

ABORTIONISTS ARE NO HEROES

Most pro-life Americans understand, but do not condone, why some young girls and adult women make a terrible mistake by terminating the baby in their womb. Some make this decision out of fear, or they panic. They need to be ministered to, and that is why the Catholic Church has an outreach program, Project Rachel, that offers them help and guidance.

What pro-lifers don't understand is why anyone would celebrate those doctors who make their living by exploiting women and killing their children. Abortionists are no heroes.

March 10 was Abortion Provider Appreciation Day. According to the Abortion Care Network, the sponsor of this event, they celebrated "all of the courageous, compassionate people who provide abortion care." They did so "through love notes, art, acts of kindness and support, messages of affirmation, a giant love-fest Tweetstorm, and more."

There is nothing compassionate or loving about killing the innocent. This infamous day tells us volumes about the character of those who support it. They prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that they are not reluctantly pro-choice. No, they are rabid pro-abortion enthusiasts.

GARLAND'S STUNNING IGNORANCE

March 1 was not a good day for U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland. He got his clock cleaned by several members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. His failure to stem the tide of violence against pro-life Americans, many of whom are Catholic, is not debatable.

As Sen. Mike Lee pointed out at the hearing, there have been 81 violent attacks on pro-life crisis pregnancy centers, and 130 attacks on Catholic churches, but only two persons have been charged. Yet the Department of Justice (DOJ) has brought charges against 34 non-violent pro-life protesters. This is purely a function of politics. There is no other rational explanation for such a glaring disparity.

No domestic terrorist group has been more vocal and active in violently attacking pro-life individuals and institutions than Jane's Revenge. They have claimed responsibility for at least 18 violent attacks on pro-life centers since the leak of the Supreme Court decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

It is bad enough that Garland's DOJ has been missing in action in prosecuting Jane's Revenge, it was mind-blowing to learn that Garland claimed not to have known who they were until the hearing!

Here is what Sen. Marsha Blackburn said to him. "You told me earlier that you didn't know who Jane's Revenge is. They are all over Twitter." Garland did not contest what she attributed to him.

Assuming he wasn't lying, why is it that no one on his staff ever bothered to apprise him of Jane's Revenge? It's not as though he hasn't been contacted about their violence.

On June 10, 2022, Sen. Marco Rubio wrote to Garland about "radical pro-abortion groups, like Jane's Revenge, that have relentlessly targeted pro-life centers, groups, and churches with arson, vandalism, and violence due to their pro-life views."

On June 15, Rubio again wrote to Garland about Jane's Revenge, saying they have now "doubled-down on its commitment to violence, threats and intimidation, writing that the 'leash is off' and it is now 'open season' on any pro-life group that refuses to close its doors."

On June 16, 2022, Sen. Tom Cotton said Garland should resign over the DOJ's failure to deal with Jane's Revenge violence. "Houses of worship and pro-life pregnancy centers are under attack."

On June 17, 2022, Bill Donohue wrote to Garland. "We have witnessed a rash of vandalism against Catholic churches, firebombings of crisis pregnancy centers (many of which are run by Catholics), Masses being interrupted, illegal protests outside the homes of Catholic Supreme Court Justices, and an attempted murder of one of the Catholic Justices. While there are several groups involved in these attacks, none is more dangerous than Jane's Revenge.

"Jane's Revenge is a domestic terrorist group, par excellence. Recently formed, it brags about blowing up crisis pregnancy centers. Worse, it is calling for a 'Night of Rage' on the day the Supreme Court is expected to overturn *Roe v. Wade*."

Donohue ended by asking him to take "aggressive action" against Jane's Revenge.

Even though Rubio, Cotton and Donohue independently alerted Garland to Jane's Revenge, he appears positively clueless as to who they are. His ignorance is stunning.

Sen. Cotton is right—Garland should resign. If he doesn't, he should be impeached.

THE POPE, HOLLYWOOD AND TRANSGENDERISM

If there were any doubt that the religious vision of

sexuality, as represented by the pope, and the secular vision, as represented by Hollywood, were dissimilar, they were wiped away.

On March 10, an Argentine daily newspaper, *La Nación*, published an interview that Pope Francis gave on the subject of transgenderism. "Gender ideology, today, is one of the most dangerous ideological colonizations. Why is it dangerous? Because it blurs the difference and the value of men and women."

The pope also said that "some people are a bit naïve and believe that it [gender ideology] is the way to progress." Such persons, he said, do not recognize "an anthropology of gender, which is extremely dangerous because it eliminates differences [between men and women]."

Two days later, at the Academy Awards, Daniel Scheinert, the co-director of the Oscar-winning movie, "Everything Everywhere All at Once," took the occasion to defend drag queens and drag children. He said they were "a threat to nobody!" The crowd loved it.

The pope understands that human nature is fixed: there are only two sexes. Hollywood thinks human nature is fluid: there are many sexes, or what they inaccurately call "genders."

Is the Hollywood crowd naïve, as the pope says, or are they something more sinister? To conclude they are naïve is to say they can be educated as to their follies. But if they are not naïve, and they know exactly what they are doing, then they are willfully promoting what the pope calls "one of the most dangerous ideological colonizations." We think it's deliberate.

SEAL OF CONFESSION UNDER FIRE

Something sinister is going on, and it is not by coincidence. Within the course of one week, at the beginning of March, five states either heard testimony on a bill that would deny the priest-penitent privilege, or had bills of this nature introduced.

Vermont heard testimony from Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne. Delaware, Kansas, Utah and Washington had bills to bust the seal of confession introduced. It looks like the one in Utah died a quick death, and the ones in Kansas and Washington are not likely to succeed.

In every case, the alleged proximate cause was gathering information about child sexual abuse cases as learned in the confessional.

We are used to doing battle with lawmakers who want to violate the seal of confession. In the last few years we succeeded in beating back attempts to vitiate the priest-penitent privilege in Utah and North Dakota. The same lawmaker we beat in Utah last year introduced a similar bill this year, but it got nowhere.

We wasted no time contacting the lawmakers in Vermont and Delaware. We asked them to reconsider that part of their bill that touched on the priest-penitent relationship. If the seal of the confession is broken, we stressed, it would vitiate its *raison d'être*. It is also unenforceable: no priest would ever violate his obligation to maintain confidentiality.

Whenever we have dealt with this matter, we always ask those who sponsor these bills the same question. "Where is the evidence that the priest-penitent privilege plays a role in the unfolding of the clergy sexual abuse scandal?" There is none.

It must be said that the scandal that rocked the Catholic

Church took place mostly between 1965 and 1985. Moreover, the reforms enacted over the past two decades have been a stunning success: the average number of credible accusations made against approximately 50,000 members of the clergy is in the single digits. The fact is that most of the molesters are either dead or have been kicked out of the priesthood.

Journalists will go to prison before giving up their sources. Psychologists would never divulge what they learn from their patients. Lawyers learn of things from their clients that must remain secret. Ditto for priests in the confessional.

There are some important steps that can be taken to curtail the abuse of children. They should be implemented. But not among them is busting the seal of the confessional.

MODEL POLICY ON TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, under the leadership of Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, has adopted a model policy on how to deal with transgender students. It is a model not just for Catholic schools, but for all schools, private and public. It is empathetic in its understanding of those suffering from gender dysphoria, yet firmly opposed to gender ideology.

“The first chapters of Genesis in sacred scripture provide the foundation for a Catholic *anthropology*—the Catholic understanding of the human person. According to our faith, human beings are made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:27).”

Pope Francis, who has called gender ideology “demonic,” is

quoted in the policy, reminding us of who has stewardship over our bodies.

“The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation. Learning to respect our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology.”

The policy rejects the widespread notion of “gender identity theory,” which holds that “one’s identity as a man, woman, or both/neither is based solely on subjective self-perception.” This is false. Indeed, this kind of subjectivism is at odds with “the objective fact of biological sex.” Thus, it is contrary to truth. This, more than anything, is the heart of the problem of gender ideology.

The inclusion of “Pastoral Guidelines” is most helpful. Here are some of them.

- It recommends that “designations and pronouns should accord with biological sex.”
- Restrooms and locker rooms “should be organized according to biological sex.”
- Sports teams should be “based on biological sex, rather than self-perceived gender.”
- Dress codes should also be in accordance with one’s biological sex.
- Importantly, “no person should have on-site or distribute medications for the purpose of gender transition.”
- Just as critical, the policy recognizes that “parents are the primary educators,” and should be treated as such.

This commonsensical policy should be adopted nationwide. For starters, we need to end the exploitation of minors for

ideological and financial profit. This means we need to start respecting the human dignity of the person. We did not come into the world as something other than male or female, and no amount of brainwashing to the contrary should be tolerated.

ABORTION COMPLICATIONS ARE SERIOUS

Most of the mainstream media is in the tank with pro-abortion activists, which explains their reluctance to accurately report on the seriousness of abortion complications. Yet any person who truly believes in the best interests of women should want all women to know what can happen to them when undergoing an abortion. Since they won't do it, we will.

The latest data from the CDC on abortion shows that in 2020 there were 620,327 abortions in the United States. They also found that roughly 2 percent of all abortions involve some type of complication. To put that in perspective, that means that in about 12,400 cases, there was a complication.

The CDC further determined that 2020 marked the first time that a majority of abortions (53 percent) involved pills. Abortion clinics account for almost 100 percent of the other cases.

Dr. Ingrid Skop is an OB-GYN and a senior fellow and director of medical affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute. One of her biggest concerns is the recent decision by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to permanently remove restrictions on obtaining the abortion pill: women are no longer required to see a doctor in-person to be prescribed chemical abortion pills.

“The regimen that’s been approved by the [FDA] consists of two pills,” Dr. Skop told the Daily Signal. “Mifepristone blocks the progesterone receptor, so it cuts off the hormonal support and kills the embryo or fetus. It’s followed generally in 24 to 48 hours by misoprostol, which induces contractions and causes this tissue to be expressed. Unfortunately, it doesn’t always work. Probably about 1 out of 20 times it will not express all the tissue, and the woman will require surgery to complete the abortion.”

It was President Biden who took away the in-person requirements for the abortion pill. Dr. Skop explains what this means.

“This means there’s no physical exam, there’s no ultrasound to make sure that the gestational age is correct, to make sure the pregnancy is not in the fallopian tube where it could rupture. There’s no safeguards to make sure a woman is not being coerced into an abortion. No one’s doing labs to determine if she has an Rh-negative blood type and needs a RhoGAM shot to prevent future pregnancy complications.”

Here are some other problems associated with abortion pills (the information is taken from the Charlotte Lozier Institute).

- Chemical abortion has a complication rate four times that of surgical abortion, and as many as one out of five women will suffer a complication.
- Chemical abortion drugs are more likely to send women to the emergency room: the rate of chemical abortion-related emergency room visits increased over 500% between 2002-2015.
- Chemical abortions are over 50% more likely than surgical abortions to result in an ER visit within 30 days affecting one in twenty women.
- Some abortion advocates encourage women to lie to their doctors if they need urgent care and say they are having a miscarriage. However, if a chemical abortion is miscoded as a

miscarriage in the ER (which occurred 60% of the time in one study), the woman is at significantly greater risk of needing multiple hospitalizations and follow-up surgery.

Women who go to abortion clinics that are not run by doctors are also in a risky situation. If she has complications, she is dependent on the judgment of a non-licensed physician to attend to her. Question: If no one in his right mind would undergo dental surgery performed by a dental hygienist, why would anyone allow a midwife, nurse or physician assistant to perform an abortion?

We did a study of the prevalence of non-doctors performing abortions across the country. It is available on our website.

The passion for abortion is so strong at Planned Parenthood that it now has mobile clinics that “roam the southern Illinois border” looking to entice women in nearby pro-life states, such as Missouri, to get rid of their unborn child. Pregnant women can hop on board an RV and have their abortion done lickety-split. Even DoorDash can’t match this kind of service.

Finally, abortion activists are pressuring the Biden administration to declare an “abortion public health emergency,” decrying the lack of access to abortion in some parts of the country. Makes you wonder: Do they really hate kids that much?

CHRISTIAN BASHING ON CAMPUS

No civilization has brought about more liberty and equality than western civilization, and that is due, in large part, to the contributions of Catholicism. Yet on many campuses, not

only is western civilization being trashed—while primitive cultures are being celebrated—Christianity is under attack. More than that, the western haters have turned their academic guns on Christians themselves.

“Christian Privilege” classes, workshops, and lectures have been in vogue for the past several years. At George Washington University, diversity workshops teach that “Christians enjoy a privileged, easier life than their non-Christians counterparts, and that Christians possess ‘built-in-advantages’ today.”

In other words, Hispanic Catholics who clean the toilets of filthy-rich atheist students and their pampered professors are the “privileged” ones.

At Rutgers University, a guest lecturer from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Khyati Joshi, told students a few years ago that “white Christian privilege” was responsible for slavery. She did not say who is responsible for slavery in a large part of the non-white world today.

Florida State University has been in the news lately for promoting “diversity, equity and inclusion,” or what is really racism—racism against white people, especially white Christians. Some of what follows, the university now says, is being discontinued, but there is reason to doubt it.

Students are being told in some classes that they must list their “identities.” One student was told to list himself as a white, heterosexual, Catholic male. To what end? The point of the assignment, everyone knew, was to shame him.

Another student, a female, said that her professor was known for going off on “white privilege” and “systemic racism,” and that if any students disagreed with him, their grades suffered. In fact, when she wrote a paper defending Christianity as an institution that helped to end slavery, she received an “F.”

The diversity, equity and inclusion gurus on campus have training programs where participants learn the four expressions of "Religious Oppression," all of which blame white Christians for oppressing everyone else. The Indians and Pakistanis, and rival African tribes, according to this narrative, never butcher each other.

The proponents of this left-wing propaganda, which is today called scholarship, say that observing Christmas is an example of Christian hegemony. If that is the case, we need more of it. "Christian Privilege," they say, refers to "the view that Christian beliefs, language, and practices do not require any special effort to be recognized, as they are embedded into the U.S. American culture."

Leaving aside the fact that there is no such thing as a Christian "language" (these idiots should be fired for incompetence), why should it be considered controversial for a nation founded by Christians to celebrate its history? What exactly do they do in countries founded by Jews, Hindus and Muslims—celebrate Christianity? The USSR and Communist China were founded by secular genocidal maniacs and their celebrations were never criticized by the same people at war with Christians.

Classroom instruction at Florida State also includes discussion of the "Matrix of Oppression," or what some people call the "Matrix of Domination." It is basically a list of victimizers and victims.

The bad guys include white people, "biological" men (meaning real men), "gender conforming men" (meaning sane men), rich people and "naturalized citizens" (meaning those who didn't break the law coming here). The good guys, the victims, are non-whites, "biological" women (meaning real women), "transgender, genderqueer, intersex" (meaning the sexually confused), and "undocumented" people (meaning those who crashed our borders illegally).

Asking university staff and students to swallow this moonshine is not without consequence. In 2021, Florida State had to settle out of court with Jack Denton, the Student Senate President, after he sued for having his First Amendment rights violated. Here's what happened.

Denton sent a text to his fellow Catholic students complaining about Black Lives Matter and the ACLU. A student who read the text, and was offended, shared Denton's private correspondence with his friends, triggering massive retaliation against him. They distorted his remarks and he was removed from his Senate office. When he brought this to the attention of university officials, they refused to do anything about it. That's when he sued.

Any person—of any race, ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation who apologizes for who he is—simply because of real and contrived offenses committed by people who share his identity, needs help. Unless the bullies on the Left are told to take a hike—and sued when appropriate—this madness will continue.

TRANSGENDER VICTIMS SPEAK OUT

On March 12, the Hollywood gang congratulated themselves again at the Academy Awards, and some Oscar winners made obscene comments. It's who they are.

On the same day, an event that is of much greater cultural significance took place: it was Detransition Awareness Day. Hollywood was not cheering, but everyone else should have been. Detransitioners are people who have made the courageous decision to transition back to their normal sex.

Last year those who had transitioned to the opposite sex, and back again, held a Zoom conference on March 12 to discuss their experiences. Participants logged in from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Chile, Brazil, and other countries. Their stories would shake most people.

In recent years, there has been a sharp increase in children who are confused about their sex, with girls transitioning to boys much more than vice versa. The latest data show that approximately 30 percent now transition back to their father-determined sex.

It is a national scandal that the elites in the medical profession are mostly supportive of transgender ideology. To counsel young people to switch their sex—which despite anatomical surgery can never happen in any true biological sense—is child abuse.

Virtually every boy and girl who has expressed misgivings about his or her natural sex has been encouraged by therapists, and those in the medical community, to take the next step. If they were left alone to work through this stage, 80 percent would choose not to transition.

Why do we need Detransition Awareness Day? Because those who make the decision to reverse course are attacked for doing so. They are harassed, verbally abused, stigmatized, shunned, and treated like dirt. Many examples could be cited. Here are a few.

Sinead Watson works as an advisor to Genspect, a parent-led organization opposed to transgenderism. In 2015, she made the switch from female to male; she decided to detransition in 2019.

Her second decision was greeted by therapists with scorn. “They just didn’t want to speak about detransition,” saying “it was like a kick in the stomach.” She calls the initial

push to transition young people “disgusting,” arguing that the affirmative model must change.

Chloe Cole is the first person in the United States to bring a lawsuit against those who assisted her, as a minor, to make the medical transition. That was when she was 12. Four years later she realized this was a mistake.

When she made the first transition, her parents were told what has become the standard line—if you don’t support your child to transition she may commit suicide. Chloe says that “they were pretty much coerced into allowing this to happen.” Her lawsuit expressly says that she and her parents were “falsely informed” that she was “at a high risk for suicide.”

When she changed from male back to female, she was “attacked online” and in person. “I started getting harassed a lot.” She was shunned at school and made to feel like a pariah, if not a traitor to the cause of transgenderism.

There is no end to the services afforded to those who buy into the transgender scam and seek to transition. But there is nothing available for those who seek to detransition. This includes the Biden administration, which has shamelessly taken the side of the child abusers.

Those who choose to return to their nature-given status should be given every resource available. They are the ones who truly deserve our compassion and support.

NYC MAYOR ANGERS SECULARISTS

New York City Mayor Eric Adams angered secularists recently when he spoke at an interfaith breakfast event. After his

closest aide, Ingrid Lewis-Martin, introduced him as someone who “doesn’t believe” in separation of church and state, her boss took the stage and said, “Ingrid is so right.” “Don’t tell me about no separation of church and state. State is the body. Church is the heart. You take the heart out of the body, the body dies.”

Adams continued this line of thought, saying, “I can’t separate my belief because I’m an elected official.” He then made an observation that was just as contentious. “When we took prayers out of schools, guns came into schools.”

As expected, this didn’t sit well with left-wing secularists and their religious next of kin. Rabbi Abby Stein, who is an LGBT activist, said Adams’ remarks were “unhinged and dangerous.” Donna Lieberman of the New York Civil Liberties Union, a militant secular organization, said his comments left her “speechless.”

Fabien Levy, a spokesman for Adams, said that Adams was merely trying to show that faith guides his actions. That is no doubt true. Adams has been in office long enough for us to know if he was literally attempting to abridge the First Amendment rights of New Yorkers.

It is paradoxical, to say the least, to hear left-wing activists hyperventilate over Adams’ speech. The fact is there is a very real threat to separation of church and state these days, and it is coming from organizations like the ACLU: they are using the state to encroach on the rights of the faithful. It is not the church that is busy abridging the rights of the state; it is the other way around.

When secularists like the ACLU lobby for the Equality Act—which would allow the state to tell Catholic doctors and hospitals that they must perform abortions and sex-reassignment surgeries—they are showing contempt for separation of church and state.

Secular activists pose the real constitutional threat, not Mayor Adams.

CALL FOR PROBE OF JANE'S REVENGE

On January 30, Bill Donohue sent a letter to Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, asking for an investigation of Jane's Revenge, the violent anti-Catholic and pro-abortion terrorist group. He mentioned that he had previously asked U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to commence such a probe but never received a reply.

We sent Jordan a copy of Donohue's letter to Garland and a report on Jane's Revenge done by our staff. Here is the report.

Jane's Revenge Fact Sheet

Overview

Jane's Revenge is a militant group of pro-abortion extremists. They use the tactics of domestic terrorism to target pro-life activists, many of whom are Catholic. They frequently employ incendiary bombs, vandalism, and other forms of property destruction to intimidate those they disagree with. Here is a list of their actions.

Acts of Violence

May 8, 2022: Madison, WI—Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for firebombing the Wisconsin Family Action offices.

May 14, 2022: Reisterstown, MD—Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing Alpha Pregnancy Center.

May 25, 2022: Lynnwood, WA–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing Next Steps Pregnancy Services.

May 30, 2022: Eugene, OR–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing Dove Medical Center, a pregnancy resource center.

May 30, 2022: Hollywood, FL–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing the Respect Life Office, a pregnancy resource center run by the Archdiocese of Miami.

June 2, 2022: Des Moines, IA–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing the Agape Pregnancy Resource Center.

June 2, 2022: Washington, DC–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center.

June 7, 2022: Amherst, NY–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for firebombing CompassCare, a pregnancy resource center.

June 7, 2022: Asheville, NC–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized Mountain Area Pregnancy Services.

June 8, 2022: Vancouver, WA–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing Options360 Women's Clinic, a pregnancy resource center.

June 10, 2022: Gresham, OR–Jane's Revenge allegedly firebombed First Image, a pregnancy resource center.

June 14, 2022: Minneapolis, MN–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized Minnesota Citizens for Life.

June 19, 2022: Dearborn Heights, MI–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized Lennon Pregnancy Center.

June 19, 2022: Redford, MI–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing Pregnancy Care Center.

June 21, 2022: Jackson, MI–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized the offices of Representative Tim Walberg and the Jackson Right to Life.

June 25, 2022: Paso Robles, CA–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized the Tree of Life Pregnancy Center.

June 25, 2022: Longmont, CO–Jane's Revenge allegedly firebombed Life Choices, a pregnancy resource center.

June 25, 2022: Winter Haven, FL–Jane's Revenge allegedly

vandalized the Life Choice Pregnancy Center.

June 25, 2022: Lynchburg, VA–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center.

June 26, 2022: Portland, OR–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized All Saints Parish.

June 27, 2022: Burlington, VT–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing a pregnancy resource center.

June 29, 2022: Everett, WA–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for firebombing a pregnancy resource center.

July 3, 2022: Hialeah, FL–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized the Pregnancy Help Medical Clinics.

July 3, 2022: Southfield, MI–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing Mother and Unborn Baby Care.

July 5, 2022: St. Paul, MN–Jane's Revenge allegedly vandalized Birthright, a pregnancy resource center.

July 8, 2022: Worcester, MA–Jane's Revenge claimed responsibility for vandalizing the Problem Pregnancy and Clearway Clinic.