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Komen Confuses Relationship With Planned Parenthood

As *MRL News* goes to print, recent statements by the Komen Foundation serve to confuse its relationship with Planned Parenthood. Initial reports seemed to indicate that the Komen Foundation would no longer be funding Planned Parenthood. Based on those reports many pro-lifers celebrated what appeared to be a major victory. That victory is no longer clear or even certain.

A Jan. 31st statement from the Komen Foundation stated that, "the cutoff results from the charity's newly adopted criteria



barring grants to organizations that are under investigation by local, state or federal authorities." The U. S. House of Representatives is investigating Planned Parenthood to determine whether the abortion organization handles criminal conduct

properly or has mishandled federal funding to pay for abortions. Shortly after the Komen announcement broke, Planned Parenthood began a shrill online campaign to bring Komen to its knees by bullying the organization into submission.

In a Feb. 3rd press release, the Komen Foundation has confused the issue by promising that only "criminal" investigations will disqualify potential grantees, not "political" ones and that

Planned Parenthood will remain "eligible" for future grants. In that statement Komen also said they, "will continue to fund existing grants, including those of Planned Parenthood, and preserve their eligibility to apply for future grants, while maintaining the ability of our affiliates to make funding decisions that meet the needs of their communities."

At this point it is difficult to discern whether the Feb. 3rd statement from the Komen Foundation does in fact signal a reversal of its new policy to defund Planned Parenthood, if that ever was its intent. Planned Parenthood is not in the business of fighting breast cancer; they're in the business of performing abortions -- more than 300,000 a year, which accounts for at least one-third of Planned Parenthood's nongovernmental clinic income. In fact, Planned Parenthood has announced that all of their affiliates will be required to perform abortions.

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias stated, "Any decision to provide future grants approved for Planned Parenthood, which boasts a \$1.1 billion budget, would be extremely and sadly misguided.

"National Right to Life strongly urges Susan G. Komen for the Cure and all cancer research organizations to approve no future funding to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest chain of abortion clinics. Right-to-life supporters do not want their donations for fighting cancer to go to organizations that perform abortions."

No Neurosurgery for Elderly "Units" Under ObamaCare

A neurologist is called to the hospital in the middle of the night to treat an elderly patient who arrives with a brain aneurysm. The normal procedure would be immediate surgery to relieve the pressure on the brain.

Time is of the essence. Then, however, the surgeon realizes that the patient has insurance through one of the new government exchanges set up under ObamaCare and rethinks his treatment plan. The only prescribed treatment for which he will be reimbursed for this "unit" is "comfort care."

This scenario was presented recently during

a call to The Mark Levin Show on the topic of rationing health care. One of the fundamentals of health care expenditures is that most health care costs are usually amassed during the first and the last six months of one's life. Economically, the "low hanging fruit" of cost reduction in health care is to minimize costs at these two ends of the life spectrum. President Obama echoed this sentiment when he said:

"The chronically ill and those toward the end of their lives are accounting for potentially 80 percent of the total health care bill

out here ... there is going to have to be a conversation that is guided by doctors, scientists, ethicists. And then there is going to have to be a very difficult democratic conversation that takes place."

Dr. Ezekiel Emmanuel, one of the architects of ObamaCare, advocates a "complete lives system" for rationing health care. His system presumes that the worth of an individual human being is based on the contribution made by the individual to society rather than the individual's intrinsic dignity as a human person.

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No Neurosurgery for Elderly ... (cont)

He wrote:

“Unlike allocation by sex or race, allocation by age is not invidious discrimination; every person lives through different life stages rather than being a single age. Even if 25-year-olds receive priority over 65-year-olds, everyone who is 65 years now was previously 25 years. Treating 65-year olds differently because of stereotypes or falsehoods would be ageist; treating them differently because they have already had more life-years is not.”

The caller to The Mark Levin Show (who identified himself as a brain surgeon) had recently attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. where the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) presented its proposal for treating neurological patients under various scenarios. The caller made two very important points. First, he noted that HHS used the term “units” when speaking about patients. Second, he provided the example above which demonstrated that the standard “treatment” for a 70-year-old patient who arrives in an emergency room for a brain aneurysm is “comfort care” unless more comprehensive care is authorized by a medical review board. The verbally-engineered HHS proposal makes it much easier to limit or refuse treatment to elderly persons under the guise of “comfort” to “units.” The doctor noted that when he gets a call to treat a brain aneurysm in the middle of the night, he is not going to wait for a medical board from an insurance organization to review his decision; rather, he will do what is right to save a life — something that will no longer be the standard of care.

Most of the HHS plans for the implementation of ObamaCare are yet to be published, and will not be forthcoming for at least another year because the volume of policies needing to be implemented is monumental. Make no mistake: time is on the side of HHS as they keep the insidious elements of the legislation under wraps for as long as possible.

“Universal health care for all” has been the rallying cry of the Obama administration as it implements ObamaCare. While this slogan may sound good, what has actually been concocted is not universal health care at all, but rather health care for the “units” that can still contribute to American society. This Achilles heel of ObamaCare will soon become a reality unless it is stopped.

LifeNews.com: Bob Laird, the author of this column, is a fellow at HLI America, an initiative of Human Life International.

An Unconscionable Threat to Conscience

In May 2009, President Obama delivered the commencement address at the University of Notre Dame where he proclaimed, to naïve applause: “Let’s honor the conscience of those who disagree with abortion, and draft a sensible conscience clause, and make sure that all of our health care policies are grounded not only in sound science, but also in clear ethics ...”

What a difference a few semesters make. Recently, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius ordered most employers and insurers to provide contraceptives, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs free of charge. Taxpayers and premium payers are complicit in paying for these “preventive health services” whether they object or not.

Sebelius deferred, until after the 2012 election, the deadline for religious employers to comply. Meanwhile they must provide instructions so that employees can obtain abortions and services only considered “treatment” if one considers pregnancy a disease.

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Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), did not pull any punches: “Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn’t happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights.”

Archbishop Dolan met the challenge of this HHS edict: “To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their healthcare is literally unconscionable. ...”

In advance of the ruling, a group of more than 60 Protestant and Orthodox Jewish religious were out front on this issue when they released a letter to President Obama. They pointed out that, “It is not only Catholics who object to the narrow exemption that protects only seminaries and a few churches, but not churches with a social outreach and other faith-based organizations that serve the poor and needy broadly ...”

The National Association of Evangelicals said it was “deeply disappointed” by the administration’s ruling. “Freedom of conscience is a sacred gift from God, not a grant from the state,” said Galen Carey, NAE Vice President for Government Relations.

On the Huffington Post, Romanian Orthodox Fr. Peter-Michael Preble, an early supporter of President Obama, said the HHS ruling was a “direct attack” on religious freedom in America and the beginning of more attacks on the faith of Americans. He’s also changed his mind about the president. “Well, I now feel I was duped, and his brand of change is not what America needs at all,” Preble wrote.

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This HHS decree tremendously threatens the liberty and consciences of organizations

across the United States that provide vital health care, social services, and education — to people of all faiths, and no faith — to millions of people by hundreds of thousands of employees.

The scope of these services in the American Catholic world is immense. One in six patients receives care in a Catholic hospital in the United States. There are more than 50 Catholic health care organizations with more than 750,000 employees. More than 150,000 professional educators serve more than 2 million students a year in Catholic primary and secondary schools. There are more than 200 Catholic colleges and universities that educate more than 900,000 students annually.

President Obama’s relativistic ethos obscures the truth behind the right to life, the right to conscience protection, and the right to free speech. His administration’s apparent compulsion for re-election and control over so many foundational elements of our society has led to oppressive policies. This HHS mandate is another tangible example of the threat of relativism.

Let us pray for, and work toward, restoration of consciousness of truth in this country

An excerpt from an article written by Donald Condit that first appeared on the Acton Institute webpage, www.acton.org, on Jan. 25, 2012.

Look what you have accomplished!

Since the tragic 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, you and millions of pro-lifers have sought to prevent abortions in a variety of ways. You have focused on providing alternatives to abortion by establishing crisis pregnancy centers, you have counseled desperate mothers at the gates of abortion mills or stood there in prayer. You have launched media campaigns to educate the public and reach out to women. And you have devoted your efforts to protecting innocent human life through the legislative and political process.

All of these efforts combined have culminated in positive results - which means you're saving babies! All you have to do is look at some key indicators.

- The 9,796 reported abortions performed on Missouri women in 2010, the latest number available, represent a 9.4% reduction from the previous year - greater than the decrease in the five previous years combined and less than half of the all-time high of 21,671 in 1980.
- A Gallup poll reported earlier this year that more than 60% of Americans believe that abortion should be illegal in most circumstances. Additionally, 51% of U.S. adults say abortion is morally wrong.
- There are only two abortion mills in Missouri currently performing surgical abortions.



We give all the glory to God for this success and tremendous credit to you and fellow pro-lifers in these efforts!

Missouri Right to Life firmly believes that pro-life legislation has played a critical role in these positive results. Even the Guttmacher Institute, the research organization begun by Planned Parenthood, gives credit to pro-life legislation.

Missouri Right to Life will continue to work for legislation that informs women, protects unborn children, prevents taxpayer funding for life-destroying research, and restores protection for all innocent human life.

We will never stop until all innocent people, young and old, are protected from the Culture of Death. And neither will you. So let the hard work of 2012 begin.

"When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God -- and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world -- and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him, because he loved us!'"

Congressman Henry Hyde 1924 - 2007

*Blessings,
Pam. Fichter*



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“Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day 2012

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Missouri State Capitol Jefferson City



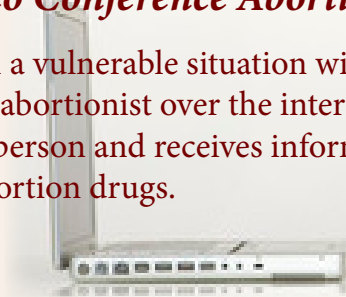
Tell Obama, “In Missouri, we want our conscience rights!”

We must stand united against government edicts that violate our beliefs. By improving its existing conscience clauses, Missouri will reinforce to President Obama and his administration that it will not support such unprecedented threats to religious freedom as posed by the recent health care reform regulations.

Protect women from abortion via the internet.

Ban Tele-med/Video Conference Abortions.

Ensure that a woman in a vulnerable situation will not be victimized in her own home by an abortionist over the internet. Ensure that she meets with a doctor in person and receives information on the dangers of RU 486 and other abortion drugs.



- Come to Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 27 for the “Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day to encourage your legislators to pass these important, life-saving bills.
- We will also lobby for a ban of taxpayer funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, updating of abortion statistic reporting, continuation of the alternatives to abortion funding, tax credits for PRC's, and other life-saving legislation.
- Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on the First Floor Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, MO.
- Lobby your legislators from 9:00 – noon and then share in the Noon Rally at the Capitol Building's First Floor Rotunda.
- Student Workshop 11:00 – Noon

For more information, please contact Missouri Right to Life at 573-635-5110 or visit www.missourilife.org. Watch our website for a contact list of transportation information for your area.

WEAR RED FOR LIFE!

Missouri Legislature back for 2012 session

The 2012 legislative session is well underway as you read this newsletter. In the modern world with technology at our fingertips, we can do almost anything. We are all thankful for these advances, but there are those who would seek to use technological advances for evil. Whether it is prescribing the RU486 abortion drug to women over the internet, known as tele-med video conferencing for chemical abortions, or working in the labs to clone human embryos for embryonic stem cell research, each of these events takes innocent human lives.

Missouri Right to Life is working to put pro-life protections in statute to prevent tele-med abortions and to prevent public funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. Because of the current administration's efforts to force people and medical institutions to engage in the practice of abortion and other morally offensive conduct in violation of their religious and moral convictions, we are also seeking protection for the right of conscience.

These are just a few of the important life-saving pieces of legislation sought by Missouri Right to Life. We encourage you to mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 27th Pro-Life Action Day. Come to Jefferson City and stand united for the protection of innocent human lives and to learn more about the work you support through your donations to Missouri Right to Life.

Update on MOSIRA Lawsuit

Missouri Right to Life joined with Missouri Roundtable for Life in a lawsuit to enjoin the funding of MOSIRA, the Missouri Science Innovation and Reinvestment Act, from going into effect. Lawyers for Life are joining with us in the lawsuit. We are currently awaiting a court date.

Governor Nixon has announced his intent to put \$4 million dollars of Missourians taxes into the budget for MOSIRA which has no pro-life protections to prevent this money from being used for human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. It is early in the process so we will keep you up-to-date as things progress.

See you in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 27 for Pro-life Action Day!

If she could, she'd
say, "Thank you."



Giving never feels so good
as when you know it's saving lives.

When you send a donation to Missouri Right to Life,
that's what you're doing! You make a difference!

Please:

- respond to your yearly membership request,
- set up a monthly giving plan,
- make a bequest in your will.

Just contact Missouri Right to Life at 573-635-5110. We'll help
you set up monthly giving or talk with you about a bequest.
Or you may return your gift in the enclosed envelope.

And we do say, "Thank you!"



The greatest gift that mothers give to their children is the gift of life.

They bring us into the world, feed us, clothe us, care for us.

*When they have done all they can do,
they just hug us in our joy and sometimes in our pain.*

They love us. They pray for us.

This Mother's Day be sure you say thank you.

Honor Your Mother on Mother's Day

One of the ways you can do that is with a Gift of Life donation to Missouri Right to Life Education Fund in honor of your mother.

Mothers honored will receive a "Thank You for the Gift of Life" Mother's Day card and will be honored in a Mother's Day Tribute in the June issue of Missouri Right to Life News.

The Mother's Day Tribute sign-up form is on our website at:

<http://missourilife.org/secure/mothersday.html>

MRL InFocus

Agnes Piontek

For more than 30 years, Agnes Piontek has diligently worked with East Central Area Chapter-Missouri Right to Life (ECAMRL) to say what some will never get the chance to say — that abortion is wrong. For all her work, she was honored in November as the first-ever recipient of the East Central Area Chapter-MRL Service Award.

She had no idea she was going to be honored and at first thought the speaker was talking about a student, then another group member.

When bake sale pies were mentioned, Agnes realized she was being honored. Pies are her signature bake sale item.

She couldn't have done anything by herself, she says, and credited many chapter members past and present who have contributed to the mission.

"She's a very prayerful, spiritual, inspirational person," said Bill Gegg, chapter chairman. "She's a very active go-getter. She's an inspiration at her age for anybody. She just doesn't slow down."

Agnes has served as chapter chairman

and as chapter treasurer. Additionally, she has been involved with 40 Days for Life, the Washington Town & Country Fair, the Respect Life convention, and was on the committee for the first East Central Area Chapter Celebrate Life Banquet.

She has also participated in protests at abortion mills and in letter writing campaigns, and has attended Pro-Life Action Day in Jefferson City.

"At any event she is the first to arrive and the last to leave," Gegg said. "She shows that much dedication."

In October, national Respect Life month, the chapter stays active. In the past, it has given out roses to mothers in the hospital and at one time also gave roses to mothers who needed encouragement.

"We would always include a pro-life message," Agnes says.

Now the chapter honors nursing homes, hospice centers, special schools, and places who hire handicapped individuals for contributing to the pro-life cause.

"We think all life is important, from womb to tomb," she says. "God created them all."

"I think we've touched a lot of people

with our cause," Agnes remarked. "But we won't be successful until this intrinsic evil has stopped."

Agnes doesn't believe the group will reach her idea of success in her lifetime. But added that the group is "one day closer to victory."

"I spend a lot of time in prayer. That's where I get comfort and find that God is still in control. We are only instruments here," she says. "Since Adam and Eve, there have been bad times and good times; we are living in a bad time."

Agnes has lived in Washington, MO, since 1954. She and her husband, Bob, have seven children and were married for 53 years when Bob passed away in 2007.

Agnes was recently featured in The Missourian and SeniorLife Times. The information and the picture for this article may be attributed to their feature.



Agnes Piontek and family



THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW . . .

State drops request to force mentally ill Catholic woman to have an abortion

A petition that could have forced a 32-year-old mentally ill woman to abort her child against her religious objections has been withdrawn.

Norfolk Probate and Family Court Judge Gregory V. Roach authorized the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) to announce the petition was withdrawn on January 23.

Former Norfolk Probate Judge Christina Harms had ruled on January 6 that the woman, who is described only by the pseudonym "Mary Moe," could be "coaxed, bribed, or even enticed... by ruse" until she was sedated for an abortion, which Moe's parents sought against her will. Harms also ordered Moe sterilized.

"Mary Moe" suffers from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. According to court documents, Moe had a psychotic breakdown after a previous abortion and "believed people were staring at her and stating that she killed her baby." In court, she described herself as "very Catholic" and told the court she "wouldn't do that (abortion)" again; a court-appointed expert said she would not choose another abortion if she were competent to make the decision.

Massachusetts Appeals Court Associate Justice Andrew Grainger threw out the sterilization, saying Judge Harms had pulled that requirement out of "thin air."

However, the DMH and the woman's parents still asked the state to overrule their daughter's expressed wishes on the abortion. Judge Grainger remanded the abortion question to a lower court for an evidentiary inquiry.

"The Department conveyed the request of health-care providers and the parents' wishes in order to ensure the safety of a patient with severe mental illness," said DMH Commissioner Barbara Leadholm

in defending their seeking of the forced abortion.

Judge Roach closed the evidentiary hearing to the public and sealed the case file.

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Planned Parenthood made me rich, and all I got was a nagging conscience

Apart from a return to free market-based economics in DC, it seems one of the most lucrative things a CEO in need of a job could do is pursue a position with one of Planned Parenthood's 81 affiliates. After all, CEOs in those positions pulled in an average salary of \$158,797 last year.

That's a lot of money in today's economy. And it's there for the taking for CEO types whose consciences are not bothered by the fact that killing pre-born children, pushing sex-ed programs that brainwash preteens, and passing out contraceptives like it's candy to kids who can't spell "contraceptive" is all part of an average day on the job.

The truly ambitious CEO job-seekers could pursue employment in the top twelve Planned Parenthood affiliates, where the pay exceeds \$200,000 annually. Again, your conscience will have to be sufficiently seared to the point that stopping heartbeats for a living doesn't upset you, but if you can get past that one small issue, there's a lot of money to be made.

Here are the hard numbers on those twelve highest paying positions:

1. PP North Texas, Dallas, TX (salary of previous CEO) \$324,381
2. PP Mar Monte, San Jose, CA \$315,950
3. PP Illinois, Chicago, IL (salary of previous CEO) \$302,014
4. PP Hudson Peconic, Hawthorne, NY \$296,908
5. PP Northern New England, Williston, VT \$292,297
6. PP Orange & San Bernadino, Orange, CA 278,871
7. PP Treasure Coast, West Palm Beach, FL \$275,238
8. PP MN, SD & ND, St. Paul, MN \$268,710
9. PP Heartland, Des Moines, IA \$265,389
10. PP Southern New England, New Haven, CT \$264,766
11. PP Great Northwest, Seattle, WA \$259,405
12. PP League of MA, Boston, MA \$256,474

You'll notice from the list that some of the CEOs made in excess of \$300,000 last year, and it's sure to carry considerable clout and much deserved recognition within the industry as well.

Perhaps one of these lucky twelve CEOs can win the coveted "abortionist of the year award"? Take that on top of the salary and the fact that Planned Parenthood did almost 350,000 abortions last year and there's only one thing to say: While 2011 was a challenging year for most people economically, it was a great year for people whose business is death.

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Umbert the Unborn



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Enormous crowds attend March For Life in D.C.

Estimates above 400,000 ... 3,800 Missourians participate



Young people from across America made up a significant number of the huge crowds that gathered in Washington, D.C. for the 2012 March for Life.



"Awesome ... The second that I saw large amounts of people, I almost cried."

College student attending
her first March For Life

