimer was updated. “Thanks to the leadership of state attorneys general calling out false information, YouTube has corrected its previously misleading notice,” Baptist added.

Non-profit legal organization ADF posted a video on YouTube about a pregnant mother who took chemical abortion drugs at home and suffered “excruciatingly” from their effects. No doctor or professional helped her with the self-administered abortion.

YouTube flagged the video and added a notice providing “context” about abortion. The original notice read: “An abortion is a procedure to end a pregnancy. It uses medicine or surgery to remove the embryo or fetus and placenta from the uterus. The procedure is done by a licensed healthcare professional.”

On March 4, 16 attorneys general wrote to YouTube CEO Neal Mohan warning that the disclaimer is false and must be changed.

The first notice YouTube added to the video “minimizes and downplays some of the serious risks of abortion drugs,” wrote Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird in the March 4 letter signed by 15 other AGs. “The last sentence of the notice is both false and misleading. It suggests that chemical abortions are performed by trained professionals. They are not.”

The notice “misleads women seeking information about abortion drugs, potentially endangering their lives,” Bird wrote. “We demand that you remove or correct the notice immediately.”

Shortly after the letter was sent, YouTube updated the notice to read:

*An abortion is a procedure to end a pregnancy. It can be done two different ways: Medication abortion, which*



*uses medicines to end the pregnancy. It is sometimes called a “medical abortion” or “abortion with pills.” Procedural abortion, a procedure to remove the pregnancy from the uterus. It is sometimes called a “surgical abortion.”*

In a chemical abortion, pregnant women are given a two-pill regimen, consisting of mifepristone and misoprostol. Mifepristone blocks progesterone from the unborn child, starving and suffocating him or her to death. Twenty-four to 48 hours later, the mother takes misoprostol “to induce uterine contractions strong enough to expel the dead child and placenta,” according to a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ explainer.

YouTube’s first notice “contains false information about a central issue in a case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court,” Bird added, referencing the upcoming SCOTUS case about that will determine the availability of the chemical abortion pill mifepristone.

The case is *U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*. The Supreme Court is set to hear oral arguments on March 26.

ADF is representing the plaintiffs in the case, who oppose the FDA’s hasty approval of the dangerous mifepristone abortion drug and the removal of safeguards in the drugs’ administering.

“Because of the FDA’s reckless decision to end the requirement that chemical abortions be done by a licensed healthcare professional, women are now typically on their own when taking the drugs, without any direct medical supervision,” Baptist added in his March 6 statement:

*That is why the YouTube disclaimer was flatly wrong and perfectly illustrates why we are suing the FDA on behalf of four medical associations, their members, and four doctors. The agency has discontinued virtually all safety protocols on abortion drugs, jeopardizing the health and safety of women.*

- The Loop from CatholicVote, March 2024



## Virtual Abortion Clinic, Continued from Page 6

virtual abortion clinics took off.

Though well-known abortion chains like Planned Parenthood, Carafem, and Whole Woman’s Health each have their own virtual clinics, these changes led to the creation and proliferation of many online abortion pill entities. They include Just the Pill, Hey Jane, Choix, Mayday Health, and the granddaddy of them all, Aid Access.

Some (though not necessarily all) of these involve a virtual consult of some kind. The woman may trade text or emails with a “provider,” or even have a phone or video conversation, who may at least ask a few pertinent questions about the date of a woman’s last period, any signs or symptoms of ectopic pregnancy, and any known drug allergies.

This is not near as precise or accurate as an in-person exam with a trained medical doctor or ultrasound that can confirm gestational age or confirm that they child is safely implanted in the uterine wall. But it is somewhat better than nothing.

It is critical to determine the date of the pregnancy and the child’s location in the womb as the effectiveness of drug decreases as gestational age rises, and the risk of complications increases the farther along the pregnancy. The standard drugs mifepristone and misoprostol do not work in situation of ectopic pregnancy, where the child is implanted outside the womb, e.g., in the fallopian tube.

Some of these online abortion pill promoters make some sort of modest effort to comply with federal guidelines and limit sales to states where such prescriptions are allowed, but others do not. There may be a doctor somewhere in the supply chain, maybe reviewing sales calls and authorizing prescriptions, but maybe not. Newer rules require only that the

prescriber be a certified healthcare provider without specifying any particular level of medical education or training.

Aid Access, which may be the biggest provider of these pills, doesn’t even go that far. Aid Access sells pills which have never been tested by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and brashly ships those pills to women in states where these are expressly forbidden.

Their compliance with gestational limits, their commitment to full screening and follow up, the arrangements they are supposed to have in place for emergency surgery or treatment are all uncertain and rather tenuous. They claim this level of testing and monitoring is not absolutely necessary.

It was during the pandemic that lots of people became aware of and comfortable with the practice of virtual medicine, understanding that for many medical exams and procedures, a visit to the doctor’s office wasn’t necessary. But abortion is quite different than an online interview about the symptoms one is experiencing of a cold, the flu, or even an irritating rash.

The removal of those guidelines, the screenings and examinations that accompanied the in person visit are all critical safety factors in a woman’s chemical abortion experience. They could mean the difference between her going home safely or bleeding to death on the way to the hospital.

Virtual clinics serve the interest of the abortion industry and line the pockets of the online abortion pill providers, but they are clearly not in the best interest of patients and surely not their unborn children.

- National Right to Life News, February 6, 2024

### 2024 Fundraising Dinner Reservations: Reservations due by **Friday, April 19, 2024.**

Yes, I (we) plan to attend this Fundraising Event. Number of seats: \_\_\_\_\_ Seat with: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I (we) plan to reserve a table of 10. Please list names of all those for whom table reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. Table seating will be determined by date of receipt of reservation.

I (We) are not able to attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support your pro-life efforts.

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## From the President's Desk



Dear Friends of Life,

Thomas Paine made his famous remarks in 1776: "these are the times that try men's souls!" The American Revolution still had years to go. It ended in 1789. Why do I mention this? Because we are living in these "trying times." Pro-life supporters may be despondent and discouraged by the events of the past 54 years. The attack on the family, the loss of human life from abortion to

Fentanyl overdoses, sex trafficking, the movement to redefine the sexes, the Euthanasia movement raising up again to promote assisted suicide. It is all very unsettling and depressing. These are challenging times, the future is unknown. It is important to place these issues in proper perspective.

Our world and its people have experienced these challenging times in the past - they have survived! We will also survive! Often, we want to be able to control events. But events will take on a life of its own and we are unable to keep control. One thing is for certain, especially for those of us who are believers, God is in control! He does not always expect us to understand but, He does expect us to fight for the "TRUTH." Today's events are even more reason to stay steadfast in our beliefs. We may not always succeed but we must never stop trying.

If we do not fight for the truth, who will? They can shut off our microphones, they can shut down our social media sites, they can infiltrate our schools, churches, government, and media sources, but they cannot take away our voice. We must share the truth within our homes and among our friends and family. Do not let your voice be silenced by the anti-life forces. Just as Thomas Paine spoke out in 1776; his life was full of strife, yet he worked hard to bring liberty to America. We, just as those brave citizens from the past, must continue to share our beliefs and promote the "truth"; abortion stops a beating heart and euthanasia drugs kill the sick and elderly.

So, stay focused and strong - do not become discouraged, it will only impede your work. We will get through this -but it will take time. Let go and let God do His work through you.

May we all have the fortitude to continue our pro-life work with joy!!

- Diane

*Happy Blessed Mother's Day to all our Pro-Life Mothers!*



## Volunteer Needed Book Angel

We are still looking for someone who can commit to volunteering once a month for our Used Book Depot in Livonia (7 Mile & Merriman). The Book Angel will help sort the books that come in from donors as well as keeping the Depot organized.

If this is something that you would like to help us with, please call Chris at the Main Office at 734-524-0162.

We need your help!

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protecting IVF patients and providers and practitioners from the legal liability imposed on them by the state Supreme Court ruling. The new legislation, which passed in the majority Republican Alabama House and Senate before Gov. Kay Ivey signed it into law, aims to provide civil and criminal immunity to providers, suppliers and patients for any destruction or damage to embryos. The legislation will apply retroactively. The new law does not address the issue of personhood at the heart of last month's unprecedented ruling, which prompted some providers to halt some IVF services, and experts say it's going to take more work to fully protect fertility services in the state.

Under the new law, "manufacturers of goods used to facilitate the in vitro process" or the "transport of stored embryos" also are provided with criminal immunity. Still, the law does not nullify the Supreme Court's analysis that says the law ought to treat embryos just like people.

There are those who are concerned that while the legislation protects providers from liability when it comes to the destruction of embryos, it could also insulate them from standard medical malpractice claims.

So, the situation in Alabama is that human embryos, created for In Vitro Fertilization treatments, are human persons and may not be destroyed, but the new law says that providers, suppliers and practitioners cannot be held legally liable if they do.

Strange world we live in.

D Trombley



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Have questions? Please contact Charles Kleinbrook at 248-352-9569 or [MrChip1234@aol.com](mailto:MrChip1234@aol.com)

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## *The Mommy Poet*



Do you know that feeling when you wake up in the middle of the night and it's cold and your diaper feels heavy?

And there are so many strange sounds all around you, and it's dark and scary.

And you get a hit in your head and it's your hand that's on its own adventure. And you can't control it at all and it flings itself around and scratches your face and pulls at your hair.

And your legs start kicking off the duvet, even though you're cold as it is and you try to make it stop, but they have their own will.

And so you're lying there completely helpless with flailing limbs that want to do everything, but none of the things you want.

And you can't find mom. And you call for her and you find yourself feeling really scared.

What if your beloved mom doesn't come for you?

You can't imagine anything worse and you start to cry because you miss her so terribly. You have never felt as alone as this very moment.

And then she is suddenly there. Standing right by your bed and looking at you with worry and love. And she is the most beautiful thing you've ever seen. And you grin up at her with happiness and relief. You don't think you've ever felt as happy as this very moment.

And she picks you up and holds you close. And she smells like herself, and also a bit like you.

Like milk and safety and love. And it's the best smell in the whole entire world.

And she is warm and safe and soft and her hands caress you and she feeds you and hums your favourite tune. And you love her voice. You've known it far longer than you've really known her. It has lulled you to sleep and made you laugh and calmed you when you were distressed. It is the most beautiful voice in the whole entire world.

And you get to lie right up against her and you feel your entire body start to warm up again. And your still cold hand starts stroking her and moves up towards her neck and accidentally scratches her. Stupid uncontrollable hand. But mom doesn't get angry. She takes your stupid hand in hers and it turns all warm again. And this is the best feeling in the world. Right here in mommy's arms, with your hand in hers. Even the diaper doesn't feel as horrible anymore.

And you feel your eyes getting heavy and you know that everything is okay now cause mommy is here. Your mom. Your wonderful, incredible mom who always looks after you. Night and day.

You look up at her one last time before you fall asleep. She looks tired and her eyes are closed, and yet she is still the most magnificent thing you know. How amazing that she wants to sit here with you in this moment. How amazing that she will always sit with you for a bit when you need her to.

You smile to yourself. How lucky you were that she became your mom. The most perfect mom anyone could have asked for.

You knew, even before you saw her, that she would be the best thing in the world.

Oh, how you love her. Your mom.

- Anonymous

## *Happy Mother's Day!*