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## Fetal Cannibalism Planned Parenthood Style

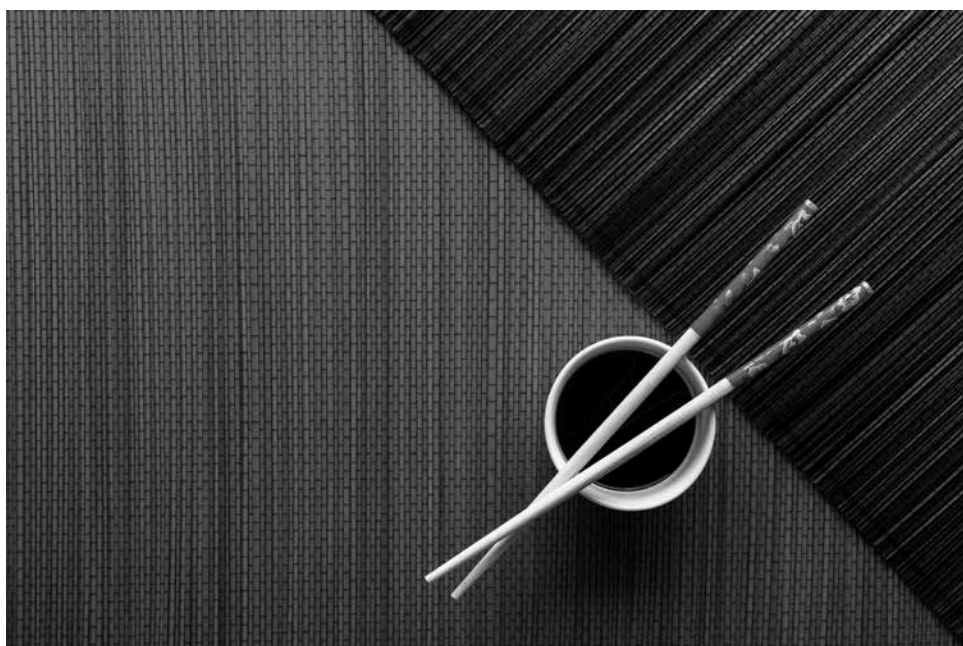
**In China they eat babies; Planned Parenthood kills them and then sells their organs.  
Which is worse?**

**By Steven Mosher and Jonathan Abbamonte**

On the menu of some exclusive Chinese restaurants is an item that goes by the name of Spare Rib Soup. Very expensive, it is usually served only in the back rooms to known customers, who are willing to pay to premium for this delicacy. So what is Spare Rib Soup?

Brace yourselves.

Spare Rib Soup is actually a human soup, made from the bodies of aborted babies. It is regarded by the Chinese—at least some Chinese—as a rejuvenating potion. A kind of fountain of youth that will fix sagging wrinkles, grow back missing hair, and generally put a spring back in your step.



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All of which is quite simply nonsense.

But I thought of Spare Rib Soup when I watched the video of Dr. Deborah Nucatola, Senior Director of Medical Services, Planned Parenthood, describing how her organization is harvesting and selling parts and pieces from aborted babies.

You've all seen the video by now, so I needn't describe it in detail. If you haven't, join the 2 million others who have. Prepare to be revolted.

I'm sure the picture of Nucatola calmly masticating her food as she

discusses the importance of not crushing the organs so she "can get it all intact" will stay with you a long time. Or the thought of her sipping her cabernet sauvignon as she brags, "We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver."

How the abortionist can manage to keep down her lunch while casually revealing that she did a "seventeen-weeker just this morning" is beyond me. She is talking about taking the life of a child who is about 12 inches long, can suck his thumb, can sense light and can feel pain. The thought

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# President's Page

## The Earth is Not “Sick” and Mankind is Thriving as Never Before

Having carefully read through *Laudato Si*, I am amazed at how many unsubstantiated claims and groundless assertions it contains. Many of its claims are so over-the-top that they can even be falsified by citing UN documents, which themselves tend to magnify environmental and other global problems as a fundraising ploy. From a strictly scientific point of view the Encyclical is an embarrassment.

Before getting down to specifics, let me first make clear that I am not referring to the document's frequent lapses into hyperbole. I don't fault Pope Francis for his repeated references to the “environmental crisis” and his reference to “the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air, and in all forms of life (paragraph 2).” I am a writer myself, and understand that occasional exaggeration for effect is part of the writer's craft.

Nor am I talking about the much ballyhooed support the encyclical gives to global warming, climate change, or whatever we are calling it these days. An extended discussion of the rate, direction, and cause of projected future changes in the earth's climate would only reveal that there are profound differences of opinion on each of these points. Here I will only address obvious factual errors.

Finally, I am not criticizing the Holy Father himself. The Pope necessarily relied on environmental “experts” selected by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences to advise him on these matters. The responsibility

for these embarrassing lapses lies with them, not with him.

Here are some of the fictions related in Chapter One of *Laudato Si*, which is entitled “What is Happening to Our Common Home.”

The Issue of Water (paragraphs 27-31):

“One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor...the quality of available water is constantly diminishing[...] (paragraphs 29-30).”

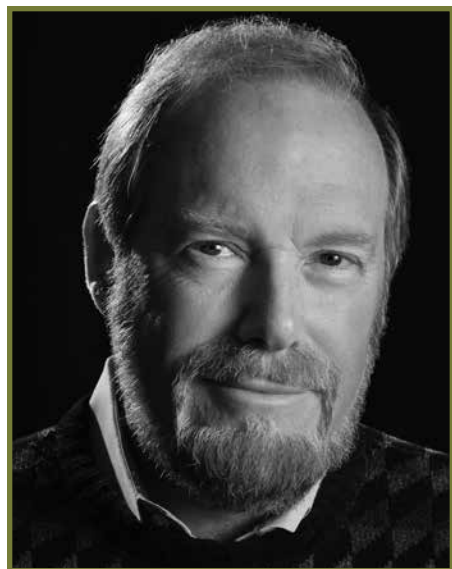
According to the United Nation's *Millennium Development Goals 2014 Report*, over the past twenty years “access to an improved drinking water source became a reality for 2.3 billion people.” As the MDG Report explains:

“The target of halving the proportion of people without access to an improved drinking water source was achieved in 2010, five years ahead of schedule. In 2012, 89 percent of the world's population had access to an improved source, up from 76 percent in 1990. Over 2.3 billion people gained access to an improved source of drinking water between 1990 and 2012 (page 4).”

Loss of Biodiversity (paras 32-42):

“Each year see the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity (paragraph 33).”

The MDG 2014 Report does not support this claim, saying only that “The Red List Index shows



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that, overall, species are declining in population and distribution and, hence, moving faster towards extinction (page 33).

Many species have seen their natural habitats reduced, of course, and their numbers threatened. This is precisely why the Convention on Biological Diversity set a goal of setting aside 17 percent of global

terrestrial areas and 10 percent of coastal and marine areas by 2020 as nature preserves. Since such preserves now include some "14.6 percent of the earth's land surface area and 9.7 per cent of its coastal marine areas (page 33)" anyone can see that we are close to achieving our internationally agreed upon goal of protecting biodiversity and reducing anthropogenic species extinction in this way. There is no need for panic.

Decline in the Quality of Human Life and the Breakdown of Society (para 43-47):

"[...]we cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration[...]the growth of the past two centuries has not always led to[...]an improvement in the quality of life (paragraph 43)."

In 1815 there were approximately 1 billion people alive on the planet. The average lifespan was 30 years, and the per capita income was a mere \$100. The life of man in nature, as Thomas Hobbes famously remarked, was nasty, brutish and short.

Today there are 7.2 billion people living on Planet Earth, the average lifespan is 71, and the GDP per capita, using purchasing power parity, is over \$12,000. In other words, as our numbers have grown so has our well-being and prosperity. Lifespans have more than doubled and per capita incomes have risen over a hundred times!

How can this dramatic—and historically unprecedented—improvement in the quality of life be so cavalierly dismissed?

Global Inequality (paragraphs 48-52):

"[The poor, the excluded, the most vulnerable] are the majority of the planet's population, billions of people (paragraph 49)."

In fact, the worldwide reduction of poverty is a great success story. "The world has reduced extreme poverty by half. In 1990, almost half of the population in developing regions lived on less than \$1.25 a day. This rate dropped to 22 per cent by 2010, reducing the number of people living in extreme poverty by 700 million (MDG 2014 Report, p. 4)."

"This means that the world reached the MDG target—of halving the proportion of people living in extreme poverty—five years ahead of the 2015 deadline. While the absolute number of people living in extreme poverty fell from 1.9 billion in 1990 to 1.2 billion in 2010 (page 9)."

One can always redefine poverty upward, as we have done repeatedly in the United States since the War on Poverty began. It is no secret that this has been done for political reasons by a certain political party to ensure that they "will always have the poor with them" in the voting booth.

I could go on, but there is no need to pile up cases. Suffice to note that a dismal tone of environmental "apocalypse now" pervades the entire document, as when it breathlessly proclaims that: "Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations' debris, desolation, and filth[...]our contemporary lifestyle [is] unsustainable (paragraph 161)."

This reads for all the world like the discredited Club of Rome report published in 1972. Later revealed to be a hoax, this report predicted that the world would run out of various "nonrenewable resources" in the 1980s and 1990s, and that environmental, economic and societal collapse would follow. It

didn't happen then, and there is no evidence that it will happen now.

It is perhaps no coincidence that Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, who had a part in drafting the encyclical, is a member of the Club of Rome. Herr Doctor Professor Schellnhuber was apparently selected for this role by Archbishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, the head of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS), who has since appointed him to the Academy.

This brings me back to the question of responsibility. Who but the head of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences should have ensured that this encyclical was free of errors of scientific fact? Who but the head of the PAS should have selected experts who were committed to both scientific reason and the Catholic faith? In selecting Schellnhuber, he might as well have turned the manuscript over to a fundraising copywriter for the Environmental Defense Fund.

Archbishop Sanchez Sorondo has squandered the moral authority of the Papacy.

He should resign.





# May I Send You Your Choice of These Gifts?

***It's time we stop apologizing and start learning the truth about the Crusades!***

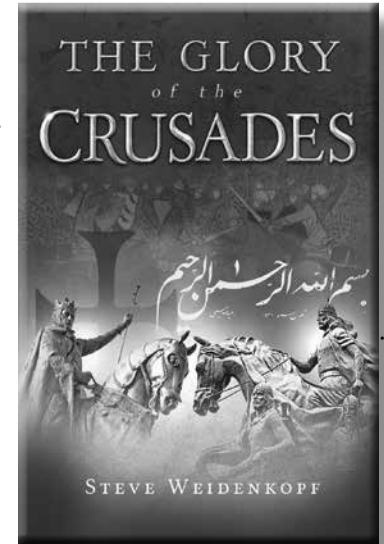
The modern world embraces a false narrative about the Crusades that remains entrenched in the minds of many people, including many Catholics. *The Glory of the Crusades* will help you separate historical fact from widespread fiction.

Authored by Steve Weidenkopf, lecturer at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College, *The Glory of the Crusades* exposes the misunderstandings and misuse of the history of the Crusades . . .

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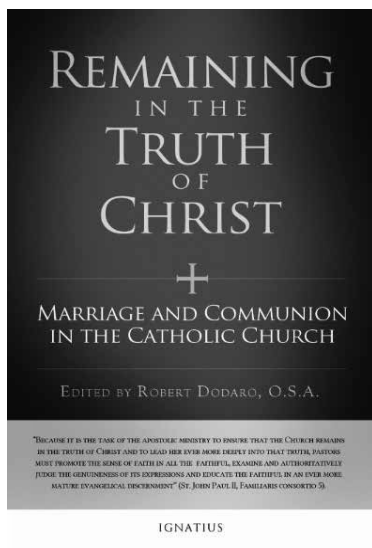
This book is a must-read to help reclaim the true Catholic narrative of the Crusades. And we'll send to you free with your gift of \$40 or more!



## ***The book that Synod liberals justifiably fear!***

It was reported that last year's Synod organizer—liberal Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri—actually attempted to seize copies of this book from the Vatican post office, fearing its distribution would interfere with liberal plans for the Synod!

So with the next Synod scheduled to begin just weeks from now—and Church liberals set to charge ahead with demands that the Communion rail be open to Catholics who've divorced and remarried—this book is vital reading. It's *Remaining in the Truth of Christ – Marriage and Communion in the Catholic Church*, from Ignatius Press.



This "must read" book is authored by Cardinal Raymond Burke and eight other cardinals and Church scholars. It shreds the false arguments put forth by German Cardinal Walter Kaspar and other "progressives" that Christ's teaching on marriage is open to change. You'll find a piercing look at the fallacies of Eastern Orthodox teaching on divorce—fallacies that Kaspar uses to justify his attacks on the indissolubility of marriage. You'll discover why Kaspar

is wrong when he claims that Church doctrine treats civilly remarried Catholics cruelly, the difference between sacramental discipline and doctrine, and why Kaspar's proposal is most definitely a change in Church doctrine, plus so much more that has "progressive" Church leaders running for cover!

If you give me the go-ahead today, *Remaining in the Truth of Christ* will be in your hands in plenty of time for the opening of the Synod. May I send you a copy with my sincere thanks for your much-needed gift of \$50 or more?

**Both *The Glory of the Crusades* and *Remaining in the Truth of Christ* can be yours with your contribution of \$75 or more. Please use the enclosed Gift Reply to quickly receive your copies, or use PRI's secure donation link: <http://pop.org/donate/prior>**

makes me want to vomit. Apparently it stimulates her appetite.

Federal law prohibits the commercial trafficking of fetal tissue for profit and carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine. That's why Nucatola is careful to say that Planned Parenthood abortionists "want to come to a number that doesn't look like they're making money. If they can do a little better than break even, and do so in a way that seems reasonable, they're happy to do that."

Nucatola skirts the law a second time when she explains that Planned Parenthood's abortionists sometimes do a manual version to keep the baby's head intact so it can be sold. The baby is delivered feet first and killed in the process. This is, of course, akin to an illegal partial-birth abortion, following a 2003 law passed by the Congress and signed into law by President Bush.

The fetal soup sold in China is nauseating to any normal human being, but are Planned Parenthood's actions any less so?

And reflect on this difference: In China, the only people responsible for this human cannibalism are the paying customers themselves. But in

the United States, because of the huge subsidies that Planned Parenthood receives from the American taxpayer, we are all "paying customers."

According to Planned Parenthood's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 annual report, the supposedly non-profit organization received a whopping \$528 million. The U.S. taxpayer

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is the single largest contributor to Planned Parenthood, providing some 41 percent of its total revenue.

Planned Parenthood committed 327,653 abortions in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014, an estimated one-third of all abortions committed in the U.S. that year. To put this number into perspective, Planned Parenthood abortionists are stopping a beating heart 37 times every hour, night and day, week after week, month after month.

And there is another reason why we can make no claims of moral superiority over China. Unlike

the People's Republic, we are a democratic country. We elected the men to Congress who appropriated our money and gave it to abortionists like Nucatola. We elected the President—Barack Obama—who keynotes Planned Parenthood fundraising events. So we are all collectively responsible for doing something about Planned Parenthood's dirty business.

Because of its trafficking in baby body parts, Planned Parenthood is already under investigation by the U.S. House of Representatives and in 12 states, including South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, Indiana, Ohio, Georgia, Texas, and Louisiana. More states need to follow—including your state.

It is past time to cut off all funding to the Planned Parenthood killing fields. Contact your Congressman and Senators, your governors and state legislators, your mayors and your city counselors. Tell them to defund Planned Parenthood once and for all.

Now.

### Watch the Videos Here

1st video: <https://youtube/jjxwVuozMnU> 5th video: <https://youtu.be/egGUEvY7CEg>

2nd video: [https://youtu.be/MjCs\\_gvImyw](https://youtu.be/MjCs_gvImyw) 6th video: <https://youtu.be/ABzFZM73o8M>

3rd video: <https://youtu.be/Xw2xi9mhmuo> 7th video: <https://youtu.be/FzMAycMMXp8>

4th video: <https://youtu.be/GWQuZMvcFA8> 8th video: <https://youtu.be/cz1gRNPgMvE>

**Sign the petition to defund Planned Parenthood now! <http://plannedparenthoodexposed.com/>**

# Planned Parenthood Uses Manual Vacuum Aspirators to Harvest Fetal Organs

By Jonathan Abbamonte

A second video alleging Planned Parenthood's gruesome selling of fetal body parts surfaced several weeks ago. And once again we find a senior executive of the organization, Dr. Mary Gatter, willing to put women's lives at risk in order to make more money for the organization and for themselves.

As Gatter explains, "I wouldn't object to asking Ian, who's our surgeon who does the cases, to use an Ipas [manual vacuum aspirator] at that gestational age in order to increase the odds that he's going to get an intact specimen."

"Intact specimens", you see, are worth more money. And Planned Parenthood gets them by using a device that regular readers of our *PRI Review* are all too familiar with: a manual vacuum aspirator.

Manual vacuum aspirators are murderous machines used to abort babies between three and fourteen weeks gestation. They are large, unsophisticated syringes operated by hand that work by suctioning the fetus from its mother's womb. The baby's delicate body is crushed and sliced as it is aspirated through a long cannula. After the abortion procedure, the baby parts are emptied into a bowl of water or vinegar and inspected to insure that all pieces are there and accounted for. One must wonder how a "doctor" can justify abortion as he or she inspects baby parts floating in a pool of vinegar.

Manual vacuum aspiration (MVA) uses less suction than electronic vacuum aspiration (VA), perfect for preserving more organs intact for harvesting. It's for this reason Gatter refers to the MVA in the video as a "less crunchy technique."

Manual vacuum aspiration devices are used particularly in developing countries because they can be used without electricity. Since MVA devices require little training to operate, they are often used by non-



physician abortion providers. Their small price tag and portability allow them to be widely distributed in remote locales, often in areas with poor sanitation and poor healthcare.

Population Research Institute has long documented the use of MVAs in developing regions. Unsterilized reusable MVAs have likely contributed to the spread of AIDS in Africa and STIs worldwide. The painful MVA procedure is often done without anesthesia such as in the Marie Stopes clinic we documented in Kenya. MVA devices have been reported to be used up to

sixteen weeks gestation under the guise of "menstrual regulation" and "post-abortive care," the abortion advocate's code words for first trimester abortion in countries where abortion is illegal or largely restricted.

Planned Parenthood would stand to benefit financially from switching from VAs to MVAs. Electronic vacuum aspiration equipment is far more expensive than MVA devices. Some researchers argue MVAs can be done in the doctor's office, saving

the cost of having to invest in maintaining expensive operating rooms. Alisa Goldberg, MD concludes her study comparing MVA and VA procedures by saying as much, "Whereas purchasing an electric vacuum machine requires a large initial investment, the manual aspiration equipment is inexpensive[...] These factors, together with the simplicity of use[...] could increase the number of physicians who offer

abortion to their patients in an office setting."

MVA devices are not subject to FDA approval. PRI years ago tried to have the FDA pull the MVA abortion devices off the market but the FDA would not budge. In fact, they would not even subject MVAs to the same safety standards required of all other medical devices on the market. The FDA claims the devices do not require a pre-market review because they were available prior to May 28, 1976. New iterations of MVA devices are not subject to review as long as they do not deviate too far from their

original design. Even so, according to the FDA, “manufacturers are primarily responsible for determining whether changes that are made to their device require the submission of” the proper forms.

While the FDA has refused to review the device for safety, a number of adverse reports have been filed with the federal regulatory organization including a report of uterine perforation and even death.

The lead manufacturer of MVA devices, Ipas, is not a pharmaceutical or medical device company but rather an international abortion advocacy organization. Ipas declares on its own website that it is dedicated to expanding “comprehensive abortion care.” The abortion activist organization is also actively involved in “work[ing] with nations’ ministries of health to interpret laws governing abortion in the broadest terms possible and to write standards and guidelines for abortion care accordingly to ensure access for as many women as possible.”

In other words, the MVA device manufacturer is actively involved in pressuring independent nations into loosening restrictions on abortion and in finding loopholes in the law to increase access to abortion.

Ipas also advocates for non-physician procured abortions. MVA abortions procured by mid-level practitioners have higher failure rates and complication rates than MVAs procured by doctors.

PRI blew the whistle years ago on Ipas’s deceptive practice of distributing miscarriage-inducing misoprostol to women in South American countries where elective

abortion is illegal. When women report to their doctors, hemorrhaging from the drug, the physician completes the abortion procedure under the guise of treatment for a spontaneous miscarriage.

Ipas claims to have distributed over 800,000 reusable manual vacuum aspirator devices worldwide. Ipas asserts that this is enough to commit 20 million abortions.

As one of Ipas’s leading donors, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) stands behind Ipas’s mission to promote abortion. In fact, Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the United States accounting for about one-third of all clinical abortions.

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During its fiscal year 2013-2014, Planned Parenthood committed 327,653 abortions, roughly the equivalent of the population of St. Louis, Missouri. At this figure, Planned Parenthood aborts children at a rate of 37 every hour. PPFA’s parent organization, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), aborts over 1 million children every year worldwide.

PPFA receives approximately \$500 million every year in federal and state grants and reimbursements. Half a billion tax dollars are funding the largest abortion provider in America every year.

Americans overwhelmingly disapprove of Planned Parenthood’s selling of fetal body parts. A recent Rasmussen poll indicates that only 25 percent of likely voters find the practice permissible.

Planned Parenthood’s abortion business is out of touch with public sentiment. The most recent Gallup poll on late term abortion indicates that 64 percent of Americans believe that abortion should be illegal in the second trimester and 80 percent believe it should be illegal in the third trimester. Many Planned Parenthood clinics provide abortions after the first trimester.

Several weeks ago, Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) introduced the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 which strips all federal funding to Planned Parenthood. The bill has already garnered 137 cosponsors. Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) has since introduced a similar bill in the Senate.

Americans should not be forced to subsidize an organization that sells fetal body parts for profit and procures late term abortions. An abortion giant like Planned Parenthood does not need our taxpayer dollars.

Dr. Gatter can be seen at the end of the video bartering for maximum profit while settling on a price that doesn’t look suspicious. “Let me just figure out what others are getting, and if this is in the ballpark,” Gatter says, “if it’s still low, then we can bump it up. I want a Lamborghini.”

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# Tough Challenges Ahead for Defenders of Life

By Dr. Christopher Manion



The prayers, goodwill, and encouragement that flow from the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia are inspirational. Friends of life will need to keep those prayers flowing as we redouble our efforts and confront the ominous attacks that the Culture of Death plans to mount against us.

As Pope Francis bluntly reminds us, these attacks are led by Satan. In the words of Saint Paul, “our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places (Eph. 6:12).”

Today, the family in America confronts a coordinated and well-funded campaign that thrusts the “wickedness in high places” into the political and legal realm.

Augustine points out that the City of Man, whose leader is Satan, is “ruled by the lust of rule.” Simply put, it hates the family.

Karl Marx had only contempt for the family, because it constitutes the greatest natural barrier between the

budding tyrant and the defenseless individual.

That’s why the “rulers of darkness” support abortion—because abortion destroys both the baby and the natural bonds of love that normally preserve and protect the family from the “dark powers” of the secular state.

Witness how supporters of abortion effortlessly glide into a feverish defense of Planned Parenthood’s infant meat market operations. People who were once merely “supporters of birth control” find themselves suddenly championing routine vivisection of live babies and the sale of their organs. The dominoes of the “contraceptive mentality” have now become giant tombstones crushing millions of innocents—but they have crushed the contraceptive conscience as well.

Today the federal courts are the primary avenue of attack, and the late Charles E. Rice, PRI’s dear friend and longtime board member, explains how that came to pass.

Dr. Rice cites longtime Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, who bluntly asserted a century ago that “the Constitution is what the judges say it is.”

That perverted principle now empowers every sitting federal judge to impose his own opinion as the law of the land. That’s why the late Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., once famously predicted that his successor would die in prison, and his successor would die a martyr in the public square. Soon the Church will no longer have any grounds to appeal to the Constitution to protect itself from the state.

“If Obama had never been elected,” Rice wrote, “the Catholic

Church and the secular State would still have been on a collision course on foundational issues of family, the transmission of life, the right to life of each human being, economic justice and especially the many issues associated with same-sex ‘marriage.’”

In recent years federal judges have overturned dozens of state laws protecting life, marriage, and family. Today, the courts are much more abortion-and-gay-friendly than America’s voters are, so that’s where our enemies have concentrated their fire.

In fact, several foundations dominated by homosexuals have devoted millions of dollars to lawyers who attack the family. Their campaign aims to eradicate any religious exemptions based on opposition to gay “marriage.” Ultimately, their goal is to ruin religious business owners and employees, while bankrupting anyone who gets in their way.

When the Planned Parenthood videos involving the National Abortion Federation appeared, a federal judge who had raised over \$200,000 for Obama’s presidential campaign came to Planned Parenthood’s rescue. Judge William Orrick issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the release of further videos, ironically alleging that the videos might cause “irreparable injury” to the abortionists (he did not pause to mention any “irreparable injury” to the babies).

If judges like Orrick make the decisions on the future of religious liberties, we can predict an unhappy outcome. Consider the recent testimony of IRS Commissioner John Koskinen before the Senate Judiciary Committee. When asked if the IRS



would challenge the tax-exempt status of religious institutions that opposed so-called same-sex marriage, Koskinen ominously replied no, not "at this time."

Rest assured, our time will come. And we must be ready.

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*Soon-to-be Catholic priests praying before their ordination*

Four more young men have graduated from Thailand's Fatima Seminary, which the Population Research Institute helped build for Archbishop Lawrence Khai. The seminary is situated in northern Thailand, close to the Cambodian border. It has also trained seminarians from neighboring Laos (a majority atheist-communist country), who have since been ordained into the priesthood.



## FROM THE COUNTRIES

### Vietnam

*National Catholic Register*—Because members of Vietnam's National Assembly could not come to a consensus on whether or not to end the country's two-child policy, the National Assembly has decided to postpone legislation on the topic until 2016. Legislation rescinding a 1993 law restricting couples to two children was proposed in response to plummeting birth rates (6.8 nationwide in the 1960s and now as low as 1.68 in Ho Chi Minh City) and the implications of the country's falling birth rate on the Vietnamese economy.

It is in part because of the two-child policy that 40% of all pregnancies in Vietnam end in abortion. It has also given rise to sex-selective abortion, which has become so commonplace in Vietnam that currently the national male to female ratio is 120 boys for every 100 girls. In some provinces the ratio is even more skewed: 150 boys are born for every 100 girls. This death of girls fuels the demand for sex trafficking in Asia.

Other problems will surely result from continued adherence to the two-child policy. The economy will undoubtedly suffer as the elderly quit the labor market and without a young cohort to replace them. Government officials will struggle to allocate funds for pensions and health care of the elderly, who will likely have few descendants to care for them in their old age.

See the Source: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/vietnam-to-keep-enforcing-two-child-law-for-now/>

### Portugal

*France24*—The center-right governing coalition in the Portuguese parliament has managed to win a minor pro-life victory. A controversial referendum in 2007 legalized abortion in Portugal up to the 10th week of pregnancy. Under new regulations, women will be required to have counseling before having an abortion. Until now, abortion has been offered to women free of charge in government hospitals and licensed private clinics. Mothers seeking abortion will also have to pay a portion of the fees, the U.S. equivalent of \$55, rather than receiving a fully government subsidized procedure.

See the Source: [Source: http://www.france24.com/en/20150723-portuguese-lawmakers-back-tightening-abortion-laws](http://www.france24.com/en/20150723-portuguese-lawmakers-back-tightening-abortion-laws)

### Japan

*Japan Realm*—In this rapidly aging country, the phenomenon of “lonely deaths” is becoming increasingly common. “Lonely deaths,” or “kodokushi” in Japanese, occur when elderly are found lying in their house or apartment, weeks or months after having passed away. They are not discovered by loved ones or friends, but usually by their landlord when rent isn't paid, or by police when neighbors complain of a smell. Once discovered, police bury the victims of lonely deaths in unmarked graves. The deceased are usually buried without being claimed by a family member.

An official who works with lonely death cases estimates that in ten years there will be over 100,000

cases--the sad reality of an aging society where one in four people are over the age of 65.

See the Source: <http://www.japanrealm.com/japans-lonely-deaths-crew/>

### United States

*Patheos*—The FDA announced that its Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel will hold an advisory committee meeting on September 24th to review the safety and efficacy of the Essure implant and procedure. Patients who have suffered from the contraceptive implant are planning a hunger strike to ensure that it is removed from the market.

After receiving the implant, many women have suffered from a range of chronic adverse side-effects, including chronic bloating, perforated organs, depression, chronic back or pelvic pain, device migration, and in rare cases, even death. Almost 20,000 women who have suffered from Essure have come together through the Facebook group “Essure Problems” to express their concerns with the device. Cultural icon Erin Brockovich, made famous through a film about her life as a legal assistant and a single mother, has been deeply involved in making these women's voices heard. Her website features over 1,000 personal stories about the harmful effects of Essure.

Source: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/catholicnews/2015/07/exclusive-essure-victims-plan-hunger-strike>

# Latin Americans Have Gone on the Offensive

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Typically, pro-life groups are on the defensive, always trying to prevent the liberalization of abortion laws and refuting the arguments made by abortionists. With few exceptions, pro-life groups tend to be reactive, not proactive. Today things have changed. Recent videos put out by the Center for Medical Progress, which reveal Planned Parenthood's callous contempt for human life, present an opportunity for pro-life groups to go on the offensive. The U.S. branch of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), is facing global rejection for several videos that reveal Planned Parenthood facilities trafficking in the organs and limbs of aborted babies.

Pro-lifers are putting this issue of abortion on the public and political agenda, while pro-abortion activists try to block this scandal at any price. Today, the pro-life movement is hitting the pro-abortion movement where it hurts, and is holding its supporters accountable for the atrocities committed against the unborn. This offensive against abortion began in the U.S., but will become a worldwide offensive.

Planned Parenthood engages in illegal activity around the world, and the recent revelations of its flagrant disregard for human life in the United States provide an opportunity to shine a spotlight on its illegal activities in other countries.

Recent reports from the news agency ACIPRENSA make clear that Planned Parenthood's illegal activities are not confined to the United States, but that it has spent millions of dollars on non-governmental organizations in Latin America. IPPF funds Latin American organizations that then turn around and launch expensive pro-abortion campaigns. These campaigns pretend to be local initiatives, but are actually campaigns crafted by Planned Parenthood in New York.



In Peru, ACIPRENSA provided irrefutable evidence proving that IPPF invested \$3 million between 2013 and 2015 to NGOs that promote the legalization of abortion. Since this is a blatant violation of Peruvian law, several congressmen have already begun investigating the use of these funds to promote abortion. In El Salvador, the *Collective of Women for Local Development and Citizens Association for the Decriminalization of Abortion, Ethics and Eugenics* received \$150,000 from IPPF for a project to legalize abortion in El Salvador. In Chile, between the years of 2008 and 2014, IPPF gave the *Chilean Association for Family*

*Protection* (APROFA) more than \$180,000 to promote the legalization of abortion in Chile. In addition to Peru, El Salvador, and Chile, this misuse of IPPF funds is likely occurring across all of Latin America; expect to see more investigations into Planned Parenthood in the weeks to come.

And to whom does IPPF owe its funding? Corporations, in part. But corporations that have donated funds to Planned Parenthood have now publicly disowned any affiliation

with the abortion giant. For now, Coca Cola, Xerox, and Ford have already clarified that they are not financed by Planned Parenthood. Fannie Mae, Avon, Clorox, Levi Strauss, Macy's, Morgan Stanley, Verizon and American Express explained that they made direct contributions to Planned Parenthood only when matching donations made by their employees, as they do with any other organization.

Latin American countries are asking corporate donors of Planned Parenthood (Starbucks, Unilever, and Tostitos) to stop funding the business of trafficking in human tissue. You too can join in this global offensive against Planned Parenthood. Write to the presidents of these companies and ask them to stop funding Planned Parenthood's trading in the body parts of aborted babies. <http://www.citizengo.org/es/27342-starbucks-pepsi-y-johnson-johnson-siguen-financiando-planned-parenthood>

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# PRI to German Bishops: Stop Prescribing the Morning After Pill!

*Editor's Note: In July, PRI mailed copies of a brilliant article on the abortifacient nature of the so-called "morning after pill" (MAP) to the German bishops. The article, by Dr. Rebecca Bame et al, makes it clear that MAP is not "emergency contraception," but that it operates by causing an early-term abortion. The letter below was sent to the German bishops because they have mistakenly approved the use of MAP in Catholic hospitals, on the understanding that it only prevents conception. They are wrong.*

*Below we print our letter to the German Bishops, along with several replies we have since received.*

Dear (German) Bishop,

There is a lot of false information being circulated about the operation of the so-called "Morning After Pill." (MAP) These drugs, Levonorgestrol and Ulpristal Acetate, sold under the labels "Plan B," "Postinor-2," and "Ella," are falsely described as "emergency contraceptives," when in fact they often operate by preventing implantation.

In fact, the International Medical Advisory Panel, which is an international team of experts on medical issues, has confirmed through their research that the "Morning After Pill" acts by preventing implantation, that is to say, by causing an early-term abortion. Here is the link to their study: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12346299>

Our review of the medical literature regarding Levonorgestrol has revealed that this anti-impantation (abortifacient) effect is the chief mechanism by which the drugs operate when given to women immediately before ovulation. We enclose a recent scientific study by Dr. Rebecca Bame et al which is definitive in this regard. The study is in English, but we enclose a summary in German for your review.

As you consider whether such abortifacient drugs ought to be used in Catholic hospitals in your diocese, we wanted you to be aware of this study. We believe that that the German Bishop's Conference, in recommending the use of the "Morning After Pill" in some circumstances, is allowing itself to become complicit in abortion.

We at the Population Research Institute stand ready to provide further information on this issue at your request. Connected in Christ,



Dear Mr. Mosher,

Thank you for your letter of 14 July 2015 to the Secretary of the German Bishops' Conference, Father Dr. Hans Langendoerfer, and the accompanying article about the mode of action of the "Morning After Pill." Father Langendoerfer has asked that I answer you.

I can assure you that your letter and the enclosed article were read carefully. The medical ethical questions about the "morning after pill" are being dealt with in the appropriate meetings of the German Bishop conference – in the Doctrinal Committee and their Sun-Committee for Bioethics. Both are under the chairmanship of cardinal Karl Lehman, who will treat this matter with all seriousness.

I thank you again for your suggestion and remain,  
Sincerely yours,

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German Bishops' Conference

Archbishop Dr. Nikola Eterovic  
Apostolic Nuncio

Dear President Mosher!

I have received your kind letter of 14 July with the enclosed copy of the scientific article out-lining the actual operation of the so-called "Morning After Pill." Thank you for sending us that letter and for your offer to provide further assistance on this topic.

I would also like to ask for your support in providing this important information to the German Bishops' Conference, which would certainly be very interested in this topic. I am sure that you have also been in contact with the Pontifical Academy for Life, so that they too may benefit from your expert knowledge on this topic.

I wish you and the Population Research Institute all the best and remain with heartfelt wishes and God's blessings,