

Lifespan

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you.” Jeremiah 1:5

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Worldwide News...

Australia—The Department of Education in New South Wales has given its full support to the LGBT agenda with respect to name changes and the use of alternative pronouns by its students in both the primary and secondary levels. The most frightening aspect of their agenda lies in the guidelines that were issued by the department. In essence, a name change can be affected with the permission of a single “guardian,” and, if that is not an option, the *principal* has the final word on the matter for all legal documents. In other words, the principal has the authority and not the parent—a dangerous precedent and a glimpse at the ultimate goal of depriving parents of authority over their own children.

Canada—Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s liberal government released a joint statement on May 6th on behalf of 59 nations that pushes global access to “sexual and reproductive health needs” as a response to the coronavirus pandemic. Trudeau called on all governments to ensure full and unimpeded access to all sexual and reproductive health services for all women and girls. Trudeau has aggressively promoted abortion on the international stage, pledging \$7.1 billion by 2030 towards the global promotion of abortion as a core component of its foreign policy. Trudeau’s authoritarian Marxist government is equally devoted to the LGBT agenda as well. New legislation recently proposed would outlaw and criminalize conversion therapy. The left only believes in lifestyle choices when the choice is a gay lifestyle. Moral considerations, as well as the rights of parents to help their child overcome gender confusion or unwanted sexual attractions, are swept aside.

Germany—The president of the Catholic Women’s Association in Germany moonlights as a “champion” for a multi-million-dollar radical abortion activist group that was founded four years ago in reaction to U.S. President Donald Trump cutting off funding for international abortion groups. Maria Flachsbarth, a member of parliament for the Christian Democratic Union since 2002, is an outspoken advocate for “SheDecides,” a pro-abortion and pro-contraception organization. The manifesto of the group states that every woman can decide “whether, when, and with whom” to “have sex” and to “have children.” Is it any wonder that the true Catholic church in Germany is in danger of disappearing?

Ireland—After politicians in Westminster imposed legalized abortion on Northern Ireland in spite of fierce opposition, guidelines were released to the public. The guidelines include the following provisos:

- Abortion on demand for babies up to 12 weeks and up to 24 weeks on unspecified “health” grounds, such as claims about

the mother’s “financial, relationship or housing issues which impact on the continuance of the pregnancy.”

- Abortion up to and during birth on grounds of disability. In Britain, this has led to the abortion of nine out of 10 babies with Down syndrome and abortions for conditions like cleft lip and clubfoot.
- No limit for self-induced abortions. A woman who kills her child while giving birth will not commit a criminal offense. And doctors who selectively kill a disabled twin or triplet just before or during delivery will not be prosecuted.
- Schools will become conduits for the abortion industry, directing even underage girls for abortions without the knowledge of their parents. This will facilitate the exploitation of girls and help to cover up cases of child sex abuse.

Instead of maintaining stalwart opposition to these mandates, the Catholic bishops of Northern Ireland issued a watered-down statement which abandoned the position of robust opposition that they had expressed the previous year. Once again, the shepherds fail their flock when the wolves are at the door.

Italy—In May, on the feast of Our Lady of Sheshan, patroness of China, Pope Francis once again encouraged Chinese Catholics to be “good citizens.” “*The Church wants Chinese Christians to be truly Christians, and to be good citizens,*” Pope Francis said. “*They should promote the Gospel, but without engaging in proselytism, and they need to achieve the unity of the divided Catholic community,*” he said, likely referring to the distinction between an official state-sanctioned organization calling itself a church and the underground Church. How is one to share the gospel if not by proselytizing? Is that not what the apostles and early church did to spread the good news to all people? A recent report found that the rise in persecution of Catholics corresponded to the signing of a secret deal with the Vatican. “In September 2018, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed an agreement with the Holy See, paving the way for the unification of state-sanctioned and underground Catholic communities. Subsequently, local Chinese authorities subjected Catholic believers in China to increased persecution by demolishing churches, removing crosses, and continuing to detain underground clergy. The Party-led Catholic national religious organization also published a plan to ‘sinicize’ Catholicism in China.” In other words, their goal is a state church whose moral compass supports the brutal, evil values of communism.

Netherlands—The Dutch Supreme Court has ruled that doctors can legally euthanize people with advanced dementia who had earlier put their wishes in writing even if they could no longer confirm them because of their illness. The ruling is a landmark in Dutch euthanasia legislation which up to now had required patients to confirm euthanasia requests. Through this decision, the Court has made it virtually impossible to protect mentally incapacitated patients from certain death at the hands of the healthcare system, motivated by cost containment, or greedy relatives who wish to dispose of burdensome elderly family members.

Poland—Unlike most of Europe, Poland protects unborn babies from abortion in most circumstances. Terminations are only permissible after rape or incest, if the mother’s life is at risk, or in cases of fetal abnormality—including Down syn-

drome. In April, legislation was introduced to further curb legal abortions by eliminating abortions for reasons of disability. To date, the vote is still pending.

Scotland—The new Hate Crime Bill proposed by the Scottish government is a sweeping threat to freedom of speech and conscience. The draft law radically expands the power of the state to punish expression and expression-adjacent behavior, such as possession of “inflammatory material.” It provides for the prosecution of ill-defined “organizations” (and individuals within them) and could even see actors and directors prosecuted if a play they perform is considered to contain a hate crime. Its schedule of protected characteristics is extended beyond race (which covers ethnicity, national origin, and citizenship) to include age, disability, “religion or... perceived religious affiliation,” sexual orientation, transgender identity and “variations in sex characteristics.” If the Bill is passed, Scotland would become the most aggressive regulator of citizens’ speech in the United Kingdom and one of the most aggressive in democratic Europe. In addition, Scottish politicians have also shown support for a bill that would allow mixed-sex threesomes / foursomes (etc.) to enter into civil partnerships. We hate to say we told you so, but we did. When the definition of marriage moves outside that of one-man/one-woman, this is the inevitable result. To drive home that point, other countries where mixed sex civil partnership has been introduced include the Netherlands and New Zealand, and the UK government has announced that it will make mixed sex civil partnership available in England and Wales by the end of 2020.

National News...

California—After being slapped with millions in damages for exposing Planned Parenthood, David Daleiden is fighting back. The Center for Medical Progress (CMP) and its founder, David Daleiden, are filing lawsuits against Planned Parenthood, former California Attorney General Kamala Harris, and current California Attorney General Xavier Becerra for conspiring to violate First and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The Center for Medical Progress made waves beginning in 2015 when it released a series of undercover recordings with Planned Parenthood executives and others, exposing the corporation’s involvement with the illegal trafficking of the body parts of aborted children. Planned Parenthood medical directors were seen on film, haggling over the price of “specimens,” discussing how they were able to harvest specific organs desired by procurement companies and researchers, and more. According to the court filing, Daleiden is seeking justice for “brazen, unprecedented, and ongoing conspiracy” to use California’s laws to silence free speech.

Kentucky—The decision to elect pro-abortion Democrat Andy Beshear rather than pro-life Matt Bevin has consequences. Beshear vetoed a bill that would have required abortionists to provide life-saving medical care to a baby who survived a botched abortion. According to Beshear: “...*during this worldwide health pandemic, it is simply not the time for a divisive set of lawsuits that reduce our unity and our focus on defeating the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and restarting our economy.*”

Maryland—In June, two women sustained life-threatening in-

juries that required emergency surgery and hospitalization at the hands of late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart. Both women were past the 25-week point in their pregnancies. Carhart’s clinic is one of only a handful of abortion facilities that perform abortions up to birth. Formerly known as AbortionClinics.org, it was recently renamed CARE, an irony-filled acronym for Clinics for Abortion and Reproductive Excellence.

New York—The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York has upheld most of a law allowing the Empire State to force pro-life organizations to employ workers who oppose their religious values and pro-life mission while throwing out one provision of the law as compelling speech. The law forbids New York employers from engaging in “discrimination” or “retaliatory personnel action” against employees on the basis of their “reproductive health decision-making,” or from requiring them to sign any “document which purports to deny an employee the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions.” It contains no religious exemption. The only concession to pro-lifers was that the Court found that an employee cannot be compelled to use language they otherwise would not. This ruling is a gross over-reach of government power and a clear violation of the rights of religious organizations to function according to a set of standards. If the standards are denied, the organization cannot exist. This is tyranny.

Pennsylvania—Democrat Governor Wolf once again sided with the abortion industry with his veto of Senate Bill 857. The bill, supported by both houses, would have banned the telemedicine distribution of dangerous drugs, such as the abortion pill RU-486. RU-486 can cause a number of complications, including excessive bleeding, vomiting, and nausea. The long-term effects are completely unknown. Without the protections contained in Senate Bill 857, women may be forced to deal with these possible dangerous side-effects on their own, without a physician physically present. As if to illustrate the dangers of telemed abortions, a recent headline told of the arrest of a father who covered up the sexual abuse of his daughter and another minor by performing DIY abortions at home. The abuser, Jason D. Goodwill, 51, from Pennsylvania, is facing more than twenty charges of rape and “deviant sexual intercourse” after being taken into custody. The abuse occurred over a fourteen-year period, beginning in 2006, when his daughter was seven years old, according to sources. Goodwill allegedly performed DIY home abortions on his victims multiple times which allowed him to conceal his crimes and continue with his abuse. At-home abortions completely eliminate the ability to uncover and report statutory rape and abuse, something Planned Parenthood is required to do by law, but rarely complies with.

Tennessee—Tennessee legislators in the House and Senate approved a heartbeat bill essentially outlawing abortion after six weeks of pregnancy, when an unborn baby’s heart first starts to beat. Abortions sought simply because of the sex or race of the unborn child are equally prohibited by the bill. Additionally, any “prenatal diagnosis, test, or screening indicating Down syndrome or the potential for Down syndrome in the unborn child” is no longer a sufficient reason for an abortion.

Virginia—In back-to-back actions on two of the holiest days in Christendom, the governor of Virginia signed into law two

bills that will likely increase abortions and jeopardize religious liberty via new LGBT protections in the state. In what has been described as a “signing spree,” Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam raced to sign into law measures passed by the state legislature before the April 11 deadline. On Good Friday, Northam signed the so-called “Reproductive Health Protection Act,” loosening several protective restrictions for the preborn that had previously been enacted. The legislation repeals health and safety protections at abortion facilities, allows non-physicians to perform first-trimester abortions, and removes essential informed consent requirements, including the opportunity to view an ultrasound. Sadly, abortions had declined by 42% in the state over the last eight years; no doubt, this will change dramatically for the worse with these new laws.

National—

- During the entire COVID epidemic, Pelosi and the Democrats in the House have attempted to exploit the American people and push forward their agenda with public funding of abortions and money for Planned Parenthood. Thankfully, the President put a stop to these efforts in working out the COVID relief payments.
- The Trump administration was successful in excluding the abortion industry from federal family planning funds, thanks to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision not to review an earlier decision in the case siding with the White House.
- The Trump administration submitted a brief to the Supreme Court on behalf of Catholic Social Services in Philadelphia arguing that a taxpayer-funded organization should be able to refuse to work with same-sex couples and others whom the group considers to be in violation of its religious beliefs. The brief was filed by the Department of Justice in the case *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*, which centers on the refusal of Catholic Social Services, a religious nonprofit that operates a child welfare agency in Philadelphia, to place adoptive and foster children with same-sex couples in violation of the city’s nondiscrimination ordinance. In its brief, the government argued that “Philadelphia has impermissibly discriminated against religious exercise,” and that the city’s actions “reflect unconstitutional hostility toward Catholic Social Services’ religious beliefs.” Connected with this, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton led thirteen states in a friend-of-the-court brief filed with the United States Supreme Court in support of several foster parents—affiliated with Catholic Social Services—who are suing the city of Philadelphia over its policy blocking foster care providers who hold traditional beliefs about marriage. The outcome of the case may impact the ability of states to continue working with both religious and nonreligious child welfare providers.
- In a devastating 6-3 ruling on June 15th, the U.S. Supreme Court dealt religious liberty a brutal blow and handed the LGBT movement a victory that stunned even them by deciding that both “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” are protected under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Antonin Scalia’s replacement Neil Gorsuch authored the majority opinion, and John Roberts joined him. The immediate effect is to pass much of the Democratic Party’s Equality Act into law. This bill was passed by the Democrat-controlled House of Repre-

sentatives in 2019 but never taken up by the Republican-controlled Senate. The Gorsuch majority in *Bostock* has thus effectively bypassed Congress and the President.

- On June 29th, the Supreme Court betrayed conservatives once again. In a 5-4 decision in *Medical Services v. Russo*, the Justices struck down a Louisiana state requirement that abortionists have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals for cases of botched abortions. Regulations hoping to prevent the death of women from abortion complications were seen as an undue burden on women who seek abortions. Roberts joined the liberal block in the majority decision.

Local—

Do you feel called to get involved more deeply in the pro-life cause? Even though abortions are not happening here in Lancaster city, Planned Parenthood of York is working overtime. The COVID lockdowns have been a challenging time for sidewalk counseling. The spiritual warfare is real. While many businesses were ordered to shut down, Planned Parenthood was allowed to operate as an “essential” business by Gov. Wolf. In York, PP performs abortions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. In late fall of 2019, fifteen to twenty abortions were performed weekly; now, approximately, forty-five to fifty occur weekly. The abortions are surgical and chemical with a surge in the latter due to Governor Wolf’s executive order allowing telemed-abortion (no doctor needed on site). An abortionist is present on Tuesday and Wednesday but not Friday. The Prayer Vigil participants have grown in number, with up to ten people present from one to six hours on any given day. Many from York are participating, but some from Lancaster and other areas as well. It is a beautiful group of people who are willing to reach out in an attempt to save lives, and they do. Please join them for 40 Days for Life from September 23rd to November 1st. Keep in mind though that the group is in front of PP on every day that abortions are performed, every week. Do not worry if it is your first time. Do not worry about what to say or do; truly the Holy Spirit speaks through each and every willing heart.



Did You Know...

- **Did you know that “The Price is Right” donated \$100,000 to Planned Parenthood after raising money in a special episode featuring RuPaul, host of “RuPaul’s Drag Race”?** The longest-running game show vowed to match all of the price values of contestant winnings with a donation to the organization. Maybe it’s time to find a new game show!
- **Did you know that 37 Planned Parenthood affiliates applied for and received a total of \$80 million in coronavirus funding loans from the Paycheck Protection Program?** Senators Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Josh Hawley, R-Mo., both called for Planned Parenthood to immediately return the funds in statements following the Fox News report. Noting that PP had half a billion dollars in assets, Hawley called for criminal prosecution of those who filed for loans deliberately.
- **Did you know that anecdotal reports and research are linking gender dysphoria with Asperger’s Syndrome?** *The Australian* recently featured a leading expert who wants an inquiry into the disproportionate number of teenagers with autism in gender clinics. According to the expert, those suffering with Autism tend to demonstrate a one-track mind, and sometimes the issue of gender dysphoria (discomfort with one’s body) and changing gender becomes a single-minded obsession.
- **Did you know that Amazon has disallowed a publishing house from buying ads to promote a new book critical of transgender ideology that points out its many harms on young girls?** Abigail Shrier’s new book, *Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Girls*, critically examines from a variety of angles the medical and psychological harms teenage girls and young women experience after adopting a transgender identity and pursuing a pathway of hormonal and surgical transition.
- **Did you know that Gynuity Health Projects, a research organization conducting clinical trials aimed at expanding access to the abortion pill and overturning the Food and Drug Administration’s safety requirements, is funded by organizations with deep historic ties to the American eugenics movement?** Gynuity’s donor list includes organizations like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Planned Parenthood, the Population Council, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Society for Family Planning, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Tara Health Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.
- **Did you know that Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky, has released a “Pride Month” video greeting in which he laments “white privilege” and says he is sorry “that the Church has not been as welcoming as it should be in many cases”?** It is any wonder that Stowe was one of the bishops to close his churches and gleefully deny the sacraments to his flock in lieu of demands to close by the authorities?

Political Action Corner...

In the midst of the COVID pandemic, our religious freedoms are under fire like never before. There is talk of mandatory vaccinations. Many of these vaccines in trial are derived from fetal stem cells taken from aborted babies. In addition, the efficacy of these vaccines is questionable as well. Please sign the petition against any mandatory vaccination program in exchange for our freedom to work, worship and move about freely in society:

<https://lifepetitions.com/petition/no-mandatory-vaccine-for-covid-19>

Pro-abortion congressman Jeff Van Drew is the only Republican cosponsor of a bill that would grant \$100 billion to entities engaging in contact tracing amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The bill, known as H.R. 6666, would authorize the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to “award grants to eligible entities to conduct diagnostic testing for COVID-19, to trace and monitor the contacts of infected individuals, and to support the quarantine of such contacts.” Please sign the petition to vote against implementation of this bill. If this measure were to pass, people could be removed from their own homes against their will and quarantined! This applies to children as well. If signed into law, H.R. 6666 will appropriate \$100 billion to support activities like contact tracing within the fiscal year 2020. However, the bill would also appropriate “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal year 2021 and any subsequent fiscal year during which the emergency period continues.”

This is a vehicle to allow government unprecedented control over our lives and freedoms!

<https://lifepetitions.com/petition/urge-state-and-federal-authorities-to-reject-mandatory-phone-tracing-for-covid-19>

Must See...

Truth for the Black Lives Matter members:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/watch-black-woman-tells-blm-in-chaz-territory-that-planned-parenthood-is-1-black-killer>

On Black Lives Matter...

All Catholics, by virtue of our love for Jesus Christ, are called to treat all people equally with love and respect. We are also called to defend those values in the public square. That said, the BLM movement is not about racial justice! They are a group led by trained Marxists who advocate anarchy and communism, among other things.

From their own webpage, “What we believe” section:

We are guided by the fact that all Black lives matter, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location.

We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead.

We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.

We build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.

We practice empathy. We engage comrades with the intent to learn about and connect with their contexts.

We make our spaces family-friendly and enable parents to fully participate with their children. **We dismantle the patriarchal practice that requires mothers to work “double shifts”** so that they can mother in private even as they participate in public justice work.

We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).

They are also unapologetically pro-abortion. A week ago, that statement existed on their site; mysteriously it has since disappeared.

Most Outrageous...

For years, the abortion industry has hidden their true face behind the false narrative that abortion was a tragic but necessary thing. With the emergence of the #shoutyourabortion movement, the mask is off. The following is an account of a woman’s proud abortion experience from Rewire.news on 5/7/2020:

“My first abortion was a medical abortion. I was nervous about the process, but the clinic staff were kind and supportive and let me take my time. I took some pills at the clinic and brought more pills home. I cuddled up with blankets and a cat on the couch and watched music documentaries while waiting for the second round of pills to work. They did! I passed a small amount of blood and tissue into the toilet. I felt so relieved. It was beautiful.

My second abortion was a procedural abortion. I remember drifting off to sleep in the feet-holders, and then waking up once it was over. I didn’t feel any of it. The clinic staff gave me soda to drink and let me rest for a bit. I remember walking out of the clinic and into the sunshine, feeling elated and relieved once more. I felt overwhelmingly free. It was beautiful.

My abortions brought me joy and relief and sanity when I needed it most. They allowed me to be myself and direct what happens within my own body and life. I think back on my abortions and related experiences with deep fondness and appreciation. My abortions were beautiful. Abortion is beautiful.”

-Caitlin Lejarzar-Gaffin, 31, West Virginia



Notable Inspiring Quotes...

“The Catholic Church is therefore called back to its primary responsibility. The world expects of her a word of faith that will enable it to overcome the trauma of this face-to-face encounter with death that it has just experienced. Without a clear word of faith and hope, the world can sink into morbid guilt or helpless rage at the absurdity of its condition. Only the Church can enable it to give meaning to the deaths of loved ones, who died in solitude and were buried in haste.

But if that is so, the Church must change. She must stop being afraid of causing shock and of going against the tide. She must give up thinking of herself as a worldly institution. She must return to her only ‘raison d’être’: faith. The Church is there to announce that Jesus conquered death through His resurrection. This is at the heart of her message: ‘And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith ... and we are the most wretched of all men’ (1 Corinthians 15:14-19). All the rest is only a consequence of this.

Our societies will come out of this crisis weakened. They will need psychologists to overcome the trauma of not being able to accompany the elderly and the dying to their tombs, but even more, they will need priests to teach them to pray and to hope. The crisis reveals that our societies, without knowing it, are suffering deeply from a spiritual evil: they do not know how to give meaning to suffering, finitude and death.”

-Cardinal Robert Sarah,

Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, 5/20/20

The Left's War on Our Children's Innocence...

Make no mistake, the LGBT movement is a Marxist, anti-God movement that seeks to destroy the family and in doing so, destroy religion, for it is through the family as God designed that faith is imparted to our children. Those who align on the side of darkness have chosen two strategically placed battlegrounds to wage war on traditional faith and values: the schools and the entertainment industry.

First, let's look at the schools. The cities controlled by the Democrats provide the best example of where one must look to understand how high the stakes are. Capitol Resource Institute, a watchdog group, sought the documents of 900 school districts in California through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and found a number of schools where students are subjected to lessons and activities conveying dangerous, obscene, and medically inaccurate information.

According to their report, at one Sacramento-area grade school, the PTA contracts with Planned Parenthood to present assemblies to fifth graders, which are actually sex education discussions called "Puberty Talks." These have taken place over the past two years and are planned for next year as well.

During the fifth grade PTA puberty presentation, the Planned Parenthood representative addresses boys and girls together with details about erections and ejaculation. Children are told they should talk to a "trusted adult" about these matters. And, of course, they are hearing this from the largest abortion provider in America, seeking to gain trust from 10- and 11-year-old future clients.

This curriculum funded by PTA also teaches these children about gender identity by claiming that sex at birth is simply "assigned." A PowerPoint slide shows children a version of the infamous "Genderbread Person" graphic, where genitals differ from "sexual orientation" and "gender expression." During the anatomy lesson, the process of puberty is described for "bodies with a penis" or "bodies with a vulva," instead of "boys" or "girls."

And this, they claim, is "medically accurate."

Parents are not warned ahead of time as to what their children are being taught, nor do they have the opportunity to opt out of such filth.

In New Jersey, new standards for public schools also push homosexuality and gender ideology, as well as abortion and contraception. Children are taught about giving "consent" and how to decide "whether and when to engage in sexual behaviors" such as "oral" and "anal sex."

And again, abortion giant Planned Parenthood was one of the organizations that had worked with the state's Department of Education to prepare the new standards.

This is happening throughout the country and if not stopped will ruin an entire generation of children.

It is bad enough that our schools have been co-opted by the LGBT agenda, but so has the entertainment industry. What is new, however, is that children's programming is now fertile ground for the promotion of homosexuality. The examples are growing at an exponential rate. Disney has introduced a male couple as the parents of two youngsters in the reboot of its popular DuckTales. The show previously had only hinted about Violet's gay dads, but the season three opener left nothing

to the imagination. It also revealed that Violet's dads have adopted her best friend, Lena. Pixar has introduced its first-ever openly gay main character, which it released through Disney Plus's SparkShorts series. The film features a man named Greg who is having trouble coming out to his parents, until a pair of fairy god-pets descend upon earth from a rainbow and swap Greg's body with his dog's so he can find the best way to approach his parents while eavesdropping on them. Even Sesame Street has jumped on the PRIDE bandwagon, declaring that "all are welcome" in its programming, featuring drag queens which we reported in the last issue of *Lifespan*. Cartoon Network also decided to celebrate LGBT "Pride Month" with social-media advertising, special videos, and curated collections of shows approved by the LGBT lobby. Cartoon Network's website also hosts a special Pride Month playlist, a selection of videos from the network's animated series Steven Universe and Craig of the Creek, the former of which has received an award from the left-wing lobbying group GLAAD.

Homosexuality, like sex, pornography, and profanity, have no place in children's programming. Children are not emotionally equipped to deal with these issues, and it is the right and place of parents to navigate through those waters and the reality of our society today.

Please, become active on your school boards; do not allow your children to watch these programs and let the producers know why.

Time of Spiritual Warfare

For those of you who have not had the chance to read Cardinal Vigano's letter to President Trump, please take a moment to read it in its entirety. Cardinal Vigano defines the heart of the battle that the Church remnant finds itself in today. It is prophetic and timely and should encourage us to pray harder and work for the good in all ways possible:

June 7, 2020

Holy Trinity Sunday

Mr. President,

In recent months we have been witnessing the formation of two opposing sides that I would call Biblical: the children of light and the children of darkness. The children of light constitute the most conspicuous part of humanity, while the children of darkness represent an absolute minority. And yet the former are the object of a sort of discrimination which places them in a situation of moral inferiority with respect to their adversaries, who often hold strategic positions in government, in politics, in the economy and in the media. In an apparently inexplicable way, the good are held hostage by the wicked and by those who help them either out of self-interest or fearfulness.

These two sides, which have a Biblical nature, follow the clear separation between the offspring of the Woman and the offspring of the Serpent. On the one hand there are those who, although they have a thousand defects and weaknesses, are motivated by the desire to do good, to be honest, to raise a family, to engage in work, to give prosperity to their homeland, to help the needy, and, in obedience to the Law of God, to merit the Kingdom of Heaven. On the other hand, there are those

who serve themselves, who do not hold any moral principles, who want to demolish the family and the nation, exploit workers to make themselves unduly wealthy, foment internal divisions and wars, and accumulate power and money: for them the fallacious illusion of temporal well-being will one day—if they do not repent—yield to the terrible fate that awaits them, far from God, in eternal damnation.

In society, Mr. President, these two opposing realities co-exist as eternal enemies, just as God and Satan are eternal enemies. And it appears that the children of darkness—whom we may easily identify with the deep state which you wisely oppose, and which is fiercely waging war against you in these days—have decided to show their cards, so to speak, by now revealing their plans. They seem to be so certain of already having everything under control that they have laid aside that circumspection that until now had at least partially concealed their true intentions. The investigations already under way will reveal the true responsibility of those who managed the Covid emergency not only in the area of health care but also in politics, the economy, and the media. We will probably find that in this colossal operation of social engineering there are people who have decided the fate of humanity, arrogating to themselves the right to act against the will of citizens and their representatives in the governments of nations.

*We will also discover that the riots in these days were provoked by those who, seeing that the virus is inevitably fading and that the social alarm of the pandemic is waning, necessarily have had to provoke civil disturbances, because they would be followed by repression which, although legitimate, could be condemned as an unjustified aggression against the population. The same thing is also happening in Europe, in perfect synchrony. It is quite clear that the use of street protests is instrumental to the purposes of those who would like to see someone elected in the upcoming presidential elections who embodies the goals of the deep state and who expresses those goals faithfully and with conviction. It will not be surprising if, in a few months, we learn once again that hidden behind these acts of vandalism and violence there are those who hope to profit from the dissolution of the social order so as to build a world without freedom: *Solve et Coagula*, as the Masonic adage teaches.*

Although it may seem disconcerting, the opposing alignments I have described are also found in religious circles. There are faithful Shepherds who care for the flock of Christ, but there are also mercenary infidels who seek to scatter the flock and hand the sheep over to be devoured by ravenous wolves. It is not surprising that these mercenaries are allies of the children of darkness and hate the children of light: just as there is a deep state, there is also a deep church that betrays its duties and forswears its proper commitments before God. Thus, the Invisible Enemy, whom good rulers fight against in public affairs, is also fought against by good shepherds in the ecclesiastical sphere. It is a spiritual battle, which I spoke about in my recent Appeal which was published on May 8.

For the first time, the United States has in you a President who courageously defends the right to life, who is not ashamed to denounce the persecution of Christians throughout the world, who speaks of Jesus Christ and the right of citizens to

freedom of worship. Your participation in the March for Life, and more recently your proclamation of the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, are actions that confirm which side you wish to fight on. And I dare to believe that both of us are on the same side in this battle, albeit with different weapons.

For this reason, I believe that the attack to which you were subjected after your visit to the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II is part of the orchestrated media narrative which seeks not to fight racism and bring social order, but to aggravate dispositions; not to bring justice, but to legitimize violence and crime; not to serve the truth, but to favor one political faction. And it is disconcerting that there are Bishops—such as those whom I recently denounced—who, by their words, prove that they are aligned on the opposing side. They are subservient to the deep state, to globalism, to aligned thought, to the New World Order which they invoke ever more frequently in the name of a universal brotherhood which has nothing Christian about it, but which evokes the Masonic ideals of those who want to dominate the world by driving God out of the courts, out of schools, out of families, and perhaps even out of churches.

The American people are mature and have now understood how much the mainstream media does not want to spread the truth but seeks to silence and distort it, spreading the lie that is useful for the purposes of their masters. However, it is important that the good—who are the majority—wake up from their sluggishness and do not accept being deceived by a minority of dishonest people with unavowable purposes. It is necessary that the good, the children of light, come together and make their voices heard. What more effective way is there to do this, Mr. President, than by prayer, asking the Lord to protect you, the United States, and all of humanity from this enormous attack of the Enemy? Before the power of prayer, the deceptions of the children of darkness will collapse, their plots will be revealed, their betrayal will be shown, their frightening power will end in nothing, brought to light and exposed for what it is: an infernal deception.

Mr. President, my prayer is constantly turned to the beloved American nation, where I had the privilege and honor of being sent by Pope Benedict XVI as Apostolic Nuncio. In this dramatic and decisive hour for all of humanity, I am praying for you and also for all those who are at your side in the government of the United States. I trust that the American people are united with me and you in prayer to Almighty God.

United against the Invisible Enemy of all humanity, I bless you and the First Lady, the beloved American nation, and all men and women of good will.

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