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University Faculty for Life



In this edition we review this year's *Life and Learning* conference at Fordham in the Bronx. We also focus on the many recent accomplishments of our members.

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UFL Updates

In which we highlight the activities of our organization, members, and chapters, including publications, talks, and consultations.

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- ***Cardinal O'Connor Conference for Life***. The annual **Cardinal O'Connor Conference for Life** in Washington D.C. will be held on Saturday, January 24, just after the March for Life.

The conference features great speakers, such as Sean Cardinal O'Malley of Boston, and break-out sessions.

The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, President of the USCCB and Archbishop of Louisville.

For more information, see the [conference web page](#). You can also find videos from previous conferences there.

The Conference is co-sponsored by the University Faculty for Life, as well as Georgetown Right to Life, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and the Georgetown Knights of Columbus.

- ***Life and Learning 2015***. The 2015 Life and Learning Conference of the University Faculty for Life will be held May 29-31 at the University of St. Thomas Law School in Minneapolis, MN. More details will be posted on the [UFL web page soon](#).
- ***Scholarly Achievement Awards***. The rules and procedures for the 2015 Scholarly Achievement Award in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or Research have been published. They are available on page 8. The contest is for the best essay by an undergraduate in fiction and non-fiction writing and research. Consider encouraging your students to enter.
- ***Life and Learning Proceedings***. The UFL's conference proceedings are available through the 2009 conference at [UFL Annual Proceedings](#) link on the UFL web page.

Publications and member activities

- A second edition of **Christopher Kaczor's** (philosophy) *The Ethics of Abortion: Women's Rights, Human Life, and the Question of Justice* (Routledge Annals of Bioethics) will be coming out in December.

- **Jeff Koloze** (literature) writes a [brief review](#) on [goodreads.com](#) of *Loving Samuel: Suffering, Dependence, and the Calling of Love* by Aaron D. Cobb (Cascade Books, 2014). Here are some other of Jeff's recent publications on [Lifeissues.net](#):

[Abortion in Contemporary Literature: Life-Affirming Messages in Fiction and Films and Public Policy Implications](#) on Lifeissues.net; [Technology Meets Rhetoric: A Rogerian Methodological Review of the Visual Rhetoric of Websites Concerned with Abortion](#), a paper and accompanying PowerPoint presented 6 September 2014 before the LifeTech Conference in Dayton, Ohio; [Select Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Assisted Suicide Fiction: Themes and Absences in the Works](#), a paper presented 7 June 2014 before the annual conference of University Faculty for Life held at Fordham University.
- **John M. Grondelski** (moral theology) recently interviewed Jennifer Lahl about her three documentaries on artificial reproduction, surrogacy, artificial insemination, and egg donation. "[Breeders: A Subclass of Women? — John Grondelski Interviews Jennifer Lahl on Her New Documentary](#)," in *Human Life Review*, 40:2 (Spring 2014): 105-12.
- **Fr. Joseph Koterski** (philosophy) gave a talk, "[The Christian Meaning of Human Sexuality](#)" at Villanova University, for the Courage Conference.
- **Samuel W. Calhoun** (law) wrote, "[Justice Lewis F. Powell's Baffling Vote in Roe v. Wade](#)," *Washington and Lee Law Review* 71.2 (2014): 925-67.
- **Richard Myers** (law) reviews the book *Right or Wrong? 40 Years inside Notre Dame*, by Charles E. Rice. *Catholic Social Science Review* 19 (2014): 249-25.
- **Fr. John Conley, S.J.** (philosophy) continues his column in *America* with "The Blue Wall" 10/20/2014, Vol. 211 Issue 11, p. 34. "The article discusses about the blue wall and its role in paying tribute to the 300,000 victims of the T-4 euthanasia program of Nazi Germany. Topics covered include the secret executions done on Jews and those with mental and physical disabilities at Tiegartenstrasse 4 in Berlin, Germany, the blue tint on the wall symbolizing the standard used by euthanasia supervisors to identify who should die, and the role of the wall in depicting efforts to add the disabled into the German society."
- Here is an interview with **Helen Alvaré** (law), Communications Liaison for the Humanum Colloquium about the Humanum conference at the Vatican. "An International Interreligious Colloquium on The Complementarity of Man and Woman." <http://brandonvogt.com/popes-humanum-conference-interview-dr-helen-alvare/>.

Alvaré also wrote "Francis 101," in *America*. 11/3/2014, Vol. 211 Issue 13, p. 12.
- **Michael New** (political science) writes, "Analyzing the Impact of U.S. Antiabortion Legislation in the Post-Casey Era: A Reassessment," *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 14:3 (Sept. 2014): 228-268. "[P]eer-reviewed research [...] finds that public funding restrictions, parental involvement laws, and properly designed informed consent laws all reduce the incidence of abortion."
- **Glenn Olsen** (history) writes a review of *Thomas Aquinas: A Portrait*, by Denys Turner, *Historian* 76:3 (Fall 2014): 649-50.
- **Craig Payne** (theology) write *Aquinas and Bioethics: Contemporary Issues in the Light of Medieval Thought* (Vision Publishing: 2014).
- I just received in the mail the proceedings from the 2013 convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, *Freedom and the Moral Law*, held in Philadelphia, PA. It contained pieces by three UFL members: "HHS Mandate Litigation: A Supreme Court

Showdown in the Making,” by **William Saunders** (law); “Exploring the Christological Nexus between the Ascetical Life and the Moral Life,” by **Rev. Thomas V. Berg** (theology); and “*Veritatis Splendor: A Prototype of Renewed Moral Theology*,” by Rev. **John J. Conley, S.J.** (philosophy).

Social Networking

- Don't forget, UFL is on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. On Facebook you can “like” the “University Faculty for Life” page. On Twitter follow “Faculty4Life.” Our blog can be found at www.uffl.org/blog/. There is also an active “University Faculty for Life” subgroup of the “Pro-life Professionals” group on LinkedIn.

Scholarly Opportunities

In which we highlight opportunities for members to engage in further research on and networking regarding the issues of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia in their respective fields.

- ***The Anscombe Forum***. In March 2015, Neumann University in Aston, PA (just outside of Philadelphia), will host its second annual Anscombe Forum. The Anscombe Forum serves as a venue within which to consider the signal philosophical contributions of G.E.M. Anscombe to the perennial questions as well as to those particularly confronting our era. In March 2015, the Forum will be focused on issues concerning Human Dignity. More information will become available at www.neumann.edu/anscombeforum.
- ***American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists***. The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists announces that registration is open for its Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference at

Georgetown in February 2015. Please see: <http://aaplog.wildapricot.org/event-1727588>.

Resources

In which we highlight scholarly journal and online articles and resources regarding abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia representing all sides of the issue.

Recent and upcoming research

- At the 2013 Life and Learning Conference in San Francisco, William Hurlbut, Ph.D., gave a memorable plenary talk called “Stem Cells, Eggs and Embryos: the Controversy Continues.” A friend recently told me about a talk that Dr. Hurlbut gave called “**Biotechnology & The Spirituality of Saint Francis**.” [Here](#) is a link to the audio of the talk. In the talk Hurlbut contrasts our biotechnological culture and its values of avoiding pain and maximizing pleasure with the self-sacrificing “romance” of St. Francis’s spirituality.
- J. Donald Boudreau, Margaret A. Somerville, “Euthanasia and assisted suicide: a physician’s and ethicist’s perspectives,” *Medicolegal and Bioethics* 4 (2014): 1-12, examines the negative effect of legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide on the medical profession.
- Recently a debate has sprung up in the pro-life movement about the boundary between acceptable and unacceptable legal incrementalism. The newly-formed **National Personhood Alliance** is promoting a version of incrementalism that excludes bills which explicitly mention exceptions where abortions would be allowed, such as rape and incest. Their [argument](#) is that any bill that explicitly excludes a category of unborn from the protection due to persons is immoral and unacceptable as a form of incrementalism. They do allow, however, bills that only protect some unborn, but do not mention

exceptions. An example of this kind of bill would be the 20 week abortion ban. For the NPA, a bill is acceptable if it would not be overturned by a personhood-from-fertilization amendment.

The NPA works in cooperation with [Personhood USA](#). According to [LifeSiteNews.com](#), Notre Dame Law Professor Emeritus Charles Rice has endorsed the NPA, as has Catholic Bishop Kagan, of Bismarck, North Dakota.

- “Reflections Upon the Right to Life in the Prenatal Phase,” by Dobrochna Bach-Golecka of the University of Warsaw Faculty of Law and Administration. *Universitas Gedanensis* 25 (2013): 61-72. “Within a sociological perspective, the notion of solidarity is used as a foundational principle justifying an involvement of a political community in pro-life arrangements and in the development of pro-family policy. Within a philosophical perspective, the notion of caring (love), as distinguished in the philosophy of Harry G. Frankfurt, is used to illustrate the necessity of amicable relationship between the unborn child and other people. As a conclusion the factors conducive to the protection of this right are identified.”
- Duncan, Richard F. writes, “[Kermit Gosnell’s Babies: Abortion, Infanticide and Looking Beyond the Masks of the Law](#)” (August 11, 2014). “By removing the masks of the law from the tiny victims of Gosnell’s abortion practice, our Nation had a rare moment of clarity about *Roe v. Wade* and the abortion liberty.”
- For those of you interested in the history of Catholic teaching on abortion and other life issues, this 1922 book by Austin O’Malley may be of interest. [The Ethics of Medical Homicide and Mutilation](#).
- Here are a couple of unconventional “pro-life” arguments. This is a social contract version of a pro-life argument: E.S. Maurice

and J.R.C. Davies, *Defining Human Rights*, kindle edition (Silver Birch Books, 2014). Kevin Yuill’s upcoming book, *Assisted Suicide: The Liberal, Humanist Case Against Legalization* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), argues against assisted suicide.

- Paulina Taboada (ed.), *Sedation at the End-of-life: An Interdisciplinary Approach* (Springer, 2015), is collection of essays addressing the ethical dimension of palliative care.
- Wechter, Daniel, et. al, “A Second Opinion: Response to 100 Professors,” *Issues in Law & Medicine* 29:1 (Spring 2014): 147-64. The authors support conscientious objection for Ob/Gyn’s who do not want to provide elective abortions. The original statement was “A statement on abortion by 100 professors of obstetrics: 40 years later.” *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 209:3 (Spring 2013): 193-99. doi: 10.1016/j.ajog.2013.03.007.
- In “Euthanasia and Orthodox theology of Communion,” *Ecumenical Review Sibiu / Revista Ecumenica Sibiu* 6:2 (Aug. 2014): 214-26, Ježek Václavm argues against individualism in the ethical evaluating of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Arguments from the other side.

- It is helpful for us to be aware of the types of philosophical arguments against the pro-life position. One common approach to the question of the significance of death is the subjectivist “Time relative interest account analysis.” It continues to be popular. For example, David DeGrazia, *Creation Ethics: Reproduction, Genetics, and Quality of Life* (Oxford University Press, 2014). Another approach to death, from an Epicurian perspective: James Stacey Taylor, *Death, Posthumous Harm, and Bioethics* (Routledge, 2015).
- Roberts, Sarah, Biggs, M., Chibber, Karuna, Gould, Heather, Rocca, Corinne, Foster, Diana, “Risk of violence from the man

involved in the pregnancy after receiving or being denied an abortion,” *BMC Medicine* 12:1 (2014): 1-14 DOI: 10.1186/s12916-014-0144-z. The authors suggest that state restrictions on abortions increases violence against women.

- Upadhyay, Ushma D., Weitz, Tracy A., Jones, Rachel K. Barar, Rana E., Foster, Diana Greene, “Denial of Abortion Because of Provider Gestational Age Limits in the United States,” *American Journal of Public Health* 104:9 (Sep. 2014), 1687-94. The article argues that gestational age limits harm young and poor people because they tend to delay treatment for various reasons and are therefore denied an abortion.
- There is a lot of research these days trying to show that abortion does not have negative effects:

Biggs, M., Upadhyay, Ushma, Steinberg, Julia, Foster, Diana, “Does abortion reduce self-esteem and life satisfaction?” *Quality of Life Research* 23:9 (Nov. 2014): 2505-13, The authors argue that abortion does not significantly reduce on the short term a woman’s self-esteem.

Harris, Laura F. et. al., “Perceived stress and emotional social support among women who are denied or receive abortions in the United States: a prospective cohort study,” *BMC Women’s Health* 14:1 (2014): 1-20 argues that being denied abortion is more stressful than getting one.

Rocca, Corinne H. et al., “Women’s Emotions one Week After Receiving or Being Denied an Abortion in the United States,” *Perspectives on Sexual & Reproductive Health* 45:3 (Sep. 2013): 122-31 says, “Difficulty with the abortion decision and the degree to which the pregnancy had been planned were most important for women’s postabortion emotional state. Experiencing negative emotions postabortion is different from believing that abortion was not the right decision.”

Statistics and data

- Williams, Daniel K., “No Happy Medium: The Role of Americans’ Ambivalent View of Fetal Rights in Political Conflict over Abortion Legalization,” *Journal of Policy History* 25:1 (Jan. 2013): 42-61. Williams uses a historical analysis of the past 50 years to argue that the dominant American attitude towards abortion is that it ought to be restricted, but not made illegal.
- Dowbiggin, Ian, “From Sander to Schiavo: Morality, Partisan Politics, and America’s Culture War over Euthanasia, 1950-2010,” *Journal of Policy History* 25:1 (Jan. 2013): 12-41. History of euthanasia cases since 1950.

Focus on the Disciplines

In which Rev. John Conley, SJ, Knott Chair in Philosophy and Theology at Loyola University Maryland, elaborates the task of a pro-life philosopher.

Philosophical Perspectives

The contribution of philosophy to the pro-life cause is an enormous one. Few would dispute that behind the legal and moral controversies concerning human life issues lies a series of philosophical questions: Who counts as a human person? When does the right to life begin and end? Can abortion and euthanasia be justified? If so, under what circumstances? What are the legitimate and illegitimate means of assisted procreation? Just what is the state’s role in all of this?

For pro-life scholars, three particular areas of philosophical research have recently proven particularly important.

Personhood. Behind many arguments justifying abortion and euthanasia is a more fundamental claim concerning the nature of human personhood. The claim goes something like

this: The human fetus and the comatose patient with no hope of recovery are biological members of the species *homo sapiens* but they are not actually persons and thus have no right to life the rest of us must respect. They lack certain traits of the person, such as rationality, self-consciousness, or desires concerning the future. They are at best potential or former persons.

Prominent philosophers such as Peter Singer and Michael Tooley have developed criteria of personhood to distinguish between those humans who count as persons and those who do not. An important part of pro-life philosophical literature has devoted itself to arguing how a human being is a person at each stage of development from conception until natural death. Much of this literature is a variation on the argument from a perduring identity present in each human subject. Robert George and Christopher Tollefson have provided a recent contribution to this anthropological argument in their criticism of the body/soul dualism found in the background of many contemporary arguments on behalf of abortion and euthanasia. George and Toffelson demonstrate how the personal history of each human being is coterminous with that human being's corporeal history.

Critique of Abortion. In the area of ethics, much pro-life philosophy is devoted to the critique of particular acts. Criticism of abortion as ethically reprehensible and a related critique of civil policies toleration and promoting abortion has long been one of the chief tasks of pro-life philosophers. Francis J. Beckwith and Patrick Lee have developed multiple ethical arguments against the practice in their systematic works on the topic.

One specialized task within the philosophical community has been the refutation of the most popular pro-abortion arguments current in recent philosophy. University of Colorado's David Boonin, for example, has recently attempted to refute the major anti-abortion arguments made by pro-life philosophers. In their detailed critiques of him, Celia Wolfe-Devine and Philip E. Devine have examined Boonin's distortion of

the pro-life positions and demonstrated the ongoing force of the major anti-abortion arguments.

One of the contributions of pro-life scholars to the philosophical and larger political dispute over abortion is to focus on the act of abortion itself, specifically its homicidal quality. Like the broader political dispute, much of the philosophical controversy tends to avoid the question of act and to distort the ethical dispute by focusing too heavily on context or consequences. A similar contribution can be made by critiquing the moral disvalues present in the act of surrogate motherhood or physician-assisted suicide and by offering a positive evaluation of such acts as natural family planning.

Defense of Conscience. One of the most disturbing trends in recent civil law and in new medical deontological charters has been the effort to restrict or abolish the conscience rights of health care workers. Related efforts have attempted to coerce health care institutions and employers to fund or facilitate activities which have a homicidal or mutilatory character. Philosophers have conducted this debate on a conceptual level. Oxford's Julian Savulescu has argued that health care workers have no right to claim conscientious objection to perform medical acts which are legal and mandated by their superior as medically necessary. Such persons should simply avoid the medical professions. Robert George and Christopher Kaczor have recently provided a careful defense of the right to conscientious objection by health care workers, especially their right to follow the once-sacrosanct principles of the Hippocratic Oath.

Rev. John J. Conley, S.J. holds the Knott Chair in Philosophy and Theology at Loyola University Maryland. Major philosophical monographs include The Suspicion of Virtue: Women Philosophers in Neoclassical France (Cornell University Press, 2002) and Adoration and Annihilation (University of Notre Dame Press, 2009). Father Conley's

monthly column for *America*, “*Philosopher’s Notebook*,” often deals with pro-life issues.

Editor’s Corner

In the past few months I’ve noticed much less scholarly activity on life issues. This is one of the reasons for the delay in this issue. I’ve thought about why that might be. Perhaps it is because it was election season and people were occupied elsewhere. Maybe it is the Francis effect. Maybe scholars are turning to other forms of pro-life activism. Maybe we are losing our hope.

Then it occurred to me: last spring I deactivated my Facebook account. Facebook is a real time-hog and I don’t seem to get as much done when I check my Facebook and spend lots of time just ignoring items in my newsfeed. Even after filtering out most people, it was still eating away at my productive time.

On the other hand, most of my productive contact with pro-life scholars was on Facebook. In the past may of the items I put in *ProVita* were found on my newsfeed. This experience of isolation after “quitting” Facebook has helped me see how pervasive social media is even for academia. Now I have to decide whether to get back on or not. Would I have the effort to be disciplines? Would the time it takes up be worth it?

Please begin to think about items for next issue, which will come out in February, 2015 We need

- Notices of members’ publications, presentations and other activities,
- Calls for papers and notices of upcoming conferences.
- Citations of relevant significant research in any discipline, whether from a pro-life perspective, neutral, or the opposing perspective.
- Useful online and print resources.

You can send them to me any time. I will put them on the [blog](#) first, and then put them in *ProVita*. Any contributions may be forwarded to provitanews@yahoo.com.

Masthead

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ProVita is the quarterly online newsletter of the [University Faculty for Life](#). Its purpose is to promote research, dialogue and publication by faculty who respect the value of human life from inception to natural death, especially focusing on abortion, euthanasia, and infanticide. More information about UFL can be found on our web site at uffl.org. Editorial correspondence can be sent to the editor at provitanews@yahoo.com.

Scholarly Achievement Award

University Faculty for Life Scholarly Achievement Award in Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, or Research

\$600 total prizes

Possible presentation of work at annual conference

Opportunity for publication

University Faculty for Life is accepting submissions from college or university students for its Scholarly Achievement Award. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students (including postsecondary students) enrolled in any higher education institution (community college, medical school, seminary, university, etc.).

The contest has three categories: Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, and Research. Multiple submissions are permitted. Work submitted in any category must demonstrate the application of a life-affirming perspective on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or related issues.

The student scholars who win in any category may be offered an opportunity to read their work before the annual conference of University Faculty for Life to be held 29-30 May 2015 at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis. They may have their work published on UFL's website and in conference proceedings. Finally, first-place winners in each category will receive \$200.

University Faculty for Life is an organization of scholars dedicated to the intellectual and scholarly inquiry of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and related issues. Since an increasing majority of college and university students are pro-life, UFL members would like to help these students by encouraging them to strive for scholarly excellence as they examine the life issues and by assisting them in building a publications portfolio.

Entries must be emailed or postmarked before 11:59 PM EST Saturday, 16 May 2015

Rules

1. Students must be enrolled in a higher education institution before the contest's submission deadline; a photo or emailed copy of an identification card with current institutional sticker will suffice.
2. The student shall affirm in a cover letter that the work submitted is the student's original work. Please enclose address and contact information in this letter.
3. Literary criticism or research submissions must be a minimum of six but no more than ten pages; creative writing submissions can be any length. All submissions, however, must be double-spaced.
4. Students retain the right of publication.
5. A panel of judges will evaluate submissions based on the quality of research and the demonstration of strong communication and critical thinking skills. Correct grammar and punctuation are required. Research must follow either the *APA Manual*, the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, or the latest editions of citation manuals in the students' fields. The judges reserve the right to give a second place, third place, honorable mention, or no award if the quality of the submissions merits such action. The decision of the judges is final.
6. Students should submit their work electronically in Word format to DrJeffKoloze@att.net. The cover letter and a hard copy of the paper may be mailed to UFL Scholarly Achievement Award, 10019 Granger Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125-3101.

Resources for research and education

Member web pages and blogs		
UFL Blog	http://www.uffl.org/blog/	
UFL Annual Proceedings.	http://uffl.org/pastproceedings.html	
Peter Colosi	http://peterjcolosi.com/	
Francis Beckwith Return to Rome	http://www.patheos.com/blogs/returntorome/	
Janet E. Smith	http://www.janetesmith.org/	
Mirror of Justice	http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/	A blog dedicated to the development of Catholic legal theory.
Culture of Life Foundation	http://www.cultureoflife.org/	Complex moral issues made simple
Witherspoon Institute Public Discourse	http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/	Public Discourse is an online publication of the Witherspoon Institute that seeks to enhance the public understanding of the moral foundations of free societies by making the scholarship of the fellows and affiliated scholars of the Institute available and accessible to a general audience.

Conferences		
Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference	http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/programs/fall-conference-videos	Held in November
Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life	http://cardinaloconnorconference.com/	Co-sponsored by UFL. Held in conjunction with the annual March for Life in January.
Prolife World Congress	http://www.prolifeworldcongress.org/	The next Congress is in 2015. The site is in Spanish
Online resources		
Social Science Research Network (SSRN)	http://ssrn.com/en/	SSRN (the Social Science Research Network). "Our vision was (and still is) to enable scholars to share and distribute their research worldwide, long before their papers work their way through the multi-year journal refereeing and publication process."
USCCB Human Life and Dignity web page	http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/index.cfm	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
World Expert Consortium for Abortion Research and Education	http://www.wecareexperts.org/	International research collaboration, Scientific information dissemination, Professional education, Consultation, Expert testimony, Program evaluation, Grant writing

<p>Before Roe v. Wade: Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling (2d edition, 2012)</p>	<p>http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-roe</p>	<p>“In this ground-breaking book, Linda Greenhouse, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who covered the Supreme Court for 30 years for The New York Times, and Reva Siegel, a renowned professor at Yale Law School, collect documents illustrating cultural, political, and legal forces that helped shape the Supreme Court's decision and the meanings it would come to have over time.”</p>
<p>Reproductive Research Audit</p>	<p>http://reproductiveresearchaudit.com/</p>	<p>“Reproductive Research Audit (RRA) exists to shine a light on the methodology of scientific studies on reproductive health issues, exposing their bias, flaws and propensity to ignore data that does not support a pre-determined political agenda.”</p>
<p>Global Health and Human Rights Database</p>	<p>http://www.globalhealthrights.org/</p>	<p>“The Global Health and Human Rights Database is a free online database of law from around the world relating to health and human rights. Developed by Lawyers Collective and the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University, in collaboration with a worldwide network of civil society partners, the database offers an interactive, searchable, and fully indexed website of case law, national constitutions and international instruments.”</p>
<p>Academia.edu</p>	<p>https://www.academia.edu/</p>	<p>A place to share research.</p>

Journals and online publications		
Human Life Review	http://www.humanlifereview.com/	
Linacre Quarterly	http://cathmed.org/issues_resources/linacre_quarterly/	Journal of the Catholic Medical Association.
Post-Abortion Review	http://www.theunchoice.com/pblresearch.htm	“Documents abortion’s injustice and harm to women”
Charlotte Lozier Institute (Susan B. Anthony List)	http://www.lozierinstitute.org/	The education and research arm of the Susan B. Anthony List
Ethika Politika	http://ethikapolitika.org/	Ethika Politika is a publication of the Center for Morality in Public Life. Its purpose is to put the search for wisdom at the service of good practical decisions, and to engage contemporary ethical and cultural issues from an elevated yet common sense perspective.
Organizations		
Society of Catholic Social Scientists	http://catholicsocialscientists.org/Content/Organization/	
Catholic Medical Association	http://cathmed.org/	
Healing the Culture	http://healingtheculture.com/	Promotes the Life Principles of UFL co-founder Robert J. Spitzer, SJ.

Bioethics defense fund	http://www.bdfund.org/	<p>Bioethics Defense Fund (BDF) is a public-interest law firm whose mission is to advocate for the human right to life via litigation, legislation and public education.</p> <p>BDF provides legal expertise and public education on the issues of healthcare rights of conscience, abortion and its impact on women, human cloning/destructive human embryo research, and end of life issues including physician-assisted suicide and healthcare rationing.</p>
National Catholic Bioethics Center	http://www.ncbcenter.org/	Publishes the <i>National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly</i>
Prolife Center at the University of St. Thomas	http://www.stthomas.edu/law/academics/prolifecenter/	Founded and headed by UFL member Teresa Collett
Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity	http://cbhd.org/	“The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity explores the nexus of biomedicine, biotechnology, and our common humanity. Within a Judeo-Christian Hippocratic framework, we anticipate, interpret, and engage the pressing bioethical issues of our day. As a center of rigorous research, theological and conceptual analysis, charitable critique, and thoughtful engagement, we bring clarity to the complex issues of our day.”
Feminists for Life	http://www.feministsforlife.org/	

News		
National Right to Life News	http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/#.Sp5dWSo	
LifeNews.com	http://www.lifenews.com/	
LifeSiteNews	http://www.lifesitenews.com/	
Bioedge	http://www.bioedge.org/	Bioethics News around the world
Anti-life resources		
RH Reality Check	http://rhrealitycheck.org/	Reproductive and Sexual Health and Justice News, Analysis and Commentary
Guttmacher Institute	http://www.guttmacher.org/	Research arm of Planned Parenthood Federation. Guttmacher Policy Review Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health. International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health