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Live Ultrasound Coming to Times Square

Responding to the recent passage of NY's [Reproductive Health Act](#) permitting the killing of an unborn child up until the moment of delivery, a sonogram taken while a doctor performs a live 4D third-trimester ultrasound will be shown on Times Square jumbotrons as part of an event called *Alive from New York* sponsored by Focus on the Family (FOTF). The event will include speeches and a live musical performance. "If you're a pro-life supporter and would like to make a stand for life on one of the world's biggest stages, consider joining Focus on the Family on May 4th in Times Square," the organization said in a press release. FOTF President Jim Daly said, "Hopefully, thousands will gather to celebrate the preciousness of life, and remind New York politicians that the fight for life will continue... And with the 4-D technology that we have, it looks like a picture of a 1-year-old... There is no way a person is going to be able to say, 'That is not a child.' It is a child and we want everybody to see it." Doubting that pro-abortion politicians have ever seen an ultrasound image, FOTF will be able to say, "Here's a picture of a third-trimester pregnancy. Look at the definition. These children are viable outside the womb. These children are already fully human..."

[LifeSiteNews](#), 2/14/19

The One Argument That Quickly Changes Minds on Abortion

The makers of a new pro-life movie called *7 Reasons* maintain that their film will change viewers' votes on the subject of abortion--and actually demonstrate it. The 42-minute documentary shows those who are pro-abortion changing their minds in minutes, saying that they will now vote pro-life. Award-winning filmmaker Ray Comfort says, "The movie really is a pro-choice politician's nightmare. Like millions of others, I was horrified to hear liberals abandon their usual arguments about it not being a baby in the womb, etc., and freely admit that they just want to kill human beings out of convenience. I wanted to produce a film that would change people's minds about this horrific practice, and *7 Reasons* does just that." Comfort plans to release the film on YouTube on Mother's Day weekend, through the *Living Waters* YouTube channel, which has more than 70,000,000 views. Meanwhile, the film can be downloaded at www.7ReasonsMovie.com. [World News](#), 3/12/19

Bishop Reacts to *Unplanned*, the Movie

As chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Kansas City, Kansas Archbishop Joseph Naumann has emerged as the nation's leading Catholic voice on life



issues. He offered some insights in the March 29th issue of the *Wall Street Journal*: "*Unplanned* got its R rating for 'violence.' It is noteworthy for Hollywood to acknowledge that abortion is violent, but the on-screen violence in *Unplanned* isn't gratuitous; it's medically accurate." In a recent interview, Naumann wryly observed, "the

great irony is that a 15-year-old girl can't go to this movie, but she could have an abortion and her parents will never know it."

[Catholic League](#), 3/29/19

Assisted Suicide Bill Advances in New Jersey

The NJ senate legislative committee voted 6-3 to advance a bill that would permit doctors to prescribe lethal doses to patients with terminal illnesses. To become law, the bill must now clear the full assembly and Senate. The Catholic Church is opposed to physician-assisted suicide, as well as all other forms of suicide. Those opposed to assisted suicide point out that it has the potential for abuse and that many of its recipients are not actually terminally ill. "Like other states that have confused liberty with license, NJ is considering a law that would promote physician-prescribed death. The proposal violates the sacred oath of the medical profession, recognized even by pre-Christian cultures, to heal the sick and preserve life," said Dr. Edward J. Furton, an ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Six states and D.C. have approved physician-assisted suicide. Since D.C. approved the law in 2017, there have been no reported cases of terminally ill patients utilizing it. [CNA](#), 2/11/19



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The Aftermath of Masterpiece

The Colorado Civil Rights Commission (CCRC) voted unanimously to dismiss an administrative action against the owner of *Masterpiece Cakeshop* in Lakewood for refusing to make a custom cake for a gender transition celebration. The dismissal comes 18 months after the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) ruled in favor of *Masterpiece* owner, Jack Phillips, in a case about another CCRC action. In 2012, CCRC cited Phillips for declining to make a custom wedding cake for a same-sex couple. In its June 2018 [opinion](#), SCOTUS found the commission exhibited hostility toward Phillips' Christian convictions. "The Commission's hostility was inconsistent with the First Amendment's guarantee that our laws be applied in a manner that is neutral towards religion," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy. Both the SCOTUS decision and the recent dismissal are good news for other business owners with similar pending cases. "[The] courts seem to be recognizing that the religious hostility concern that [SCOTUS] raised in [*Masterpiece*] is real and has ramifications not just in public accommodation cases like these but also in the application of any governmental law in a way that treats those with religious convictions differently from others," said Matt Sharp, senior counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom. Sharp said that whereas it was once thought that a law would be upheld as long as it did not target religious views, it is now clear as a result of *Masterpiece* that laws may be applied in a way that targets people with particular religious beliefs.

[World News Group](#), 3/12/19

Study: Cohabitation Less Stable than Marriage

The 2018 Global Family and Gender Survey (GFGS) examined living situations in Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Ireland, Mexico, Peru, United Kingdom, and the USA. It found that among adults age 18-50 with children under age 18 living at home, married couples had more confidence in the permanence of their relationships than those who were unmarried but living together. The greatest difference was found in the USA, where 36% of cohabiting couples indicated having had serious doubts that their relationship with their partner would last, in contrast to only 17% of married couples. The smallest difference found was in France, where relationship confidence between married and cohabiting couples differed by only one percentage point. In addition to relationship stability, the study also found that overall, cohabiting parents were less likely to define their relationship as "more important than almost anything else in life" compared with responses from married couples. In the USA, 75% of married couples said their relationship is vital to them, while only 56% of cohabiting couples said the same. The responses from France were again the closest, with 73% of married couples, and 70% of cohabiting couples, agreeing that their relationship was more important than almost anything else in their lives. Differences in stability between cohabiting and married families are noteworthy because children are more likely to thrive in stable families. [CNA](#), 3/18/19

Beware of SOGI Bills

This year, legislation is already being proposed to introduce the special statuses of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) into PA antidiscrimination law. Such legislation would create in PA the hostile climate that allowed the Colorado Civil Rights Commission to go after creative professionals like a cake baker who declined to participate in a message that went against his sincerely held religious beliefs. SOGI laws also force sex-specific private areas like locker rooms and showers to be open to the opposite biological sex. ([PAFamily.org](#), 3/6/19) Critics of "transgender" bathrooms and locker rooms argue that forcing children to share intimate facilities with members of the opposite sex not only violates their privacy but creates opportunities for sexual assault, as [happened to a five-year-old girl](#) in Georgia in 2017. ([LifeSiteNews.com](#), 3/20/19)

When life itself is violated at its emergence, what remains is no longer the grateful and enchanted welcome of a gift, but a cold calculation of what we have and what we can use. Then even life is reduced to a one-time-use consumer good.—Pope Francis
[Vatican News](#), 2/2/19