

## IRELAND EMBRACES THE KILLING OF THE CHILDREN

The media coverage of triumphant young women in Ireland, celebrating the referendum result endorsing legal abortion is nothing short of sickening! The words of Christ came to mind – “Father forgive them because they know not what they do!” Have they not thought seriously about what an abortion is?

Have any of them ever carried a child in their womb? How could they have felt the child kicking in their womb and still endorse abortion?

And this goes for the New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern soon to give birth – and on record as being in favour of legalised abortion “as a right for women!”

What was especially offensive was the venom expressed towards the Catholic Church in Ireland. One writer in the UK’s Daily Telegraph – told of why she left Ireland because of the Catholic Church – saying that the abortion vote would be a “nail in the coffin” of the Catholic Church in Ireland. She got it wrong! It is a dagger in the heart of a tiny child – and not so tiny at times – being cruelly killed by an abortionist – all in the name of choice for women!

We don’t have the choice to kill our born children!

Especially ironic were two articles in the Melbourne “Age” newspaper last week. The first (24/5/18) was written by a woman who was referred to as a “human rights” lawyer!

It was so bitter – full of venom for those who oppose abortion. She spoke of the act of abortion as though it was a deeply personal decision about a medical procedure. If that was all it was about – well certainly it would be deeply personal and no more of anyone’s business.

But – as well all know – it is not so simple! It involves the deliberate killing of a small human baby. That is why the furore, over the killing has never gone away!

By contrast – the next day in “the Age” (25/5/18) was a moving article about miscarriages and about the grief suffered by the women and several friends who had lost babies in the womb. Especially sad was the story of a friend who had lost a baby at 19 weeks who she thinks of every day – she has named him. After I had read these two articles – one day after the other, in the same newspaper – I thought – have they gone mad!?

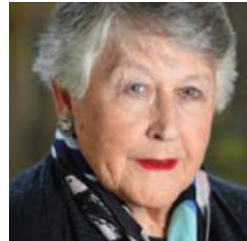
Margaret Tighe

## Two good news stories from Canada

Alex Schadenberg from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition emailed supporters about a companion organisation called Compassionate Community Care (CCC) – which provides assistance concerning end-of-life medical conditions. CCC believes that all human life should be equally respected until natural death.

Recently, in May 2018 CCC received a phone call from a woman  
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## Letter from the President



Margaret Tighe

Dear Friends,

I’m sure that most of you felt sickened by the jubilant behaviour of so many Irish people celebrating the result of their referendum on abortion!

**How could they join in celebrating a national decision to declare war on children in the womb?**

The New York Times - never a friend of the pro-life movement – described the vote triumphantly – as a “rebuke to Catholic conservatism!”

Not surprising – but they got it wrong! The only losers in this vote are human babies lying trustingly in their mothers’ wombs – awaiting the cruel tools of the abortionist.

And the second losers are the mothers and fathers themselves – many of whom carry life-long regret at the loss of their child – sad victims of a cruel society. One young woman wrote to us recently having had an abortion – followed by pressure to have a subsequent one.

She told of the grief at the abortion and the joy she now experiences from her baby boy.

And angrily she asks – “Why are they so available?”

And, the answer is because of man’s inhumanity to man!

Margaret Tighe, PRESIDENT

Do you have fundraising, public relations or social media strategy skills? We need to progress our organisation in these areas to enable us to compete in the environment we face. Are you interested in becoming a voluntary Committee member with Right to Life Australia? The commitment is: a meeting held in Melbourne once a month for 2 hours approximately, usually last Tuesday of month at 6 pm. If you would like more information please contact Michael Fewster, Secretary at [officeadmin@righttolife.com.au](mailto:officeadmin@righttolife.com.au)

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## DEPRAVED HUMANITY EXHIBITED INTO ART FORM

On 14 April 2018 an exhibition opened at Sydney's Moore Park's Byron Kennedy Hall (Fox Studios) named 'Real Bodies: The Exhibition'. This is running until early October. The display contains 20 human bodies in a range of bizarre and grotesque poses (such as playing basketball, a game of chess, sitting in a chair, etc) and around 200 body parts, which have gone through a process called 'plastination' to preserve them indefinitely.

However, while Dalian Medical University Biology Plantation in China, who supplied the corpses and body parts for the exhibition, insist the entire thing is above board, it appears only a handful of people are asking the obvious question, "Well, verify it then."

And this is something that the Federal and NSW State Governments are not requiring the exhibitors to do. Spokesperson for the exhibition, CEO Tom Zaller, will only state that the corpses on display have died from "natural causes", are "unclaimed bodies", and "have been willingly provided by the Chinese police authority".

Are we so naïve? Or is it because we just want to look the other way? Because the facts are:

1. The 'plastination' factory, where the bodies come from, is situated in close proximity to three Chinese prison camps. These prisoners are predominantly of Falun Gong practitioners, home church Christians, Tibetans and other people of faith. They have been classified as Communist Party dissenters, with a possible death sentence.
2. The lack of transparency surrounding executions and the treatment of prisoners in China makes it nearly impossible to determine the validity of any claims that the bodies received from the Chinese police, actually died of "natural causes".
3. By law, in China, "unclaimed bodies" can only be released after 30 days. The plastination process requires fresh bodies, within 24 – 48 hours.
4. It is also nearly impossible to determine the validity of any consent forms provided by those who buy and sell the human bodies and body parts that comprise of the 'Real Bodies: The Exhibition'.
5. Those persons who are faced with imminent execution in Chinese prisons are not necessarily in a position to provide free and informed consent as to whether or not they want their organs extracted or their bodies turned into plastic.
6. All the bodies on display are Chinese, between the ages of 20 -35 years of age, and appear to have died in good health.

Imagine Exhibitions, the company that brought 'Real Bodies: The Exhibition' to Sydney, should have been required by the Australian Health Department to have provided all documentations, including death certificates (stating the person's name and cause of death) and consent of each deceased person being exhibited. This is the law when bringing deceased persons into Australia, whether for the purpose of science or art.

The exhibition is a monstrous evil. All human beings, whether they are alive or dead, should be treated with the utmost dignity.

If we are willing to treat the dead in this manner, there is little hope for us to respect the living.

For more information about the Real Bodies Exhibition, and a chance to sign petition to stop it, go to

<https://www.change.org/p/shut-down-real-bodies-exhibition-in-sydney-australia-respect-human-life>

Trevor Grace (SA) [www.alllivesequal.org](http://www.alllivesequal.org)



Plastinated corpse of pregnant woman with unborn baby  
<http://mb.ntd.tv/inspiring/life/plastinated-pregnant-lady-exposes-bloody-controversy-of-body-exhibits-who-was-she.html>



"All Lives Equal" – Trevor Grace speaking at press conference outside exhibition

**UK Prime Minister** @10DowningStreet

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"The Irish Referendum yesterday was an impressive show of democracy which delivered a clear and unambiguous result. I congratulate the Irish people on their decision and all of #Together4Yes on their successful campaign." – PM @theresa\_may #repealedthe8th

9:45 PM - 27 May 2018

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Well might British Prime Minister Teresa May praise the Irish for their vote in favour of the killing of babies in the womb. The push started in 1968 with the passage of the UK Abortion Act!

## NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VOTE

The final vote on the bill to ban protests outside abortion clinics was 26 for and 12 against- a disappointing result.

The bill will now go to the Legislative Assembly where it will be finally voted on and become law if passed. It is up to us to apply more pressure on NSW MPs which we have been encouraging our supporters to do. At time of going to press the vote in the Assembly had not taken place.

We salute our Warriors in the Legislative Council of NSW! The following are excerpts from speeches in the NSW Legislative Council on Thursday 24 May 2018 prior to the passage of the Public Health Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2018.

### Speeches of our Great Warriors in NSW Parliament PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT (SAFE ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CLINICS) BILL 2018 (SHARPE)

Thursday 24 May 2018 – Legislative Council – Parliament of New South Wales file:///C:/Users/User/Documents/HANSARD-1820781676-76569.pdf



#### Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE (11:43):

"...The Hon. Lou Amato referred to the abortion clinic that operates in a white building just across the road from Parliament House. How do I know that abortions are performed there? There is no sign on the building and, as far as I know, there is no requirement for a registered list of abortion clinics in Sydney or in New South Wales. A few years ago I was contacted by people who work in that building. They told me that at one stage the sewerage pipes in the building were blocked and the toilets could not be used. They had to get plumbers in to find out what was blocking the sewerage pipes. Members would be disgusted to know that it was baby body parts—little arms, little legs, parts of bodies or babies that had been aborted just across the road in that white building. This bill is seeking to stop Australians who have a strong belief in the sanctity of life from even saying hello or smiling at people or from walking into the area". "...The Public Health Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2018 is the most draconian bill I have ever seen. It seeks to create a 150 metre so called safe access zone, a no go zone. I have asked what would happen if some members of Parliament walked there. We may be within the 150-metre radius of that building without doing anything because it is across the road from Parliament House.".....



#### The Hon. LOU AMATO (11:27):

"...Yesterday I had a meeting with three young women in their early twenties who are worried that this Parliament wants to throw them into prison. ...."Many women who attend abortion clinics are deeply distressed. Most wish that there could be another option and are unaware that other options exist. To make up for the utterly disgraceful failures of government to provide these women with at least the knowledge of other options,

there are some young women who offer street counselling and support. These women receive no payment and do not intimidate or harass. They do not judge or wear distinctive clothing, and they do not distribute any printed material. All they do is offer to talk to any woman who needs support before entering an abortion clinic. They perform this work as exemplary citizens who do nothing more than support women to make informed choices. They even obtained a section 1 from police before offering street counselling services. Yes, they are pro-life and are aware that abortion causes hurt to women. But they never force their opinion upon anyone. If a woman takes up their offer of help, they give it freely; if a woman declines their help, they wish them a good day—nothing more.".....



#### The Hon. MATTHEW MASON-COX (17:30):

"...Clearly, any protester who dares to breach the bill's arbitrary 150-metre exclusion zone outside an abortion clinic would do so at their peril. But what if the woman contemplating an abortion is accompanied by her partner or perhaps her mother, sister or father—or anyone else for that matter—who is trying to support her and talk to her about her options? Could they fall foul of the provisions of this bill? The answer is clearly yes. Clause 98D of the bill says a person who is in a safe access zone must not make a communication that relates to abortions by any means that is reasonably likely to cause distress or anxiety to a person accessing or leaving a clinic at which abortions are provided. A simple statement by a family member or friend within a safe access zone to the effect of "Are you sure about having this abortion? You may have other choices. Do you realise what these choices might be?" is to be criminalised.

Is silencing people through fines and imprisonment a balanced response to what can be best characterised as a law and order issue? This bill apparently thinks so. Just picture a pregnant woman's mother by her side, holding her hand, pleading with her to keep the baby, whilst impeding her access to the abortion clinic. Would this mother fall foul of this bill? Yes. Just read clause 98C. Whilst the bill may be well intentioned—and I see the intentions of the proponents of the bill, cloaked as it is in the rights and vulnerability of women confronting one of the most sensitive decisions of their lives—it is clearly poorly designed. It is a blunt instrument with a range of unintended consequences.".....



#### The Hon. DAVID CLARKE (16:48)

"...Mr Christopher Brohier, barrister at law and member of the South Australian and Australian Capital Territory bars, has addressed the issue of exclusion zone laws in an analysis paper, in which he said that Australian political discourse is full of examples of people seeking by communications to dissuade others from acting on legal decisions or for legally legitimate purposes—for example, anti logging and other environmental protests in Tasmania, as in the Brown v Tasmania decision in October 2017. As that case recognised, such protests have a vital part in the exchange of ideas, can lead to changes in the law and are key to democracy. They are generally at sites that are relevant to the issue: protests in relation to logging are at logging sites, as this has a communicative power. To prohibit communication simpliciter in proximity to a place relevant

to the issue of concern is to significantly silence public debate. As stated in the case of *Tajjour v State of New South Wales* in 2014, that is not compatible with representative government, because: The end of quelling a political controversy or of handicapping political opposition would not answer that description.

The functioning of representative democracy requires electors to be able to seek to dissuade others from legal courses of conduct in an effort to bring about change. A purpose that aims to outlaw such conduct is not compatible with representative democracy. According to *Australian Capital Television Pty Ltd v Commonwealth*, to exclude peaceful, non disruptive communications within 150 metres of a clinic is to “directly exclude potential participants in the electoral process from access to an extremely important mode of communication with the electorate”. We should be very clear where the law currently stands on exclusion zones. On 17 October 2017 in the case of *Brown v Tasmania*, which involved former Federal Greens leader, the High Court ruled that the central anti protest provisions of the challenged legislation were unconstitutional because they impermissibly burdened the freedom of political communication implied in the Commonwealth Constitution.”.....



**The Hon. PAUL GREEN (16:01)**

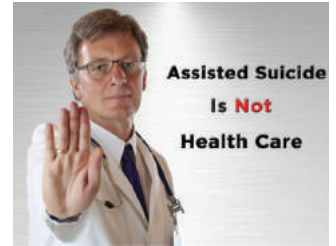
“....I turn now to my own experiences as a young nurse prior to my having full Christian convictions. I was working in a hospital that offered that service to women. I remember, as a young man, hearing a little heartbeat on the monitor, and then it was no more. That affected me in a way that meant I could not do what were known as “TOPs”, or termination of pregnancies, or “D and Cs”, which is dilation and curettage. These relate to women’s health. The procedure that really disturbed me was to see what were called “the products” of a D and C and what they were put through. I will not go into detail because it is quite distressing. My experiences as a nurse changed my view. I reflect on that. Many women reflect on their choices, over time. I have known of women who have had abortions who think about that child every year—who would they be, what would they be like? It would not get much harder than to be reflecting for a lifetime on that choice. I just want to make sure that women are given every choice, because a lot of women feel they have no choice. Because of my experiences as a nurse, I decided to add my voice for the unborn.”.....

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in California who wanted to die by assisted suicide. The woman stated that she did not have a terminal condition but she was living with chronic pain. Due to the change in the status of the California assisted suicide act she wanted to discuss ways to die by suicide. The woman shared that she volunteered for a service that helped people who have experienced abuse. After an in-depth conversation she agreed that living life helping others was meaningful, she changed her mind about suicide and decided to volunteer more of her time.

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director Euthanasia Prevention Coalition also spoke to the mother of a child who almost died by Sudden Infant Death Syndroms (SIDS) many months ago. This was described in the EPC May 2018 newsletter. Compassionate

Community Care helped the mother receive medical treatment and services. The child was originally considered “nearly brain dead” but her daughter reacts, plays, smiles and has developed a non-verbal form of communication. The good news is the child was brought home on 25 May 2018!



*Photo: Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*

**KEEPING UP A TIRELESS CAMPAIGN IN NSW**

We extend our congratulations to the pro-life WeSupportWomen NSW political action campaign, Right to Life New South Wales, MLCs and other groups who worked tirelessly to oppose the “Censorship” Zones bill in the NSW Legislative Council. We continue to oppose this bill in the Legislative Assembly.



*Young pro-lifers protest against Sharpe/Khan bill*

**A CHANGE FOR THE GOOD – DENOUNCING EXCLUSION ZONES!**



**Neil Burgess MLA, Member for Hastings, Victoria**

*in Hansard, Parliament of Victoria Thurs 10 May 2018, page 1316* [https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/daily-hansard/Assembly\\_2018/Assembly\\_Daily\\_Extract\\_Thursday\\_10\\_May\\_2018\\_from\\_Book\\_5.pdf](https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/daily-hansard/Assembly_2018/Assembly_Daily_Extract_Thursday_10_May_2018_from_Book_5.pdf)

Mr Burgess - “On another important matter, I would like to put on record my change of mind on the government’s exclusion-zone laws.

*At the time the bill was debated I found the argument for keeping people with different views on such an emotional topic separate compelling, but my training as an officer of the court has prevailed in circumstances where my conscience should have. After discussing these laws with a range of people, including Kathy Clubb, it has become apparent to me just how damaging these laws are.”*

## The Extent of Abortion in Australia

*An article published online by ABC health reporter Olivia Willis, ABC – Sat 26 May 2018* “However, there is still significant opposition to abortion from parts of the community, including groups such as **Right to Life Australia who say “abortions shouldn’t be allowed, because they violate the right to life of the pre-born child”**. The article outlines Abortion laws by state and territory: (we have adjusted wording)

### Queensland

In Queensland, abortion remains a crime under the Criminal Code Act 1899 (when the state’s laws referring to abortion were written). Abortion, however, is lawful in Queensland when a doctor believes a woman’s physical and/or mental health is in serious danger. This is how women in Queensland currently access abortions. Last year, independent MP Rob Pyne introduced two private member’s bills to decriminalise abortion but at the last minute, withdrew the bills, after Liberal MPs indicated they would not support them. Instead, the existing laws were referred to the Queensland Law Reform Commission, which is expected to provide a report to the Queensland Attorney-General by 30 June 2018.

### New South Wales

Abortion has been a criminal offence in New South Wales since 1900 and remains in the NSW criminal code today. Unlawfully procuring an abortion is punishable by up to 10 years’ imprisonment. However, like in Queensland, doctors in NSW can administer abortions legally if they believe continuing a pregnancy is a risk to a woman’s physical or mental health. A legal precedent set in 1971 means social and economic factors may also be taken into consideration.

Last year, a bill to decriminalise abortion, introduced by Greens MP Mehreen Faruqi, was voted down in NSW parliament.

A proposal to create 150-metre “safe access” zones around abortion clinics in NSW passed the state’s upper house in late May 2018 and will be introduced into the House of Assembly next month (June 2018). If it passes the lower house the bill would make it illegal to protest outside abortuaries.

### Victoria

Abortion is legal in Victoria in the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. After 24 weeks, it is still legal, but requires the approval of two doctors. The doctors must agree it is in the patient’s best interests, based on her current and future physical, psychological, and social circumstances.

Abortion “buffer zone” laws passed in 2015 make it illegal for protester within 150 metres of an abortion clinic. This same law applies in Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

### Tasmania

Abortion is legal in Tasmania in the first 16 weeks of pregnancy. After 16 weeks, it is still legal, but requires the approval of two doctors. In recent months, **pressure has been mounting on the State Government** to improve access to surgical abortions in Tasmania, after **the closure of the state’s only dedicated abortion clinic** in January.

Since abortions can only be provided in the state’s public health

system in extraordinary circumstances (eg in cases of foetal abnormality), the vast majority of women who access pregnancy termination services do so through the private sector.

But there are **very few health professionals** currently providing termination services in Tasmania. In response to the clinic’s closure, the Tasmanian Government extended its travel assistance scheme to women who are referred to Melbourne by their GP for surgical abortions.

### South Australia

Abortion is legal up to 28 weeks in South Australia if two doctors agree a woman’s physical or mental health is endangered by pregnancy, or if there is a risk the child is likely to be born with a serious abnormality.

Abortions must be performed in a hospital (or prescribed facility) and the pregnant woman must be a resident of South Australia. In an emergency, these provisions may be waived.

Under South Australian law, a woman can be charged for obtaining an “unlawful” abortion.

### Western Australia

Abortion is legal in Western Australia up to 20 weeks into pregnancy, though some restrictions apply. Women must be given the opportunity to participate in counselling before a termination can be performed. Women under 16 years of age require one parent to be informed.

After 20 weeks, a woman must receive approval from two doctors from a statutory panel of six (appointed by the Health Minister) who agree the woman, or her foetus, has a “severe medical condition” that justifies the procedure.

The procedure can then only go ahead in a medical facility approved by the Minister.

### Australian Capital Territory

Abortion is legal in the ACT, but it must be provided by a medical doctor in an approved medical facility.

The ACT Greens have recently pushed for women in Canberra to be able **to order abortion drugs over the phone or through their GP** to have at-home medical abortions.

In the ACT, protest-free “privacy zones” were **introduced in 2015**, making it an offence to protest within 50 metres of an abortion clinic.

### Northern Territory

Abortion is legal in the Northern Territory up to 23 weeks of pregnancy with the approval of medical practitioners.

For terminations up to 14 weeks, assessment by one doctor is required. After 14 weeks, approval from two doctors is required.

Beyond 23 weeks gestation, the Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Act 2017 stipulates that a pregnant woman’s life must be endangered for a pregnancy to be terminated.

**DESPITE SOME STATES’ LAWS APPEARING RESTRICTIVE, IT IS VERY EASY TO GAIN AN ABORTION IN AUSTRALIA TODAY. IT APPEARS THOSE SEEKING LATE TERM ABORTIONS COME TO MELBOURNE. RU486 IS AVAILABLE IN ALL STATES HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME.**

## Update from Graham Preston – Protect Life – Queensland

Excerpt from his latest update - 25 May, 2018

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Dear Friends,

I just wanted to let you know that things are still inching along toward the appeal of my Tasmanian abortion clinic “bubble zone” case that will be heard in the High Court of Australia. No date for the hearing has been set yet but I recently received the following from my lawyers: “Your case and Kathy Clubb’s case [Kathy was convicted and fined \$5 000 for offering a leaflet while inside a “bubble zone” to a couple entering an abortion clinic in Melbourne] are going together (because of similar issues to be decided) before the High Court with the States of Tasmania and Victoria initially involved and subsequently the South Australian, Western Australian and Queensland Attorney-Generals intervening as well (siding with the respondents). The Commonwealth Attorney-General has indicated that they are considering the matter at the moment as to whether to intervene. We have not heard back as yet from NSW or the Territories attorney generals as to whether they will be intervening.”..... At the Bowen Hills abortion clinic, a staff member came out and told me that the previous week the police had moved on some other pro-lifers from there (a few new young people have been going to the clinics in recent months and making an impact) and if I didn’t leave she would call the police on me too. I said I wasn’t doing anything illegal so I wouldn’t go. Just 20 minutes later a police car with a single policeman pulled into the clinic.

He was a sergeant and started off looking really mean and talking tough, saying that there had been a complaint about me and that he was going to give me a direction to move on if I didn’t leave. I asked him why I would be given such a direction and he said that I was interfering with a business. I told him that the only person I had spoken to was the staff member who had called the police (no one else except staff had gone in). Anyway, we started to have a conversation and he began to change his attitude. He asked me how long I had been going there and I said since it opened over 20 years ago and I also told him that



I had been successful in beating a move on charge in court. He saw my leaflets and asked me if I gave them to people and I said yes. He said not to bother giving him one as he is a Catholic and knows all about it!

He then went into the clinic for 5- 10 minutes and when he came out he became a lot more friendly. He asked me if he could call me John or did I

prefer Mr Preston! (my first name is John) and then he shook my hand and said that I should keep doing this!!! I thought that was very nice to have the passing public see a policeman shaking my hand in front of the clinic - I hope the staff were watching from the window! We talked a bit more and then he said that so long as I was not actually hindering people going in I had every right to be there and then he left..

We are still waiting for the Law Reform Commission’s report regarding the legalising of abortion in Queensland – the report is not due until the end of June but may be submitted sooner. The push will then be

on in earnest for legislation to legalise abortion to be introduced.....

Lastly, even more ordinary medical practices in Queensland are now offering the abortion pill, RU 486 – the new places are at Woodridge, Mt Gravatt, Logan Hyperdome, Southport, Burleigh Waters, Robina and Cooktown. Ugh! Once again thanks very much for standing with us with your prayers and support.

## Judge Overturns California Law Legalizing Assisted Suicide

STEVEN ERTELT MAY 15, 2018 SACRAMENTO, CA

A California judge has overturned the state’s law legalizing assisted suicide, ruling it unconstitutional.

The judge indicated the legislature improperly passed the state law during a special session that was supposed to be specifically devoted to Medicare funding. The judge ruled that the state legislature should not have approved the assisted-suicide law during that special session because the subject of the law fell outside the grounds of the special session.

Euthanasia activists argued in court that assisted suicide is health care and that made it appropriate for the special session. More than 100 people have killed themselves under the law.

Attorneys with Life Legal Defense Foundation told LifeNews that the assisted suicide law sponsors introduced the bill in a special session of the legislature convened by Governor Jerry Brown to address Medicaid funding shortfalls, services for the disabled, and in-home health support services. Life Legal attorneys appeared in court this morning to argue that the End of Life Option Act, which decriminalizes physician-assisted suicide, is not related or even incidental to the stated purpose of the special session. Suicide is not health care, they argued.

Riverside Superior Court Judge Daniel Ottolia agreed, holding that “the End of Life Option Act does not fall within the scope of access to healthcare services,” and that it “is not a matter of health care funding.”.. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra opposed the motion stating that legislation passed during special sessions is presumed to be constitutional. The Attorney General also argued that the physicians who sued to overturn the law do not have standing to challenge the End of Life Option Act.

Judge Ottolia ruled that doctors do have standing to bring challenges on behalf of their patients, especially in this case, as terminally ill patients would face significant difficulties filing their own lawsuits against the assisted suicide statute.

“We are thrilled by today’s ruling, which reinstates critical legal protections for vulnerable patients,” said Life Legal Defense Foundation Executive Director Alexandra Snyder. “The court made it very clear that assisted suicide has nothing to do with increasing access to health care and that hijacking the special session to advance an unrelated agenda is impermissible.”

Stephanie Packer, who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, was present at the hearing. After the End of Life Option Act was implemented, Stephanie’s insurance company denied coverage of life-saving chemotherapy treatment, but said it would pay for “aid-in-dying” drugs, which would cost \$1.20.

## Heartbeat International Conference 2018 “World Changers”



What a privilege to be with so many others gathered from all over the USA and 12 other nations, including 10 of us from Australia. The title of the conference was “World Changers” and we were encouraged on the opening night that we are indeed world changers. We change the world for every woman who is supported to give birth, for every child whose life is saved – and each new life has the potential to change the world.

World changers upset the prevailing world view. Our job is to keep on keeping on in spite of the rhetoric and slogans of those that support abortion.



**Jor-El Godsey, President of Heartbeat International**, declared that we are in the fullness of time for the Pro-life movement. The whole power of the internet is available to us on our mobile devices – we do not need to rely on mainstream media to proclaim our message.

Our work, delivered with love and compassionate care, brings hope and light in the valley of decision.



We now have ultrasound images readily available where mothers can see and hear the heartbeat of their unborn baby.

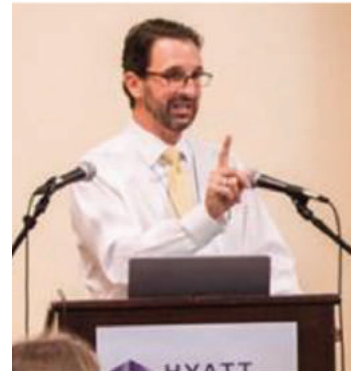
I was able to attend an Indepth Training Day run by Brad Imler specifically for telephone counsellors. We learnt that surveys tell us that 67% of women who have had an abortion have said they would not have had an abortion if... And 70% of women have said that they did not have enough information prior to making their decision. It



is our job to find out what their “If” is and to ask if they have all the information they need to make an informed choice. We can bring light and hope into their situation and correct any misconceptions she may have. There were many opportunities to interact with others as well attend a variety of workshops on various topics.

I listened to Dr George Delgado speak on the “The Latest on Abortion Pill Reversal”.

And **Dr William Lile**, pictured here, speaking on “Pregnancy Support after a Lethal Antenatal Diagnosis”



I met **Dawn Marie Perez, founder of [www.standupgirl.com](http://www.standupgirl.com)**, a website that we have been recommending to our callers for many years.

This conference has certainly encouraged me to “Keep on Keeping On”

– **Lois Dean, Coordinator of Pregnancy Counselling Australia**



**Mrs Eileen Doyle, 2nd from right, at St Therese Hospital, Nzara, South Sudan.** Dr Danny Doyle from Melbourne sent us a photo of his Mum (2nd from right) with children and mothers from the hospital. Sudan is a country where women die in childbirth at obscene rates. Read about their work at [www.sttnh.org](http://www.sttnh.org)

The late Eileen Doyle – very experienced pregnancy counsellor – “They never come back and tell us they are sorry they had that baby but they do come back and tell us they are sorry they had that abortion”.



## News from around the World

### CANADA

#### Alberta bans pro-life advocates outside abortion centers

EDMONTON, Alberta, May 31, 2018 (LifeSiteNews) – The Alberta legislature passed a bill on Wednesday forbidding pro-life protesters and sidewalk counselors from coming within 50 meters of an abortion facility, under penalty of fines or even prison time.

The so-called Protecting Choice for Women Accessing Health Care Act passed by a 45-1 vote, CBC News reports. Members of the Official Opposition United Conservative Party did not participate in the vote.

The bill will cover both of Alberta's two standalone abortion facilities, Kensington Clinic in Calgary and Women's Health Options in Edmonton, which account for 75% of the province's abortions. It also prohibits taking video, photos, or audio recordings of anyone entering or exiting a facility, allows clinics to request that their bubble zone be expanded to 150 meters, and lets abortionists apply for 20-meter zones around their offices and 160-meter zones around their homes.

Violators may be fined \$5,000 or jailed for six months upon a first offence, with repeat offences carrying maximum penalties of a \$10,000 fine or year in jail. Corporations responsible for violations would have to pay \$25,000 for first offences and up to \$100,000 for further convictions. Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, and Newfoundland and Labrador already have similar bubble zone laws. UCP Leader Jason Kenney condemned the bill as a distraction, and said it was unnecessary because staffers with legitimate harassment claims already have injunctions and can simply petition the courts to expand them. Health Minister Sarah Hoffman called existing injunctions insufficient.

### UK

#### Conservative MPs firmly reject imposition of abortion on Northern Ireland

LONDON May 30, 2018 (LifeSiteNews) – A survey released on 29 May 2018 shows that 72% of Conservative Members of Parliament reject Westminster undermining devolution in order to appease calls from fellow MPs to impose abortion on demand in Northern Ireland. Only 9% of Conservative MPs surveyed said they would support the undermining of Ulster's devolved Assembly.

In the survey, MPs were also asked whether the UK's House of Commons should hold a free vote on the issue. Again 72% of Conservative MPs rejected such a call for a free vote with only 9% of Conservative MPs supporting it.

The survey reveals that any interference with devolution in Northern Ireland is deeply unpopular with Conservative MPs. This is especially important coming as it does, at a key time for the Prime Minister Theresa May's minority Conservative Government which depends on Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party in order to retain power. The survey of Conservative MPs was carried out by ComRes, an opinion research agency with a particular

interest in religious belief in the workplace. A total of 150 MPs were interviewed for the survey between 1st and 28th March 2018. ...

Referring to the recent abortion referendum result south of the Irish border, DUP Assembly Member Jim Wells said: "We can't have a knee jerk reaction in Northern Ireland simply because the Irish Republic has taken this decision." He has suggested that the DUP could use a "petition of concern" to block any change to abortion laws in Northern Ireland...

### PORTUGAL

#### EUTHANASIA AND DOCTOR ASSISTED SUICIDE NARROWLY REJECTED IN PORTUGAL

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LISBON, Portugal – A proposal to make Portugal one of only a handful of countries allowing euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide was narrowly rejected by lawmakers Tuesday.

After a landmark debate, lawmakers voted to reject four broadly similar bills introduced by left-leaning parties. The bill that came closest to succeeding was the work of the governing Socialist Party, which failed on a 115-110 vote with four abstentions.

Euthanasia – when a doctor kills patients at their request – is legal in Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. In Switzerland, and some U.S. states, assisted suicide – where patients administer the lethal drug themselves, under medical supervision – is permitted.

The country's two main parties, the Socialists and the main opposition Social Democratic Party, allowed their lawmakers to vote according to their conscience.

Euthanasia was forced onto the political agenda by a public petition urging its introduction in 2016.

The deeply divisive issue is the latest point of friction between faith and politics in this predominantly Catholic country.

Prodded by a series of left-leaning governments determined to bring about what they called a "modernization" of the country, the Portuguese parliament has in recent years voted to permit abortion on demand and same-sex marriage.

### USA

#### Abortion activists panic over recent U.S. pro-life gains, fear end of Roe v. Wade

May 24, 2018 (LifeSiteNews) – It is important, in the cut and thrust of the culture wars, to occasionally remind ourselves of the victories that we do accomplish, especially considering that those victories are in defiance of social trends and illustrate the importance of pushing back, getting engaged, and brawling for every inch of territory. Each day, activists who have dedicated their careers to the preservation of the family and the protection of the sanctity of human life labor tirelessly to secure protections for life and family, and these efforts deserve notice.

The first thing to notice is the ongoing partnership

between the pro-life movement and President Donald Trump, a relationship that most pro-lifers could not have predicted during the primaries. Trump, however, has consistently defied skepticism by delivering on many pro-life campaign promises, with no sign of slowing down. The *National Review* published a fascinating essay some time ago detailing how Trump went from the man pro-lifers desperately wanted to keep out of the Oval Office to their key partner. Trump also became the first sitting president to speak at the Susan B. Anthony List Gala dinner, where he laid out the pro-life priorities of his administration—specifically highlighting the number of pro-life justices he has been appointing...

As many of you will have already seen, Trump also used his speech at the SBA List gala to announce new policy that will deprive Planned Parenthood of between fifty and sixty million dollars, with the Health and Human Services... Planned Parenthood, which has consistently claimed that abortion is only 3% of what they do, has responded furiously—indicating both the effectiveness of this move and the deceitfulness of their claims. Their fury means one thing: This move will obviously hurt abortion services...

Abortion activists are beginning to get panicky—one prominent pro-choice writer even wrote on Twitter this week that she is concerned Roe v. Wade might actually be overturned, and that religious liberty protections would continue to be strengthened...

### USA

#### Bishop calls for '#metoo movement' for unborn children targeted for abortion

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, April 5, 2018 (LifeSiteNews)

– Providence Bishop Thomas Tobin has called for a "#metoo movement for unborn children" with the aim of ending abortion. The Catholic bishop used Twitter on Tuesday to send out



Bishop Thomas Tobin

the call. The bishop said in his tweet that abortion equated to "Capital punishment for babies." He also called abortion the "exploitation of vulnerable women."

The "#MeToo" movement is a widespread social media campaign to help demonstrate the existence of sexual violence and harassment. The hashtag phrase is often posted along with stories of victims sharing their stories.

The bishop also dressed down the abortion lobby's appropriation of civil rights for its promotion of abortion in the tweet. "We hear about "reproductive rights" or "right to choose," Bishop Tobin said. "There is no "right" to end the life of an unborn child."

Thomas J. Tobin@bishoptjt We hear about "reproductive rights" or "right to choose." There is no "right" to end the life of an unborn child. We need a #metoo movement for unborn children. Abortion: Capital punishment for babies, and exploitation of vulnerable women. Wrong, just wrong!