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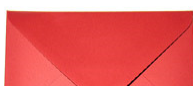
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Bishop Won't Attend Notre Dame Commencement Over Pro-Abortion Obama Invite

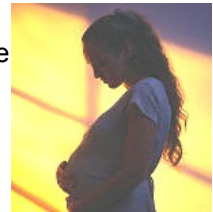


South Bend, IN (LifeNews.com) -- Bishop John M. D'Arcy who oversees the part of Indiana that includes the University of Notre Dame says he will not attend the Catholic college's commencement because it invited pro-abortion President Barack Obama. The president will be receiving an honorary doctorate and speaking to graduates. The decision by Notre Dame [to invite Obama](#) and UNF president John Jenkins decision [to defend the invitation](#) has sparked [national outrage](#) within the pro-life Catholic community. It has also produced fallout -- with Bishop D'Arcy not attending the ceremony. "This will be the 25th Notre Dame graduation during my time as

bishop. After much prayer, I have decided not to attend the graduation," he said in a statement LifeNews.com received. "I wish no disrespect to our president, I pray for him and wish him well. I have always revered the Office of the Presidency. But a bishop must teach the Catholic faith 'in season and out of season' and he teaches not only by his words but by his actions," he continued. "My decision is not an attack on anyone, but is in defense of the truth about human life," D'Arcy stated. The bishop said Notre Dame is deviating from the request of the nation's Catholic bishops not to provide a platform for abortion advocates either by allowing them to speak at graduation ceremonies or providing them with awards such as an honorary degree. **ACTION: Contact Note Dame with your complaints at (574) 631-5000 or send an email message to the president at <http://president.nd.edu/contact-us> / [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)**

Economic Problems Causing Potential Record High Abortion Figures Nationwide

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- The nation's economic problems are causing companies to go out of business and costing family members their jobs and health insurance. The unseen result of the poor economy is beginning to be seen -- in the record high number of abortions some locations are experiencing. If the anecdotal evidence is true across the board, then the United States could easily see a nationwide increase in abortions for the first time in over a decade. And that increase could come on the heels of last year's news that the nation had set historic lows or near-lows in the number of abortions and the abortion rate. A new Associated Press report indicates abortion practitioners and abortion businesses in selected locations are reporting abortion increases. Planned Parenthood of Illinois CEO Steve Trombly did not provide exact numbers but indicated his abortion centers did an all-time high number of abortions last month. AP noted Planned Parenthood's St. Louis-area abortion centers also reported the number of abortions jumping seven percent during the last six months of the year last year compared with the same time in 2007. Stephanie Poggi of the National Network of Abortion Funds, a pro-abortion group that provides women with money to get abortions, but does not provide similar funds for women who decide to keep their baby, says they are getting a higher volume of requests for funds -- nearly quadruple the number from one year ago. "A lot of women who never thought they'd need help are turning to us," Poggi told AP. "They're telling us, 'I've already put off paying my rent, my electric bill. I'm cutting back on my food.' They've run through all the options." [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)



Notre Dame Asked by Pro-Life Group to Rescind Invitation to Pro-Abortion Obama



South Bend, IN (LifeNews.com) -- That the University of Notre Dame has extended an invitation to pro-abortion President Barack Obama to give its commencement address and to receive an honorary degree has sparked outrage. [Obama is slated to speak](#) at Notre Dame's commencement on May 17. Hundreds of thousands of pro-life advocates have contacted Notre Dame officials expressing their disappointment and pro-life groups [have condemned its decision](#), but one group is going further. The National Right to Life Committee has asked the Catholic college to rescind the invitation. Anthony Lauinger, the NRLC vice president and a father of seven Notre Dame alumni and one current student, tells LifeNews.com he has asked Notre Dame president Rev. John I. Jenkins to withdraw

the speaking engagement. "Notre Dame's invitation to the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history is a betrayal of the University's mission and an affront to all who believe in the sanctity and dignity of human life," he said. "We call upon Father Jenkins to rescind the invitation and stand up for the millions of unborn children who face death under Obama Administration policies," he added. However, Notre Dame officials continue to defend their decision. "We fully expected some criticism and have received it, though nothing more than we anticipated," Dennis K. Brown, a spokesman for Notre Dame, told the Catholic News Service. "I can't foresee us rescinding the invitation." [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)

Attorney General Opens Probe Into Arizona Planned Parenthood, Abortion Abuse

Phoenix, AZ (LifeNews.com) -- The Arizona Attorney General has reportedly opened an investigation into Planned Parenthood after pro-life advocates released another video tape showing staffers at the abortion business covering up a potential case of sexual abuse. The Arizona footage follows video from Indiana showing the same thing. As LifeNews.com [highlighted last week](#), two more Planned Parenthood centers were caught on camera with staff hearing from college students posing as 15-year-old girls. Lila Rose and Jackie Stollar told employees at one abortion center that Stollar needed an abortion because her adult "boyfriend" had impregnated her, giving his age as 27 years-old. Arizona state law requires law enforcement to be contacted immediately if an adult-child relationship is revealed. Failure to report incidents of sexual abuse are punishable under this law. After Stollar explains that her boyfriend is "a lot older than me," a staffer at the first Planned Parenthood clinic states: "we don't ask any questions." Rose told LifeNews.com today that she sent the videos to county attorneys in Pima and Maricopa counties and to the Arizona Attorney General for use in prosecution. In response to receiving footage from the Tucson Planned Parenthood, the office of the Pima County Attorney stated in a letter to Rose that "this matter is under review and consideration by the Attorney General." [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)



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Day Two of George Tiller's Illegal Abortion Trial Focuses on Kristin Neuhaus



Wichita, KS (LifeNews.com) -- The second day of the trial of late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller focused on the working and financial relationship he had with abortion practitioner Kristin Neuhaus. Tiller has been charged with 19 counts of failing to follow state law by having a second physician sign off on the abortions. Tiller has been accused of getting Neuhaus to rubber stamp the abortions. Prosecutor Barry Disney said, during [the trial's first day](#), that Neuhaus was essentially an employee of Tiller's and that she would not be the impartial doctor the law calls for

to validate the abortions. Disney has said Neuhaus was not an independent physician but someone whose only income came from her okaying the abortions Tiller did. Today, Neuhaus responded to the points Disney made and Tiller's defense attorneys tried to paint a picture of her as concerned about the safety of the women getting the late-term abortions. They said she paid for her own medical expenses and costs such as travel and medical insurance. On the stand, according to an AP report, Neuhaus admitted she couldn't remember the actual discussions she had with Tiller that originally resulted in setting up the financial arrangements. [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)

Pro-Life Groups Upset Judge Forces FDA to Allow Morning After Pill Sales to Minors

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- Several national pro-life groups are disappointed by the decision a federal judge has handed down forcing the FDA to open up sales of the morning after pill to minors. They say the ruling invites further abuse of the Plan B drug and could put teen girls at risk to sexual predators. A federal court on Monday [ordered the Food and Drug Administration](#) to reconsider its decision preventing minors from purchasing the morning after pill without a prescription. When the FDA made the Plan B drug available over the counter, it prohibited such sales to people under the age of 18. Yesterday, District Judge Edward R. Korman ordered the FDA to make the drug available to women as young as 17 within the next 30 days and to consider reversing its entire decision on selling the morning after pill to minors. Charmaine Yoest, the president of Americans United for Life, said it was wrong for the judge to unilaterally give girls unrestricted, over-the-counter access to Plan B and she lamented the lack of parental involvement. Given legitimate concerns about the safety of self-medicating with Plan B, it is incomprehensible that we



would allow a minor to walk into any pharmacy and obtain this drug without medical oversight or parental involvement," she told LifeNews.com. Yost is also concerned that the ruling may stand without any legal challenge. "The Obama Administration is widely expected to welcome the ruling and not pursue a meaningful appeal in the case," she said. [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)



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Mike Huckabee Compares Abortion to Slavery, NAACP Leader Upset by Remarks



Jefferson City, MO (LifeNews.com) -- Former Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee compared abortion to slavery during a speaking engagement at a recent pro-life event. However, his comments are drawing criticism from a leader of the NAACP, the nation's largest civil rights group. During a Monday speech for the Missouri-based Vitae Caring Foundation, which creates and sponsors pro-life television advertisements across the country, Huckabee made the remarks. Huckabee said that, when the United States abolished slavery, it got rid of the concept that one person had the powerful life and death decision over another. He said such a decision was wrong

when it came to slavery and equally wrong with regard to abortion. "What are we saying to the generation coming after us when we tell them that it is perfectly OK for one person to own another human being?" Huckabee said. Missouri NAACP President Mary Ratliff was upset by the speech and told the Associated Press the abortion-slavery comparison was "apples to oranges." She called it "offensive" to use slavery to make a point about another political issue. [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)

Tennessee Senate Passes Amendment to Limit Expansive Court Ruling on Abortion

Nashville, TN (LifeNews.com) -- The Tennessee state Senate has approved an amendment that would make the Tennessee Constitution abortion-neutral. The measure is necessary because the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled 4-1 in 2000 that the state constitution allows unlimited abortions. The ruling claimed the Tennessee Constitution contains a fundamental abortion right even broader than Roe v. Wade or the federal constitution. As a result of the decision, several pro-life laws were struck down that have been effective in other states in reducing abortions. "SJR 127 will make the constitution neutral concerning abortion and will return the right to the people through their elected representatives to restore common sense protections to those choosing abortion," said prime sponsor Sen. Diane Black. Every one of the Tennessee Senate Republicans supported the constitutional amendment along with five Democrats while eight Democrats opposed the measure. The pro-life resolution now moves to the state House where it enjoys the support of a majority of House members. [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)



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West Virginia Hearing on Tax-Funded Abortion Ban Yields No Vote, Legal Threat

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston, WV (LifeNews.com) -- At a hearing on a bill that would ban direct taxpayer funding of abortions in West Virginia ended with no vote from the panel and a legal threat from a pro-abortion group. The hearing came after hundreds of pro-life advocates rallied at the state capitol to protest using their money to pay for abortions. The pro-life community has been working for years to stop the practice, which most state residents find abhorrent. A hearing on Monday, opponents of the bill complained women would not be able to use their own Medicaid benefits, which are funded by state taxpayers, to pay for abortions. Abortion advocates claimed the bill, HB 3159, would discriminate against poor women who are not as able to fund their own abortions as women of means. Frank Crabtree, director of the ACLU of West Virginia, also threatened to sue the state if it adopted the bill, saying, "I can almost guarantee [litigation] would ensue." [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)



New Pro-Life, Christian Brand Offers Companies Method of Displaying Values

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- Christian businesses wanting to display their faith and pro-life values now have a way to make that clear. The OVerus Christian Business emblem has received the okay for its official trademark registration from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The emblem is a certification mark that represents Christian values and allows pro-life businesses to sort of wear their beliefs on their product. This is a huge step forward for both the pro-life and Christian communities," Keith Miklas, founder and president of The OVerus Organization, tells LifeNews.com. He says the new emblem helps both pro-life businesses as well as customers and, once it has more of a national recognition and following, can help pro-life consumers discern which products and companies share their views. Good Christian stewards can now easily select brands that respect their values, and brands have a way to distinguish their product or service to 208 million Christian shoppers," Miklas says. [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)



Utah Governor Signs Three Pro-Life Bills to Limit Abortions, Law Firm Will Help



Salt Lake City, UT (LifeNews.com) -- On Friday, Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, Jr., signed three pro-life bills to help limit abortions in the state. They provide new protections for unborn children, require abortion practitioners to provide women with certain information, and establish a fund for defense of a future bill to ban abortions. Huntsman signed bills HB 90, HB 222, and HB 114 into law on Friday. The first measure, [HB 90](#), makes second-trimester abortions illegal and ups the penalty for doing an illegal later-term abortion to a second degree felony from a third degree felony. [HB 222](#) is a bill to allow women to know about the pain an abortion will cause to their unborn child. The bill requires abortion practitioners to tell women about the pain their baby will feel during an abortion. The measure is another effort to help reduce abortions until the day comes that unborn children are protected under law. The final bill, [HB 114](#), would create a legal defense fund that private citizens could donate to in order to defend an abortion ban they expect to receive approval of by 2014. [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)

British Woman Upset Hospital Advised her to Have Abortion of Healthy Baby

London, England (LifeNews.com) -- A British woman is upset that a hospital advised her to have an abortion of a healthy baby who medical officials thought would be born with a rare disease. Dawn Lewis said a scan conducted at 12 weeks into pregnancy claimed her baby had a 99 percent chance of having Edward's Syndrome. The condition, also known as Trisomy 18 and seen in just one of every 3,000 children, causes disability and severely limits a child's life expectancy. It involves chronic heart and kidney problems. Lewis had the scan at Rochdale Infirmary in her hometown, but decided to have a second opinion and went to St Mary's Hospital in Manchester. There, a second scan showed no sign of problems for the unborn baby and Lewis decided to go ahead with the pregnancy. Six months ago she gave birth to Deacon, a healthy son. Lewis is now filing an official complaint with Rochdale about the information she was wrongly conveyed, that could have prompted her or another mother to have an abortion. [Full story at LifeNews.com](#)



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