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UFL Updates

- **2020 Life and Learning Conference** The **2020 Life and Learning Conference** returns to a Friday/Saturday schedule and will be held on **June 5th and 6th**. The conference will take place at St John’s University in Manhattan, NY. Besides the standard topics, the conference’s special topic is **“The 25th Anniversary of the Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae): Impact and Significance.”** This key encyclical by John Paul II justifies morality’s role in law, centers the common good on the family (#90.4), analyzes the culture of death, and, most

importantly for our organization, definitively justifies protecting life from conception to natural death. This magnificent exposition of philosophical and Scriptural justification for prolife positions also includes invaluable analyses of democracy’s antimajoritarian foundations (#69-72), the unalienable right of conscientious objection (#73), guidelines for developing a new culture of life (#98-101), and the call to develop a new prolife, personalist feminism (#99).

Those interested in perusing *Evangelium Vitae* can find it on the [Vatican website](#).

This wide-ranging prolife manifesto offers lawyers, philosophers, political scientists, theologians, scientists, historians, and humanity professors a rich source for reflection as we celebrate its 25th anniversary. How did this encyclical shape the prolife resistance to the culture of death? How prophetic is this document? How do John Paul II’s insights help us to counter today’s aggressive culture of death and build the culture of life?

- The deadline for priority consideration of proposals is **January 22, 2020**. All proposals should be one page (maximum) including the proposed paper’s working title, full contact information and a brief abstract. Email proposals to Professor Barbara Freres at bjfreres@stritch.edu. Excellent conference papers are eligible for publication in our peer-reviewed proceedings, *Life and Learning*. For more information see www.uffl.org.

Letter from the President

R. Mary Hayden Lemmons, Ph.D., President of UFFL, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN.

Greetings and Salutations to All,

Organization of our upcoming conference at St. John's University in Manhattan is underway. So far, we have recruited two specialists on John Paul II to help unpack the insightfulness of *Evangelium Vitae*, namely, George Weigel and Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J. The former is the biographer par excellence of John Paul II and the Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. The latter is Fordham University's insightful Thomistic philosophy professor and editor of the *International Philosophical Quarterly* and our own *Life and Learning*.

I am also honored to announce that Prof. Teresa Collett is our 2020 Smith Award Recipient for Excellence in Pro-life Scholarship. Among her notable accomplishments are her pro-life litigation, testimony before legislatures, and being the founding director of the University of St. Thomas Law School's Pro-life Center in Minnesota.

Please consider submitting an abstract for our upcoming conference at St. John's University in Manhattan. Abstracts on abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia are welcome as always. Yet, I especially encourage proposals reflecting on *Evangelium Vitae/the Gospel of Life*.

The first call for proposals is at the end of this newsletter. As conference planning proceeds, the CFP will be revised. Nevertheless, please share it and this newsletter with all who you think may be interested in submitting an abstract and presenting. Reassure your pro-life colleagues that we are the friendliest conference designed for fellowship in academic excellence. January 22, the date that lives in infamy, is our new deadline for priority consideration of abstracts!

Also don't forget to update our hardworking Secretary (**Fr. Koterski**) with your email and address

changes so that you can receive your print edition of our peer-reviewed conference papers. And please pay your 2019 dues as they are the primary way in which we pay for printing those papers. In 2020, dues increase \$5 (from \$35 to \$40)—except for retirees. Their dues decrease from \$35 to \$15.

Finally, don't forget to check out the latest legal developments in Prof. Myer's column *Legal Realities* as well as the upcoming scholarly opportunities and Fr. Koterski's latest incisive *book review*.

Thanks for all that you do for life,

Mary

Reminders

- **Lifetime membership** UFFL offers Lifetime Membership. Five hundred dollars will enable you to support our mission more easily throughout your golden years. More details are posted on our [website](#).
- **2019 Dues Reminder** Be sure to pay your dues. On-line payment is possible through PayPal and our website. N.B. Dues go up \$5 in 2020 from \$35 to \$40. Dues for retirees, however, drop to \$15 in 2020. Dues are important for receiving the print copies of our peer reviewed *Life and Learning*.
- **When paying your dues, please confirm your current email address** If necessary, please update *both* your email address and your mailing address using the [membership renewal form](#). Dues can also be sent to **Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J.**, University Faculty for Life, Dept. of Philosophy, Fordham University, Bronx, NY 10458. Of t
- **Social Media** UFFL is on Facebook and LinkedIn. On Facebook, you can "like" the "University Faculty for Life" page. 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.

Member News & Publications

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

*Note: all names in **bold** are members of UFFL.*

- **Helen Alvaré, J.D.** (Law, George Mason University) published “Abortion: Never a ‘Single Issue’” in *Human Life Review*, 45.3 (Summer, 2019): 5 – 8.
- **E. Christian Brugger, D.Phil.** (Theology, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary) reviewed *Intention, Character, and Double Effect* by Lawrence Masek in *The Review of Metaphysics*, 72.2 (December 2019): 378 – 379.
- **Teresa Stanton Collett, J.D.** (Law, University of St. Thomas) contributed “The Urgency of Restoring the Catholic (and catholic) Nature of Higher Education” to *Leisure and Labor: Essays on the Liberal Arts in Catholic Higher Education*, ed. Anthony P. Coleman. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2020. 29 – 48.
- **Peter J. Colosi, Ph.D.** (Philosophy, Salve Regina University) reviewed *Humanae Vitae: A Sign of Contradiction* by Dietrich von Hildebrand in *The Catholic Social Science Review*, 24 (2019): 212-15.
- **Dr. Colosi** presented “Catholicism, Consumerism and Environmentalism” in the lecture series of the Diocese of Providence, RI entitled “Care for Creation: The Catholic Church and Ecology” on October 22, 2019.
- **Dr. Colosi** also presented “Brain Death: A Violation of Catholic Social Teaching” at the 27th Annual meeting of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists at Franciscan University, October 25 – 26, 2019.
- **Richard Doerflinger, M.A.** (Theology, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) published “Conscience and Its Enemies” in the “Voices” section of the *Catholic Standard*, September 25, 2019.
- **Richard Fehring, Ph.D., R.N.** (Nursing, Marquette University) published “Efficacy of Natural Family Planning Methods” in *Ethics and Medics*, 44:12 (November 2019): 1-4.
- **Dr. Fehring** also co-wrote, with T.P. Bouchard, and M. Schneider, “Evaluation of a New Urine Progesterone Test to Confirm Ovulation in Women Using a Fertility Monitor,” which was published in *Front Public Health*, 7.184 (July 2, 2019).
- **Dr. Fehring** contributed two chapters to *Dizionario su sesso, amore e fecondita: “Impatto sulla sessualita (Impact on Sexuality): Contraception versus Natural Family Planning,”* and “Physical, Psychological, and Spiritual Differences between Natural Family Planning and Contraception.” ed. Rene and Isabelle Eccochar. Vatican City, Rome: John Paul II Pontifical Institute of Theology - Lateran University, 2019. 505 – 512 and 221 – 227.
- **Dr. Fehring** presented “Healing the CMA after Humanae Vitae: A Twenty Year History (1958-1978) of Contraception and Abortion as Experienced by the Catholic Medical Association” at the Catholic Medical Association 88th Annual Education Conference, Nashville, TN, September 26, 2019. He also developed and moderated the NFP Science Forum Pre-Conference at the same conference, on September 25, 2019.
- **John Finnis, D.Phil.** (Law, University of Notre Dame) delivered “Natural Law: Practical Reason and Finnis, John M., Natural Law: Practical Reason and Creative Information” at a conference on Natural Law, Human Rights and Chinese Traditional Culture in Beijing, held October 26 – 27,

2019. The paper is also published as Notre Dame Legal Studies Paper No. 191106, 2019.

- **Thomas Hilgers, M.D.** (Medicine, Creighton School of Medicine) published “The Identification of Postovulation Infertility with the Measurement of Early Luteal Phase (Peak Day +3) Progesterone Production” in *The Linacre Quarterly* online, November 13, 2019.
- **Margaret Hughes, Ph.D.** (Philosophy, Thomas Aquinas College) presented “The Interior Cathedral and the Cathedral Interior: The Reflective Beauty of Cathedrals” at *The Burning of Notre Dame: A Symposium on Sacred Architecture and the Theology of Beauty*, sponsored by the Thomistic Institute in New York City, on November 16, 2019.
- **Jeff Koloze, Ph.D.** (English, DeVry University) published a paper, “When Culture Is Challenged by Art: Pro-Life Responses in the Art of T. Gerhardt Smith to Cultural Aggression Against the Vulnerable” on lifeissues.net.
- **R. Mary Hayden Lemmons, Ph.D.** (Philosophy, University of St. Thomas MN) published a book chapter, "Unity, Diversity, and Maritain's Stages of Civilization: Reconsiderations" in *In Search of Harmony: Metaphysics and Politics*. ed. James Hanink. American Maritain Association Series. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming 2019.
- **Dr. Lemmons** also presented a paper on “Hylomorphism, Brain Death, and the Law: New Developments” to the *Society for Thomistic Personalism* in Minneapolis on November 2019. Earlier in November, she presented “Sacred Complementarity: The Key to the New Evangelization” at the Festschrift for Sister Prudence Allen in Saginow, MI.
- **Melissa Moschella, Ph.D.** (Philosophy, Catholic University of America) reviewed *Human Embryos, Human Beings: A Scientific and Philosophical Approach* by Samuel and Maureen Condic in *The Review of*

Metaphysics, 73.2 (December 2019): 361 – 362.

Upcoming scholarly opportunities

- The **Society of St. Sebastian** is accepting **submissions** to their *Journal of Bioethics in Law and Culture Quarterly* and their weekly column, *Sebastian's Point*.
- The **Sisters of Life** are looking for students and researchers interested in the history of the pro-life movement or the history of abortion, euthanasia and other life issues who might make use of an extensive collection of books, periodicals, newsletters, academic articles, news clippings, audio and video cassettes, legal briefs and documents, unpublished letters and personal papers, and records of pro-life organizations from around the US and the world.

The Dr. Joseph R. Stanton Human Life Issues Library (dedicated in 1996) was primarily collected by pro-life patriarch and archivist Dr. Joseph R. Stanton of Boston, MA (Value of Life Committee) from 1970-1997 with additions from other pro-lifers (C. Everett Coop, Dr. Jack Willke, journalist Mary Meehan, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, campaign files of Ellen McCormack and more).

The Sisters are hoping to make this collection more accessible and available to today's historians and researchers. They would welcome interested persons to contact Sr. Mary Margaret Hope with their thoughts on these questions:

- a) who would be interested in this collection?
- b) which items would be of greatest value?

- c) what similar collections exist in academic institutions or pro-life organizations and how is this collection uniquely valuable?
- d) how can this collection be made more accessible?

Please respond directly to Sr. Mary Margaret Hope, S.V. She would be happy to share more about the contents of the collection with interested persons. Email: stantonarchives@sistersoflife.org; Phone: 845-558-4951

Please note: The Sisters are **not** accepting additional life issue related collections or materials at this time.

- The [American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#) will host its [2020 conference](#) from March 27 – 29 at Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL.
- The [2020 Educational Conference of the Catholic Medical Association](#), whose theme will be “Reclaiming the Doctor-Patient Relationship,” will take place in San Diego, CA from September 24 – 26, 2019.
- The Catholic Medical Association will also host its [Medical Resident and Student Boot Camp](#) from June 14 – 21, 2019, at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

On Campus

- The twenty-first annual [Cardinal O’Connor Conference on Life](#) will take place on Jan. 25, 2020 at Georgetown University. Keynote speakers will be Dr. Jonathan Reyes, Assistant General Secretary for Integral Human Development for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Executive Director for Justice Peace and Human Development, and Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V., Vocation Director for the Sisters of Life.

- [Students for Life of America](#) is hosting its [National Pro-Life Summit](#) on Jan. 25, 2020, in Washington, D.C., a day after the March for Life.
- [Feminists for Life](#) is accepting applications from college students for fall, winter, and spring [internships](#), including telecommuting internships. To apply, email a resume, phone number, a cover letter explaining the applicant’s beliefs, history with the pro-life and women’s causes (especially Feminists for Life) and sample writing or design (depending on your interest) to info@feministsforlife.org.

Book Reviews

UFFL Members are invited to submit book reviews for consideration for publication. Please email the editor at provita.editor@gmail.com for more information and to submit a review.

Potentiality: Metaphysical and Bioethical Dimensions. Edited by John P. Lizza. Baltimore MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014. Pp. 276. \$49.95 paper.

The clarification of the meaning of terms is crucial to the work of rigorous argumentation. This collection of essays on potentiality edited by Joseph P. Lizza does a great service by identifying the range of meanings that have been assigned to the word “potentiality” within current bioethical debates. It is in part the failure to appreciate that this word does not always mean the same thing for all the parties to ethical debates that makes them seem so intractable and frustrating. The claims made using this concept that one position takes to be decisive are not being given the same normative significance by those from other perspectives. Sometimes the question is not about normative principles but turns on disagreements about the proper description and evaluation of the status of things: are organisms whose potential in certain areas is relatively or even totally undeveloped, or irreparably damaged, to be treated in the same way as those that have realized and can presently use their potential to some specified degree? What makes this book of special value is its concern to explore the metaphysical

problems at issue in these ethical and bioethical debates.

The authors that Lizza assembled for this volume are much to be commended for sorting out the diverse ways in which the word “potentiality” gets used and for their analysis of the ontological conditions being described. What is it that “potentiality” is supposed to name and what is its ethical significance? The range of meanings for the same word arises from the diversity of opinions about the nature of persons. Lizza’s collection of articles differentiates these positions carefully, with many detailed examples.

The merit of Lizza’s methodology in assembling this volume is to juxtapose essays that employ diverse concepts of personhood, for the arguments and counter-arguments about the merits of using “person” and the correlative concept of “potentiality” make it possible for readers to assess the relative superiority of one approach to the others. Without the clarity promoted by the distinctions between the differing assumptions about the type of term that “person” is, the competing arguments might simply be taken as equally acceptable alternative positions that emerge from diverse assumptions about the definitions of the crucial terms.

Among the standard objections to the substantive view of “person” is the claim that an unfertilized egg or a sperm (or even other types of human cell, should cloning technology ever realize the now still promissory claims of its proponents) have the “potential” to become a person. Once again, the evaluation of the claim and its supporting argument turns on proper understanding of the term “potential.” If one means by “potentiality” the capacity of a gamete cell to be joined with another gamete of an appropriately different sort, there is no objection being raised to the substantive concept of “person,” for this sort of potentiality is precisely what is needed for conception. But if one were to mean that individual gametes cells within themselves have the potential to become persons, it is a different sense of “potentiality” that is being invoked, namely, that each such cell contributes something that is a necessary condition for the generation of a person, but that only a unification of

appropriately different gametes together have this potential. With this clarification, the objection to a substantive notion of “person” collapses. Gametes cells do have the potential to become persons, but not alone.

The present volume is a scholarly treatise in metaphysics and not an ideological or partisan presentation of any particular ethical position. Its value for the debates in ethics and bioethics is, however, considerable, and it will prove a valuable collection for anyone involved in these debates to study.

Reviewed by **Joseph Koterski, S.J., Ph.D.**
(Philosophy, Fordham University)

Legal Realities

Richard S. Myers, J.D. (*Professor of Law at Ave Maria School of Law, UFFL Vice-President*) provides a brief overview of significant legal developments since the last issue of *ProVita*.

The most important legal development in the last several months was the United States Supreme Court’s decision to consider another abortion case. On October 4, 2019, the Court granted review in *June Medical Services v. Gee*. The case will be argued before the Court on March 4, 2020 and a decision is expected by the end of June 2020.

June Medical Services involves the constitutionality of Louisiana’s law that requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at local hospitals. In 2016, the Court invalidated a similar Texas law in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt*. In September 2018, in *June Medical Services*, the Fifth Circuit distinguished *Whole Woman’s Health* and upheld Louisiana’s admitting privileges law. On February 7, 2019, the US Supreme Court stayed the Fifth Circuit’s ruling. The grant of the stay was by a 5-4 vote.

Supporters of abortion rights were hoping that the Court would summarily reverse the Fifth Circuit, but the Court has now decided to hear oral arguments in the case. The decision to hear the case

sets the stage for what could be a major ruling. Of course, the Court could decide to overrule *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Most observers anticipate, though, that the Court will uphold the Louisiana law in a narrow ruling. The Court might overrule its 2016 decision in *Whole Woman's Health* or simply distinguish the Louisiana case on its facts, which is what the Fifth Circuit did. Either approach would afford states more of an opportunity to restrict abortion. There has already been much speculation about how the Court will decide the case. Two good essays about the case are by Kevin Walsh, in *First Things*, and by Rachel Morrison, in the *Federalist Society Review*.

Lower courts continue to rule on constitutional challenges to various state laws dealing with abortion. Most courts have struck down state laws that have restricted abortion in ways that are inconsistent with current Supreme Court precedent. For example, [Alabama's law banning most abortions](#) was enjoined in late October 2019. [Georgia's heartbeat law](#), which banned most abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, was enjoined on October 1, 2019. [Missouri's ban on abortions after 8 weeks](#) was also enjoined.

In late August 2019, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed, over a dissent by Judge Kanne, a lower court ruling that enjoined an Indiana law requiring parental notice when a minor seeks an abortion. On October 30, 2019, the full Seventh Circuit (by a 6-5 vote) [refused to rehear the case](#).

On October 11, 2019, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit invalidated Ohio's law prohibiting abortions due to the disability of the unborn. In June 2019, the US Supreme Court refused to review a similar decision from the Seventh Circuit that had invalidated Indiana's law. [The Sixth Circuit vote on the Ohio law was 2-1](#). The dissent, written by Judge Alice M. Batchelder, echoed many of the themes expressed in Justice Clarence Thomas's opinion in *Box v. Planned Parenthood*. In that opinion, Justice Thomas stated that states have "a compelling interest in preventing abortion from becoming a tool of modern-day eugenics."

Legislators in other states are still pursuing legislation to ban abortion due to the disability of the unborn. For example, Pennsylvania recently passed the Down Syndrome Protection Act, but [Governor Tom Wolf vetoed the law](#) on November 21, 2019. In late September 2019, [Missouri's ban on Down Syndrome abortions](#) was enjoined by a federal court.

Congress has also shown an interest in prohibiting abortion for discriminatory reasons. In late October 2019, US Senator Jim Inhofe introduced the [Down Syndrome Discrimination by Abortion Prohibition Act](#). The Act would prohibit abortion based on an unborn child having Down Syndrome. Companion legislation was also introduced in the House.

A June 2019 decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit requires the government to facilitate abortions for undocumented minors in federal custody. In mid-November 2019, [the Department of Justice decided not to appeal the ruling](#). It seemed likely that Justice Kavanaugh would not participate in any appeal because he had participated in the case as a judge on the DC Circuit before he was nominated to the US Supreme Court. It may be that the DOJ did not want to ask the Supreme Court to hear the case without Kavanaugh's participation.

A positive development was the decision in the Virginia case upholding important provisions of Virginia's abortion law. A September 30, 2019 decision by United States District Judge Henry Hudson of the Eastern District of Virginia [upheld the portions of the law](#) that require an ultrasound, that impose a 24-hour waiting period, and that require that only physicians perform abortions. The court also partially upheld the requirement that abortions be performed in hospitals.

There are continuing efforts in many jurisdictions to legalize assisted suicide. Laws legalizing assisted suicide went into effect in New Jersey in August 2019 and in Maine in September 2019. It is important to recognize, however, that assisted suicide and euthanasia are still illegal in most of the world, and that the [World Medical Association has recently reaffirmed its opposition to euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide](#). In

addition, in October 2019, the National Council on Disability issued a report entitled “[Assisted Suicide Laws and Their Danger to People with Disabilities.](#)” The report documents the continuing discrimination that people with disabilities face and how such discrimination perpetuates unequal access to medical care, including life-saving care.

Please begin to think about items for next issue, which will come out over the summer. We need:

- Notices of member’s 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.
- Reviews of promising prolife publications.

Please submit all contributions for the Winter-Spring 2020 issue by March 15th. Any contributions should be sent to provita.editor@gmail.com.

Call for Proposals: 2020 Life and Learning Conference



30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 5-6, 2020
St. John's University, Manhattan, New York

FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

IMPACT AND SIGNIFICANCE OF JOHN PAUL II'S GOSPEL OF LIFE

2020
Smith Award Recipient
Teresa Collett, J.D.



Founding Director of
University of St.
Thomas Law School
Prolife Center

PLENARY SPEAKERS



George Weigel
Distinguished Senior
Fellow, Ethics and
Public Policy Center



Rev. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Ph.D.
Associate Professor,
Fordham University
International Philosophical Quarterly, Editor

TBA

Specialty Panels and Panelists TBA

Proposals Due January 22nd for Priority Consideration

Submissions on the key insights of *Evangelium Vitae* as well as abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia are welcome. All proposals should be one page (maximum) including the proposed paper's working title, full contact information and a brief abstract. Email proposals to Professor Barbara Freres at bjfreres@stritch.edu. Excellent conference papers are eligible for publication in our peer-reviewed proceedings, *Life and Learning*. For more information see www.uffl.org.

Web Resources for research and education

<i>Life and Learning</i> The Journal of the University Faculty for Life		http://uffl.org/pastproceedings.html
UFFL Blog		http://www.uffl.org/blog/
<p>Member web pages and blogs</p> <p>Please forward any other member's web pages to provitanews@yahoo.com.</p>		
Beckwith, Francis	http://www.patheos.com/blogs/returntorome/	
Colosi, Peter	http://peterjcolosi.com/	
Lemmons, Rose Mary Hayden	http://courseweb.stthomas.edu/rmlemmons/	
Smith, Janet E.	http://www.janetesmith.org/	
Bachiochi, Erika	http://bachiochi.com/erika/	
<p>Conferences</p>		
Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life	http://www.oconnorconference.com/home/	Held in conjunction with the annual March for Life in January.
Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference	http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/programs/fall-conference-videos	Held in November
Prolife World Congress	http://www.prolifeworldcongress.org/	The most recent Congress took place in Guatemala in October 2016. The site is in Spanish.
<p>Online resources</p>		
Academia.edu	https://www.academia.edu/	A place to share research.

<p>Bad Cripple Blog: A Resource for Pro-lifers</p>	<p>http://www.badcripple.blogspot.com</p>	<p>A blog written by William Peace, Ph.D., who advocates for the rights of the disabled.</p>
<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>Culture of Life Foundation</p>	<p>http://www.cultureoflife.org/</p>	<p>Complex moral issues made simple</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>Human Life International Truth and Charity</p>	<p>http://www.truthandcharityforum.org/</p>	<p>“The <i>Truth and Charity Forum</i> is an online publication of Human Life International (HLI), dedicated exclusively to the sacredness and gift of all human life, the mission and vocation of the family, and the right to live in accord with our Catholic faith.”</p>
<p>Mirror of Justice</p>	<p>http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/</p>	<p>A blog dedicated to the development of Catholic legal theory.</p>
<p>Social Science Research Network (SSRN)</p>	<p>http://ssrn.com/en/</p>	<p>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.”</p>

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
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.
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
Journals and online publications		
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.
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”
Organizations		
Bioethics defense fund	http://www.bdfund.org/	Bioethics Defense Fund (BDF) is a public-interest law firm whose mission is to advocate for the human

		<p>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>
Catholic Medical Association	http://cathmed.org/	
Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity	http://cbhd.org/	<p>“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.”</p>
Feminists for Life	http://www.feministsforlife.org/	
Healing the Culture	http://healingtheculture.com/	<p>Promotes the Life Principles of UFFL co-founder Robert J. Spitzer, SJ.</p>
The International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF)	http://icolf.org/	<p>“The International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF) was established with a view to producing, compiling and providing a broad range of resources and materials for a number of interested parties working on “Law, life, faith and family” issues on the national, regional and international levels.”</p>
National Catholic Bioethics Center	http://www.ncbcenter.org/	<p>Publishes the <i>National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly</i></p>
Prolife Center at the University of St. Thomas	http://www.stthomas.edu/law/academics/prolifecenter/	<p>Founded and headed by UFFL member Teresa Collett to defend the sanctity of human life by training law</p>

		students and lawyers, by assisting government officials in drafting, passing and defending prolife laws, and developing the necessary legal scholarship necessary to create a culture of life.
Society of Catholic Social Scientists	http://catholicsocialscientists.org/Content/Organization/	
News		
Bioedge	http://www.bioedge.org/	Bioethics News around the world
National Right to Life News	http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/#.Sp5dWSo	
LifeNews.com	http://www.lifenews.com/	
LifeSiteNews	http://www.lifesitenews.com/	
Anti-life resources		
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