

Prolife in Brief

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**Life is a
Gift!**

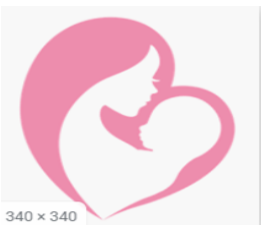
**Your Life is
a Gift!**

**Annual
Prolife**

Plant Sale

Sold Out!

Thank You



***Motherhood is a
gift and a loving
trust. A gift not
to be taken
lightly.***

Abortion Over the Counter?

Planned Parenthood leaders are preparing for the possible unavailability of mifepristone. This drug is the first of 2 drugs currently used to abort a child. Mifepristone blocks progesterone to the uterus by breaking down the uterine lining. Misoprostol, the second drug, empties the uterus and expels the child.

Planned parenthood's response to limiting the use of Mifepristone, will be to skip the mifepristone if it becomes unavailable, and to use misoprostol. Misoprostol induces labor and begins the process of expelling the child. Currently, most abortions are performed chemically using these drugs. Banning mifepristone will not stop Planned Parenthood from performing abortions. They will use the second drug, Misoprostol by itself.

Abortion Pill to Litigation: The safety and legality of mifepristone was heard first by a federal court in Texas that ruled it illegal to sell Mifepristone. A Florida appeals court ruled to keep mifepristone on the market but imposed restrictions: banning telemedicine prescriptions, mail delivery, pharmacy dispensing of the pill and blocking the sale of the generic version. The DOJ and the President requested that mifepristone be legal and distributed through the mail. The Supreme Court instead ordered a stay. The case will go back to the appeals court. The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments on May 17. Those bringing actions, argue the drug is dangerous and the FDA approved the drug without sufficient testing. The pharmaceutical company, Danco, manufacturer of the drug, wants current regulations kept, privacy of employees upheld, and safeguards for their proprietary information. Danco's, company's headquarters is located in New York City. The drug is actually produced in a European facility. It is heartless, cruel, and sinful to allow either of the drugs. **American Life League, AP 04/13 &14/2023, EWTN Nightly News.**

The Missouri Catholic Conference

The Missouri Catholic Conference reports: " Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, provided a statement which spoke to the dangers of chemical abortions." The statement is available at mocatholic@mocatholic.com or usccb.org. In summary the report speaks to the dangers of the drug to the mother. The use of the drug can result in 2 deaths, mother, and child." **Abortion Drug Ruling: MO April 13, 2023**



Military and Abortion

Senator Tommy Tuberville (Alabama) put the Department of Defense on notice for its illegal change of the military's policy on Abortion. In a letter to Secretary Austin, he stated that the new military policy to provide abortions at any time during a pregnancy for military personnel and their dependents has resulted in abortions increasing from 20 to 4,500 per year. He goes on to tell the military that the legislature must initiate any policy on abortion not a government agency.

UPDATE: The Senate rejected a Republican effort on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 to reverse a Department of Veterans Affairs policy that has expanded some abortion services to veterans. The Senate voted 51-48 not to scrap the expanded abortion services. The 51-48 vote assured that VA medical centers provide abortion when the life of the mother is at risk or in the case of incest or rape. Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop of the Archdioceses of the Military responded with a scathing letter against this policy as it called for tax payers funding abortions, travel to abortion facilities, and no conscientious protections for medical staff. (EWTN)

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The Border Crisis and Abortion

Senator Matt Rosendale reported on **EWTN ProLife Weekly** that the Southern Border is filled with trash among which is packaging from abortion drugs and contraceptives. The drugs are illegal in Mexico and must be coming in through the Black Market.

He also reported that 20 States' Attorney Generals have begun legal action and Walgreens has pulled back on the selling mifepristone, the abortion drug in prolife states. Not only are there issues with in the states of legality but potential lawsuits relative to the drug's potential side effects. Rosendale cautions citizens to be alert to the president's fondness for circumventing the law by executive order.(EWTN)



REPUBLICAN CATHOLIC SENATORS?

Susan Collins of Main and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska are moderate Republicans but hold that abortion is necessary. Both have favored the codification of Roe v Wade into Federal Law and the Installing of the equal Rights amendment as part of the constitution. (This action would include a right to abortion.) So, it is important to know the Senators not just by their faith but by their voting records. (EWTN)



Florida a ProLife State

Anna Paulina Luna is a Florida Senator, 13th District. She has spoken out against abortion and clarified the issue by explaining that it is not about the "Right to Choose" but What Constitutes Life. Florida passed a 15 week limit on abortion followed by a 6 weeks limit. However, the 15 week law is in litigation and the outcome could affect the 6 week limit.

Be Alert

It is getting trickier to recognize legislation that negatively impacts the right to life. The ERA Amendment calls for equality among the sexes but actually allows abortion. In Missouri 11 requests for petitions contained confusing wording.

