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Gov. Nikki Haley Signs Law Outlawing Most Abortions. The bill, signed into law on May 25, is named the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

South Carolina has moved to stronger legal restrictions against abortion, with a bill banning most abortions after 19 weeks, due to evidence that unborn children can feel pain at that point. Gov. Nikki Haley signed the bill into law on May 25.

Bishop Robert Guglielmo of Charleston said the passage of South Carolina's latest pro-life bill marks "a truly great day... especially for the many children that will be saved by this important life-affirming legislation," the Charleston diocese's newspaper, *The Catholic Miscellany*, reported.

"This act will support not only the moral law, but also (the) proven scientific fact that unborn children feel pain by at least 20 weeks of development after fertilization," he added. "As the Holy Father has said, 'Let us say Yes to life and No to death.'"

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/south-carolina-legislature-passes-bill-to-ban-most-abortions-after-19-weeks/>



The Magee Project

Check out The Magee Project whose mission it is to change the hearts of the doctors and administration at Magee Women's Hospital here in Pittsburgh, so that this world famous hospital stops performing abortions.

Check in with The Magee Project FaceBook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMageeProject/?fref=ts>

Or sign-up for weekly email updates at TheMageeProject@gmail.com.

Euthanasia Rebranded



When you have to make up words to mask the inhumanity of what you are trying to defend, it may be time to seek out a new position.

However, that is exactly what euthanasia advocates are seeking to do by now referring to euthanasia as "dignicide." Read the article from the National Review at:

<http://www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism/435917/now-euthanasia->

LEGO Announces New Baby Mini-figure With Awesome Ultrasound Image



LEGO is tapping into the joy many parents experience when they see their unborn child for the first time on an ultrasound screen.

In an announcement for a new baby mini-figure this week, the toy company created a life-affirming graphic depicting a LEGO "baby in the womb." The company made the graphic look like a birth announcement coupled with a "photo" of the toy baby on an ultrasound screen. The hazy gray ultrasound "photo" shows the smiling "baby," its size and estimated birth date.

"It's a big day! The first ever LEGO baby mini-figure says HEY! to the world, arriving with the LEGO City 60134 Fun in the Park set, tomorrow June 1st!" the announcement reads.

The ad was well-received on social media, with many pro-lifers thanking the company for the life-affirming announcement. LifeNews.com 6/1/16

New Priceline Ad Mocks Adoption of Babies From Other Countries



The ad shows a young couple excitedly preparing a nursery and making plans to adopt a child from Eastern Europe. But when the couple comes back from the trip, they do not have a child. The commercial ends with the couple imagining what would have happened if they hadn't been able to see the child before the adoption. It shows a scruffy looking grown man in the couple's nursery, drinking beer and calling for "mommy" in a Eastern European accent.

Live Action News reports many adoptive families are upset by the commercial's mockery of adoption and its insensitivity to the unconditional love that many families show to orphans who are often rejected by others because of a physical or mental disability.

Link to the ad at: <http://www.lifenews.com/2016/02/19/new-priceline-ad-mocks-adoption-of-babies-from-other-countries-that-would-have-been-bad/>



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Sex Trafficking Victims Often Forced by Their Abusers to Have Multiple Abortions, One Had 17

The abuse of human trafficking victims comes in many forms, not the least of which is forced abortions. One woman who managed to escape from her abusers reported having 17 abortions while she was being trafficked. Her experience is just one of many in the United States and abroad.

Human trafficking, especially sex trafficking of young girls, has increasingly become a problem in the United States. The Department of State estimates that between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked to the U.S. annually. A survey by the U.S. Department of State found that 55 percent of sex trafficking victims had at least one abortion, with 30 percent having multiple abortions. More than half said they did not choose to abort their unborn child; their traffickers ordered them to, according to the survey.

Last March, pro-abortion Democrats in the U.S. Senate even blocked a bill to help human trafficking victims, simply because it would not pay for their abortions, *LifeNews* reported. Their objection was offensive to victims of human trafficking and millions of girls and young women around the world who are victimized by it, putting abortion ahead of meeting their needs.

The Obama Administration put abortion ahead of human trafficking twice — by denying a grant to the Catholic bishops to help victims because they wouldn't promote abortion and by refusing to investigate how the Planned Parenthood abortion business covered up potential cases of sex trafficking.

While the Obama administration extended the contract briefly, the bishops were notified that it would not be renewed. Instead, Obama officials awarded the grant to three other groups (Tapestri of Atlanta, Heartland Human Care Services of Chicago and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants of Washington) — even though the bishops have helped more than 2,700 victims with the funding.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/05/23/sex-trafficking-victims-often-forced-by-their-abusers-to-have-multiple-abortions-one-had-17/>

Vatican Defends Unborn at UN



The Vatican reminded world leaders there is no international right to abortion at a global summit in Istanbul this week. The Holy See rejected European proposals to create a new right to abortion under the Geneva

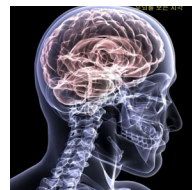
Conventions, also known as international humanitarian law or the laws of war.

Advocates for children conceived after sexual violence point out that the focus on aborting these children makes helping them and their mothers much harder. They report tens of thousands of such children suffer stigmatization and discrimination due to the circumstances of their births. Hundreds more are likely to suffer that fate who are being born as a result of violence by armed groups such as ISIS and Boko Haram.

The Holy See spoke out for these children, encouraging "religious institutions and Catholic organizations to accompany victims of rape in crises situations, who, in turn, need effective and ongoing psychological, spiritual and material assistance for themselves as well as their children, conceived and born of rape."

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https://c-fam.org/friday_fax/vatican-defends-unborn-un-world-summit/



Adult Stem Cells Provide Meaningful Recovery for Stroke Victims Dealing With Brain Damage

A study published in the journal *Stroke* "is creating significant buzz in the neuroscience community because the results appear to contradict a core belief about brain damage — that it is permanent and irreversible," according to Ariana Eunjung Cha of the *Washington Post*.

The preliminary research, which admittedly is tentative and involved only 18 patients, showed "meaningful" recovery. "These were patients who had significant motor deficits for six months or more," lead author Gary Steinberg told *UPI*. "People who had a hard time moving their arm or leg, or walking. People for whom we have no real treatment. But after the injections we saw improvement in all 18 patients, as a group, within a month. Within days some were lifting their arms over their head. Lifting their legs off their bed. Walking, when they hadn't in months or years. The results were very exciting." The findings are of direct interest to pro-lifers on several grounds.

For instance, contrary to the endless stream of hype about stem cells from human embryos, the cells for the patients were harvested from the bone marrow of adult donors. Medically a very simple procedure with no ethical problems.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2016/06/02/adult-stem-cells-provide-meaningful-recovery-for-stroke-victims-dealing-with-brain-damage/>