



Life Matters

Discussing life matters,
because life matters

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our meetings and events**

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Quieting Down Early

We continue to live under the restrictions of the pandemic. While lives were saved around the country during 40 Days for Life, it ended without a closing rally. We usually have another event or two before things would calm down for summer. But that's not the case this year.

If you signed up for the online pro-life training course, this would be a great time to go through it. We still plan to have in-person training, but we're not certain about the timing anymore.

Please pray that someone will help fill our need for our one open board position. We could use help in other areas as well.

- Coalition for Life of Iowa's Board of Directors

Upcoming Events

Second Tuesdays

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Fourth Tuesdays

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

CFLI Board Meetings (2nd Tuesdays)
& CFLI Working Meetings (4th Tuesdays)

Get involved in our organization!

Where: Online meetings.

More info: coalitionforlife@gmail.com

In-person gatherings called off until further notice!

June – July

Thursdays,

(assuming gathering limits are lifted by June)

Pro-Life Apologetics Class!

We plan to offer a pro-life apologetics class where we will step through the Equal Rights Institute’s Equipped for Life class! It’s an amazing course that many of our members already have access to online. We recognize the added benefit of watching the course together, discussing what we learned, and a chance to practice what we’ve learned.

UPDATE: We can’t be sure whether this will happen in June and July or at some later date. We are committed to doing this. So we will know more once the pandemic situation is no longer a concern.

JOHN PAUL II MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Ethical Vaccines

I've been wanting to write about ethical vaccines for a while, and found that a Facebook Post by the [John Paul II Medical Research Institute](#) summarized most of what I wanted to say at this time. There are some other points I may include in a future article. This is their post.

[Answer to FAQ to COVID-19](#)

By Alan Moy MD

Are there current vaccines in development that are using cell lines from aborted fetal cells?

As I stated in my post today, most of the COVID-19 vaccines are based on subunit approaches because they are easy to design. Subunit vaccine produce viral proteins indirectly by using synthetic nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), which do not require cultured cells; or can be directly synthesized using a cultured cell. Human cell lines are typically preferred to produce viral proteins,

but they carry a moral controversy because the only available human cell lines in the past were derived from past abortions. Non-human cells, which are free of moral controversy, can be used but they produce suboptimal vaccines because the resulting protein is not fully human. Any vaccine based on an adenovirus platform uses an aborted fetal cell (either HEK293 or PERC6). The following is a list of biopharmaceutical companies and academic centers (as well as the Institute's vaccine program) that are developing a COVID-19 vaccine.

1. Moderna - mRNA-1273 – a mRNA vaccine-based on synthetic RNA. It is cell free.
2. China's CanSino Biologics - adenovirus-based viral vector vaccine - uses an aborted cell line.
3. Inovio – DNA based vaccine-cell free
4. Johnson and Johnson – adenovirus-based platform – uses the PERC6 cell line.
5. University of Pittsburgh - recombinant subunit vaccine based on HEK293 cell.
6. Sanofi - RNA vaccine, partnership with Translate Bio, cell free.
7. Sanofi - recombinant protein, partnership with Protein Sciences, uses a SF9 insect cell.
8. JP2MRI and Cellular Engineering Technologies – subunit recombinant protein, cord blood and placenta cells.
9. JP2MRI and Cellular Engineering Technologies – live attenuated vaccine based on cord blood and placenta cells.

As more vaccine candidates appear on the radar screen, we will post them.

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Government Update

Governor Reynolds issued an order in March to permit only essential medical procedures to occur. Any non-essential procedures were supposed to stop. Planned Parenthood took the matter to court. Lawyers on both sides came to an agreement that would permit the abortionists to determine what is “essential”, since there isn’t a legal definition for essential medical procedures.

Some states pointed to other sources for the definition of essential. But without a definition, it made it so abortion continued in large numbers. In Council Bluffs, Planned Parenthood was packing so many clients into their business that they started parking in the pro-life center across the street! Not only was Planned Parenthood doing non-essential work, and they were using resources that could have been used better in the real medical field, but they packed so many clients into their small building that their parking lot couldn’t hold all the vehicles of their clients. It’s unacceptable in

such times that they would act against public health like that.

It’s very likely that both Planned Parenthood, the Emma Goldman abortion clinic, their lawyers, and the media would have spun the news to look like they are victims if any attempt was made to clarify what “essential” is, and that elective abortions are by their very nature elective (thus non-essential).

It would have been nice to require the abortionists to justify each abortion as essential, even if the justifications could come after things return to normal. That may have made them more cautious about how many abortions they continued to perform.

Any further legal challenges would go through our state courts, which inevitably end up at the Iowa Supreme Court, which tends to side with the abortion industry. This further reinforces the need for the Life Amendment. It’s still up for consideration during the

current and extended legislative session.

The Attorney General of Iowa is Tom Miller. He [joined 20 other state attorneys general](#) who signed a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requesting that the restrictions be lifted on abortions that are done using the deadly RU-486 pills.

Yes, pregnancy and raising children have risks. But we shouldn’t “solve” problems by killing innocent children! If a child is prone to ear infections and needs to see a doctor, that might be considered non-essential. And as these medical procedures start up again, it means some people may take on some risk to care for their children. But that’s the way life works.

Planned Parenthood managed to prove that an executive order cannot stop ANY business activity, because no one knows what is “essential”.



Our Needs



Some people hate to ask for money or other resources. I think that makes sense if the cause isn't a worthy one. But I don't mind asking for money when it comes to pro-life activities, because I know it's a matter of life and death, literally.

A few months ago, we invited our members to sign up for lifetime access to the best pro-life apologetics we've ever encountered. It's an online program, which is ideal for times like this. But it also cost us quite a bit to offer it at no cost to our members. We also made plans to enhance the training by having training sessions in person this summer that are very likely going to be delayed.

We continue to participate in 40 Days for Life, which has some costs of its own. We get a good rate on the billboards we've used to get the pro-life message out to the public, but it's still costly.

In short, we've incurred a great deal of costs going into this year, and our main fundraiser will not happen this year.

For many years, we've honored mothers by offering real, long-stemmed roses on Mother's Day for a donation. It's always a joy to watch people pick out the perfect rose for their mothers, grandmothers, and wives. It has been our biggest annual fundraiser.

But this year, we **WILL NOT** offer roses. Church services are not happening at the places we have done this in the past. Even if they resumed, we know people will want to minimize contact and minimize having what one person touched reach hundreds of people.

This means we have significant costs and very little money coming in. We could use your financial help. We know there are many other causes that are in need, and that many of you may

have financial challenges of your own. Some people have lost their jobs, and some have had pay cuts. If you are unable to help at this time, that's okay; we just hope you remember us when you are able to contribute financially.

If you are able to contribute at this time, one of the easiest ways to donate is by [donating online](#). If you would rather send a check, then write it to the Coalition for Life of Iowa and send it to the address on the last page of this newsletter.

The lack of roses also means that as May 10th approaches, people will need to find other ways to honor their mother. We hope to be able to provide the roses again next year.

We want to be able to provide the full range of activities and promotion of life. But in order to do that, we need your help. Thanks for considering us in your giving.



Selling Baby Body Parts

Information has come out with some details about how much money one Planned Parenthood affiliate made in just a few months of selling the body parts of the children they kill in abortions. In just 3 months, one affiliate made \$25,000. In one year, that would come to roughly \$100,000.

Since the law prohibits making a profit, Planned Parenthood would only be allowed to provide parts at cost or take a loss. Considering that the middleman buyer would embed their employees at the Planned Parenthood sites, there couldn't be much cost, if any for Planned Parenthood. So there's a concern that the cost billed is pure profit or whether there is somehow \$100,000 of cost associated with just 3 months of having someone else do all of the work.

Some pro-lifers have questioned why Planned Parenthood would want to do anything at cost. This gives Planned Parenthood the

benefit of the doubt and assumes they bill up to their costs.

Indeed, the "cost" per facility is enough for a part-time or minimum-wage employee. When one considers how typical Planned Parenthood sites can sometimes operate with between 1-10 employees in many cases, what business would hire an extra person to do something that brings in NO profits? I think I have an answer.

On its own, even if the costs really did match up with what they are charging, I HIGHLY doubt that anyone outside of the abortion industry considered the normal disposal cost of the dead bodies. Planned Parenthood had to pay for the disposal of the bodies before. But when they can have someone pay them for whatever costs they incur, Planned Parenthood could avoid disposal fees.

It's too easy for Planned Parenthood to interpret the law as

only accounting for the costs to acquire and transport the specimens. But when Planned Parenthood would have otherwise had disposal costs, and if those costs aren't subtracted from their compensation, then Planned Parenthood stands to gain a great deal (profit).

I think the videos David Daleiden made helps with this point. Someone from Planned Parenthood admits they are just one incinerator away from having a disposal issue. A pro-life group in Ohio caught that detail and boycotted medical waste companies that did business with Planned Parenthood. The idea was to get them backed up on the disposal side of their business. They had some effect, but other companies are found each time they lose a provider.

So even if the costs appear valid, and that's a big if, Planned Parenthood reduces their costs.

Pro-Life Challenge



Prayers

Please pray for God to work in the lives people.

In particular:
 Jenifer (pro-lifer with health issues);
 Çantana (pro-lifer);
 St. Louis, MO PP;
 State of Iowa

VOLUNTEER



Help Us!

Use your skills to help pro-life efforts, and invite friends and family to attend our events. Invite them to help us out. Many hands make for light work!



Abortion-Free!

Although this is just temporary, the state of South Dakota has become abortion-free due to the virus situation. Some states have abortion providers who have gone against government orders, while others might adhere with the orders. But South Dakota is different.

Having prayed at an abortion site in the Dakotas, I learned long ago that the abortionists for both North Dakota and South Dakota fly in from other states like Minnesota. They lack enough demand for abortion and lack a supply of abortionists to have their own abortionists living in those states.

When other states issued stay-at-home orders, it prevented

abortionists from traveling to South Dakota to perform abortions.

As states open up, abortionists will again flow into the state. So, it's not a time to get too excited. But it's great to see at least a temporary situation where abortions are not happening in an entire state.

Missouri was down to just one abortion provider, and they stopped taking reservations for abortions. They referred abortion clients over the border to Illinois. Despite claiming to still perform abortions, Missouri is also in a relatively de-facto abortion-free state.

We will see that states don't NEED abortion!

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