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IN THE NEWS:

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LifeSiteNews.com) - HHS Mandate: We've all heard about it, but what is it? The Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandate requires all employers to insure contraceptives, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs with no co-pay. The law does exempt churches specifically, but **not** religious institutions (i.e. hospitals, soup kitchens, universities, adoption agencies, etc). Unless your religious institution serves only those of the same faith (i.e. Methodists only serving Methodists, Catholics only serving Catholics, and so on), it would be required to pay for these "services" **even if they go against your religious beliefs**. On March 1, an amendment which would not compel an employer to fund any procedure to which it had a "moral objection" was voted down in the U.S. Senate. Of the vote, Dr. Richard Land, president of the [Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission](#) said, "Make no mistake, the Senate vote was not about contraception but about the right of people of faith to be able to live out the values of their faith free from government coercion."

Franklin Graham, son of the late Billy Graham, voiced concern that the new mandate was just the beginning of a larger effort to suppress religious liberties in the name of fighting "discrimination". Graham's charity, [Samaritan's Purse](#), delivers eight million gifts to underprivileged children each year at Christmastime. Despite the fact that it is headed by the son of the world's most famous evangelist, it does not qualify for a religious exemption under the Obama administration's rules. "We're not a church. We're a parachurch organization," he explained. The Obama administration's conscience clause protects only churches and other houses of worship.

Graham joins many of his Protestant brethren in urging defiance of unjust, anti-Christian measures.

The nation's Catholic bishops have vowed to close their religious institutions rather than comply with the HHS mandate. As a result, 120,000 beds would disappear from the U.S. health care system.

The closure of Catholic, Southern Baptist, and other religious institutions is but one element among many that critics say would reduce the supply of physicians and medical institutions once the president's health care reform is implemented—reducing supply while tens of millions of newly insured Americans swell demand. Richard Ralston, the executive director of [Americans for Free Choice in Medicine](#), told LifeSiteNews, "The only way they say

we're going to reduce spending is we're going to cut [government] reimbursement to providers and force more providers to provide services at below their cost. You don't need to have a Nobel Prize in economics to know the long-term impact of that is to drive providers out of medicine."

Schools, philanthropies, and orphanages affiliated with a religious denomination would also close down. South Carolina Congressman Trey Gowdy said at a House Oversight Hearing on February 16 that closing religious hospitals and schools "means government is gonna get bigger, because they're going to have to fill the void...and maybe that's what they wanted all along."

The White House, for their part, has reiterated that it will not revisit its plan to force religious employers to cover abortifacient drugs, birth control and sterilizations.

Lately, there have been reports about an abortion surcharge contained within President Obama's signature healthcare law. Here's how the provision essentially works: An individual enrolled in an insurance plan that covers abortions through an employer, by choice or even unknowingly, **must pay an added abortion surcharge of one dollar per month**. With no choice of opting out of the plan, paying for this abortion coverage is imposed whether an individual wants to or not. This amounts to you and I being forced to take twelve dollars a year to the local Planned Parenthood or other abortion mill, place the money in the blood-stained hands of the abortionist and say, "This is to help fund the killing of innocent unborn babies." Obamacare even contains a clause that prevents insurance plans from letting people know about the required abortion surcharge. [Take a look at the text of the law for yourself](#).

I now understand where a Catholic Bishop in Illinois was coming from when he said, "Hitler and Stalin, at their better moments, would just barely tolerate some churches remaining open, but would not tolerate any competition with the state in education, social services, and health care," he said. "In clear violation of our First Amendment rights, Barack Obama—with his radical, pro abortion and extreme secularist agenda, now seems intent on following a similar path."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

You Are Cordially Invited.... To our meetings! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month (except August)** at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Call 673-1437 for details.

40 Days for Life in Yuba City? YES! Join us in front of the Planned Parenthood on Palora Avenue the **last Wednesday of each month** from 4-5pm. For more information, call Heather at 751-9349.

Yuba-Sutter Fair: This year the fair will be from August 1-August 5. Did you know that Yuba-Sutter Right to Life has been the area's pro-life presence at the fair for **33 years**?! If you would like to join us in working at the booth, call Maureen at 673-1437 or email secretary@ysrtl.org.

IN THE NEWS CONTINUED:

WASHINGTON, D.C.—May 17, 2012 ([Jubilee Campaign](#)) - [H.R.3541, the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act \(PRENDA\)](#) is a bill that was introduced by Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ) that would prohibit the termination of a pregnancy based solely on the gender of the preborn child. A recent [Lozier Institute Fact Sheet](#) shows that sex-selection abortion is not merely done in countries like China or India, but is also done in the U.S. This fact was demonstrated by [Lila Rose's Live Action undercover video](#) in which a young woman tells a Planned Parenthood employee that she would like to have an abortion if her preborn child is a girl. The employee then encourages the woman to use her Medicaid to have an ultrasound to help determine the child's gender. Planned Parenthood quickly fired the employee once the tape was released but stated its job is to make available "high quality, confidential, nonjudgmental care to all who come." H.R.3541 would protect preborn girls from being killed simply because they are girls. The Jubilee Campaign is urging all Americans to voice support for H.R.3541 and to urge our representatives in Congress to vote YES when the bill comes up for a vote.

40 Days for Life Ends: Nearly 6,000 babies saved From abortion since 2007!

- 69 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry
- 23 abortion facilities completely shut down following 40 Days for Life campaigns
- Hundreds of women and men have been spared from the tragic effects of abortion, including a lifetime of regrets
- Many people with past abortion experiences have stepped forward to begin post-abortion healing and recovery

The next 40 Days for Life campaign will be September 26—November 4.....JOIN US!

A Woman's Friend Walk for Life Results:

The total amount raised thus far is \$69,220! The total number of people who participated in the walk is 272 (sponsored by 2,232 people). The top money-raisers are:

1. St. Isidore Catholic Church \$6,435.00
2. Glad Tidings \$4,995.00
3. St. Joseph's of Marysville \$3,061.00

A BIG thank you to all who participated and walked (or rocked) for life!



(Continued from previous column)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—May 22, 2012 (LifeSiteNews.com) - House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi slammed a measure to protect military chaplains from being forced to hold gay "weddings", saying that "there's nothing that says that chaplains act against their faith." Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services said, "While no one might be constrained to act against his or her conscience, you can also have a situation where someone in command makes it very, very difficult for that person, if the command wants him or her to act in a certain way." He went on to talk about a chaplain who asked, "Can I speak about this issue? And the commander told him, 'If you can't get in line (with the military policy in support of homosexuality), resign your commission.' So we have those kind of real life cases that the American public doesn't realize is going on."

April 26, 2012 (LifeSiteNews.com) - At the [International Conference for Life](#) on February 25th, several distinguished speakers addressed serious concerns regarding so-called "brain death", the apnea test and organ donation. At this conference, a new 29-page booklet produced by the [Life Guardian Foundation](#) containing crucial information to assist the public in making informed decisions about organ donation was introduced. Although parts of the Life Guardian Pamphlet are directed to Catholics who are considering becoming organ donors, there is also much medical/ethical information applicable to a more general audience.

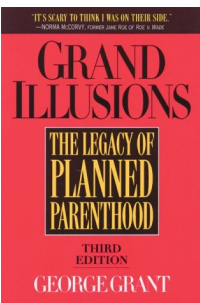
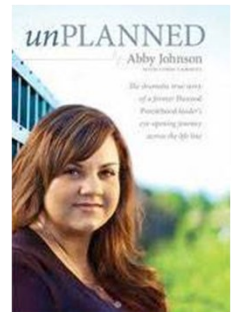
SUMMER PRO-LIFE READING LIST



Lime 5: Exploited by choice by Mark Crutcher -Mark Crutcher, president of [Life Dynamics](#), compiles a really amazing amount of research that totally shatters the “safe, legal, rare” illusion. It uncovers a sampling of the medical malpractice, poor medical conditions, sexual assault, mutilation of women, cover ups, corrupt courts, lies, distorted statistics, and pain that has marked the abortion industry. Every single page of this book documents gross injustice and immense pain. It is hard even to think of this book without weeping. This book reveals that abortion is truly a scourge and a horror to everyone it touches... there’s even a chapter that looks into the emotional toll the practice takes on clinic workers. Much of this book looks at the horrific injustice that accompanies abortion, things agreed on as evil and unjust by both sides of the issue. Definitely a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the abortion industry.

Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader’s Eye-

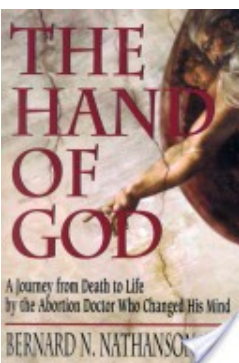
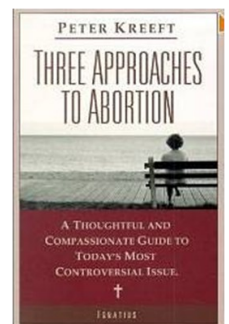
Opening Journey across the Life Line by Abby Johnson - This book has been gaining a lot of attention. It recounts the story of pro-life activist Abby Johnson and her involvement with Planned Parenthood. She began volunteering for Planned Parenthood in college, and eventually climbed her way up to become the director of a clinic in Texas. After viewing an ultrasound-guided abortion, she was moved to quit her job and went over to the nearby Coalition for Life, run by Shawn Carney. It very clearly shows the hand of God acting to change hearts, as a fruit of the fervent prayers of the Pro-life community.



Grand Illusions: The Legacy of Planned Parenthood by George Grant—This is a very important book. It thoroughly documents the history of Planned Parenthood from their earliest days as a branch off of the eugenics movement. It is a very eye-opening read. Every American should read this book. Our tax dollars are going to fund this monster!

Three Approaches to Abortion: A Thoughtful and Compassionate Guide to Today’s Most Controversial Issue

by Peter Kreeft—This book is divided into three sections: an essay on the morality of abortion, a “Pro-life motivational map”, and a typical dialogue between a Pro-lifer and a Pro-choicer. The characters in the dialogue are taken from his amazing and beautiful novel [An Ocean Full of Angels](#). You can view the first section of the book, “The Apple Argument Against Abortion” [here on his website](#) . This book is a must-read for anyone wishing to rationally defend their position on abortion. It lays out very clear and convincing logical and philosophical arguments against abortion.



The Hand of God: A Journey from Death to Life by Bernard Nathanson – This is the memoir of the late Dr. Bernard Nathanson, an abortion doctor who performed over 75, 000 abortions before switching sides. He was the co-founder of NARAL and a major figure in the history of legalized abortion. This book documents the events in his life that led up to his practice of abortion and what led him to become Pro-life, as well as diving deeply into many of the issues surrounding abortion. Bernard Nathanson was also the one who made the film *The Silent Scream* which details the abortion procedure and shows an ultrasound of an abortion.

WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE?



MITT ROMNEY



BARACK OBAMA

TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment.

"I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."

The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

ROE V. WADE & ABORTION

The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 54 million abortions since then.

"I support the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, because it is bad law and bad medicine. *Roe* was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."

"I am pro-choice. I believe in *Roe v. Wade*."

"With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since *Roe v. Wade*, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)

FUNDING FOR ABORTION PROVIDERS

Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.

"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."

On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.

OBAMACARE HEALTH CARE LAW

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.

"Obamacare will violate that crucial first principle of medicine: 'do no harm.'"

Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed.
(Statement on Mitt Romney's website)

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RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE

The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (S. 1487, H.R. 1179) would exempt institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.

"... on day one I will eliminate the Obama Administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."

The Obama Administration issued a "final rule" mandating that groups, including religious schools and hospitals, provide health insurance plans that cover certain drugs or procedures, even if it violates the groups' religious and moral convictions.