



# ProVita

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University Faculty for Life



**I**n this edition we especially honor some great pro-life heroes who have recently died. We look with Peter Colosi at the relationship between philosophy and theology in pro-life scholarship. We also focus on the many recent accomplishments of our members.

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## In Memorium

The pro-life movement has lost some of the most prominent and dedicated leaders in the last few weeks. They will be missed, but, of course, we haven’t really lost them. Let us pray for them as our own traditions permit and let us hope that they will continue to support us in our work in whatever way they can. Their example will always be with us.

- **William E. May** (moral theology), UFL member, [died on December 13, 2014 at the age of 87](#). He was a long-time professor at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., holding the Michael J. McGivney Chair in Moral Theology. His contribution to moral

theology was substantial and influential. He was the recipient of UFL’s 2012 [Rupert and Timothy Smith Award for Distinguished Contributions to Pro-Life Scholarship](#).

- **Dr. John C. “Jack” Willke** (medicine), father of the pro-life movement and UFL member, died on February 20, 2015.  
  
See a tribute by Steven Ertelt on Lifenews.com [here](#). See also: “[Jack Willke, Witness for Life](#),” by Chuck Donovan in First Things and “[Father of the pro-life movement Jack Willke died on Friday](#),” on LifeSiteNews.com. His obituary notice can be found [here](#). Dr. Willke won the Smith Award in 2007
- Brother Paul O’Donnell, fbp. also died on February 20. Br. Paul was the founder and president of Pro-Life Action Ministries in the Twin Cities, as well as a close support of the Terri Schiavo’s family during her last days and since. He helped found and was the Guardian Overall of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. More tributes can be read on the [Catholic News World](#) web page and [Jill Stanek’s blog](#),
- Charles E. Rice, Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame and long-time defender of the right to life died February 25, 2015. Here are two tributes on Mirror of Justice, [one by Richard Myers](#) and [the other by Rice’s Notre Dame colleague Rick Garnett](#), both of whom are UFL members. [Here is a tribute](#) from his daughter, Mary Rice Hasson.
- Long-time UFL member and Georgetown English Professor **Roger L. Slakey** passed

away on May 21, 2014. Hi obituary can be read [here](#). Condolences may be sent to his widow, Mari Ellen Slakey, 9441 Stonewall Road, Manassas VA 20110.

## UFL Updates

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

### UFL

- ***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 9. 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 **2010** conference at [UFL Annual Proceedings](#) link on the UFL web page.

### Publications and member activities

- **William Saunders** (law) and Denise Burke describing recent developments in cases challenging aspects of the Texas abortion law in “[Will the Supreme Court Uphold Texas’ Pro-Life Law That Saved Babies From Abortion?](#)” on LifeNews.com.

“Ultimately, Supreme Court review of Texas House Bill 2 would provide a welcomed opportunity to demonstrate that such maternal health laws are both necessary and medically justified, that state must be given significant latitude to regulate abortion, and that abortion is not “safe” for either women or their unborn children.”

Saunders has also been recently chosen as the new President of the Board of Directors of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars.

- **John M. Grondelski** (theology) has written an article, “The Family & Biology: Challenges of the Artificial Reproductive Technologies,” in *Teologia i moralność (Theology & Morality)*, 15:1 (2014), 149-65. The journal is published by the Theology Faculty of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland.
- The International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF) has established [new web site](#) which features “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.”

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- UFL member **Janet E. Smith** (moral theology) has written an article for *Our Sunday Visitor* that highlights the connection between the theology of the body, sexuality and marriage, and reverence for new life. “[Our bodies, which are a gift from God, reveal that we are to be committed lovers who treasure new life God loves love; he loves marriage; he loves babies.](#)”

- Professor **Richard Stith** (law) of Valparaiso University Law School has been named "Senior Research Professor" there.
- Child Trends has a [very favorable evaluation](#) of Teen STAR, developed and run by **Sr. Hanna Klaus** (medicine), in their Dec. document. Teen STAR is mentioned in the footnotes as "working" on pages 4,5,7, and in Table 1, p. 33 and 34.
- **Francis Beckwith** (political philosophy) wrote "[God Is Not a Scientific Hypothesis](#)" for [The Catholic Thing](#).  
  
He also wrote "Does Judith Jarvis Thomson Really Grant the Pro-life View of Fetal Personhood in Her Defense of Abortion?: A Rawlsian Assessment." *International Philosophical Quarterly* 54.4 (December 2014); "Fides, Ratio et Juris: How Some Courts and Some Legal Theorists Misrepresent the Rational Status of Religious Beliefs." In [Reason, Revelation, and the Civic Order: Political Philosophy and the Claims of Faith](#). Paul R. DeHart and Carson Holloway, ed. DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2014. 173-202; "[Secular Bioethics and Its Challenge to the Catholic Citizen](#)." *Nova et Vetera* English Edition 12.2 (2014): 471-481.
- **Christian Brugger** (moral theology) wrote, "[Is it ethical to create Babies From Three DNA Sources? Absolutely Not](#)" on the [Culture of Life Foundation](#) web page. This article looks at the ethical status of mitochondrial DNA transfer
- **Michael J. New** (political science) wrote, "[An Insider's View at the Pro-Life Movement](#)" on the [Public Discourse](#) web page review the new book by Jack and Barbara Willke, *Abortion and the Pro-Life Movement*.
- **Kevin E. Miller** (moral theology) writes "Artificial Nutrition and Hydration and the Permanently Unconscious Patient: The Catholic Debate" in *Linacre Quarterly*, 82:1

(February, 2015), 82-92. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1179/0024363914Z.00000000090>

- **Peter J. Colosi** (philosophy and moral theology); William V. Williams, "Bill of rights for children," *Linacre Quarterly* 81:4 (November, 2014), 298-301. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1179/0024363914Z.00000000093>

**Colosi** has been asked by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for the New Evangelization to write "Homily Ideas" once a month from November, 2014 thru August 2015 in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families. The most recent "Homily Ideas" are posted each month on the official World Meeting of Families webpage. If you scroll down at [this link](#) you can see the most recent one "[February 2015 Homily Ideas](#)" and below that to all the previous ones. The "Homily Ideas" are related to the Catechesis that was prepared especially for this event, which has 10 chapters, thus each month relates in order to the chapters and the idea is for the priest to do one homily a month to prepare his parishioners for WMOF.

- The United States Supreme Court will soon be ruling on the question of when employers must accommodate the needs of pregnant employees under the federal Pregnancy Discrimination Act. The Pro-life Center at the University of St. Thomas joined with 22 other pro-life organizations and Judicial Education Project in filing an amicus brief urging a broad interpretation. [Watch the video to understand the arguments in the case](#). Comments by the **Teresa Collett** (law), President of UFL and the Director of the Pro-life Center at the University of St. Thomas begin at the 45 minute marker. You can read the brief [here](#).
- **Craig Payne** (English Literature and Philosophy) has written *Aquinas and Bioethics: Contemporary Issues in the Light of Medieval Thought*. Vision Publishing, 2014.

## Social Networking

- Don't forget, UFL is on Facebook, Twitter, and Linked In. On Facebook you can "like" the "University Faculty for Life" page. On Twitter follow "Faculty4Life". Our blog can be found at [www.uflf.org/blog/](http://www.uflf.org/blog/). There is also an active "University Faculty for Life" subgroup of the "Pro-life Professionals" group on LinkedIn.

## Scholarly Opportunities

**I**N 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 Center for Cultural and Pastoral Research is pleased to announce a symposium on 'Healing or Human Enhancement? The Future of Medicine' at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America on April 17-18, 2015.

"This symposium will discuss the profound questions surrounding the new possibilities not only for healing but also for so-called human "enhancement" by exploring the effect these have on our expectation of health and the practice of contemporary medicine."

For more details see: [the Center for Cultural and Pastoral Research](#).

- The Society of Catholic Social Scientists has issued a [Call for Papers](#) for their 2015 Annual National Meeting-Conference of the held at: Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, Friday-Saturday, October 2-24, 2015.

## Resources

**I**n 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

- [Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture](#), directed by UFL member O. Carter Snead, now has a [Youtube channel](#) that features videos from its previous conferences and other events.
- "A template for non-religious-based discussions against euthanasia," by Melissa Bloodworth; Nathaniel Bloodworth; E. Wesley Ely, *Linacre Quarterly*, 82:1 (February, 2015), 49-54.
- "Total Brain Death is a Valid Criterion of Death," by Patrick Lee. A Response to D. Alan Shewmon on [Ethikapolitika.org](http://Ethikapolitika.org) (Jan. 15, 2015).
- "Does the Right to Elective Abortion Include the Right to Ensure the Death of the Fetus?" by Stephen G. Gilles, Quinnipiac University School of Law (January 2, 2015). An argument for the State's interest in protecting the life of cryopreserved fetuses. [Available at the SSRN web page](#).
- Ziegler, Mary. *After Roe: The Lost History of the Abortion Debate*. Harvard University Press, 2015.
- Camosy, Charles C. *Beyond the Abortion Wars*. Kindle edition. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2015. Charles C. Camosy is associate professor of theological and social ethics at Fordham University. In this book he attempts to find areas where pro-life advocates and pro-choice promoters can find broad agreement.

- MacKinnon, Barbara. *Ethics: Theory and Contemporary Issues, Concise Edition*. Cengage Learning, 2015. Barbara MacKinnon is a professor emerita of philosophy at the University of San Francisco. During her 30 years of teaching, her instruction and writing focused primarily on the history of ethics and contemporary ethical issues.
- Battin, Margaret Pabst, ed. *The Ethics of Suicide: Historical Sources*. Margaret Pabst Battin is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Medical Ethics and Humanities, at the University of Utah. Oxford University Press, 2015.
- Haerens, Margaret, ed. *Euthanasia Opposing Viewpoints*. Greenhaven Press, 2015.
- Yuill, Kevin. *Assisted Suicide: The Liberal, Humanist Case Against Legalization*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. Kevin Yuill lectures in History at the University of Sunderland, UK, specializing in the intellectual history of the twentieth century.
- Misty, Zubin. *Abortion in the Early Middle Ages, c.500-900*. York Medieval Press, 2015.
- Rohlinger, Deana A. *Abortion Politics, Mass Media, and Social Movements in America*. Kindle Edition. Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- “[The American Medical Association: Former Defender of Unborn Babies](#),” by John Hart, *The Catholic Social Science Review* 19 (2014): 287–294.
- “[Harris Lecture: Abortion and the 'Woman Question': Forty Years of Debate](#),” by Reva Siegel of Yale University Law School September 27, 2012. *Indiana Law Journal*, Vol. 89, 2014. An interesting if not completely unbiased look at the interplay between women’s rights issues and the abortion debate.
- The [Catholic Medical Association \(CMA\)](#) has posted a White Paper on the recent development in end-of-life directives, Physicians Orders For Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST). “[The POLST paradigm and form: Facts and analysis](#),” *The Linacre Quarterly* 80:2 (2013), 103–138, reviews the origin and stated goals of the POLST program, analyzes a wide range of arguments favoring or opposing POLST, and examines whether the POLST paradigm will provide real solutions to challenges faced by patients and families trying to make good decisions regarding end-of-life care.
- “[A Child Needs a Champion: Guardian Ad Litem Representation for Prenatal Children](#),” by Mark H Bonner of Ave Maria School of Law, Jennifer A. Sheriff, independent scholar. [William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law](#), Vol. 19, No. 3, 2013, provides an argument for the appointment of guardian ad litem for unborn children.

### Arguments from the other side.

- “[Abortion Law in Transnational Perspective: Cases and Controversies – Introduction](#)” *Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights Series*, University of Pennsylvania Press, pages 1-10, 2014. Authors included Rebecca J. Cook, University of Toronto – Faculty of Law, Joanna N. Erdman, Dalhousie University – Schulich School of Law, Bernard Dickens, University of Toronto – Faculty of Law. Offers a fresh look at significant transnational legal developments in recent years, examining key judicial decisions, constitutional texts, and regulatory reforms of abortion law in order to envision ways ahead. HT, Lynn Wardle
- *Good Catholics: The Battle over Abortion in the Catholic Church*, by Patricia Miller, University of California Press, 2014. [Description and Table of Contents](#).

- World Health Organization. *Clinical Practice Handbook for Safe Abortion*. World Health Organization, 2015.
- Taylor, James Stacey. *Death, Posthumous Harm, and Bioethics*. Routledge, 2015. An argument against the idea that death causes posthumous harm to the person who dies. James Stacey Taylor is Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Religion, and Classics at The College of New Jersey.

### Statistics and data

- “[Late term abortion limits in the U.S.](#)” is a map on the [Charlotte Lozier Institute](#) web page showing the laws on late-term abortion in each state.
- “[Science Supports Pain-Capability of Unborn by 20 Weeks](#),” by Genevieve Plaster on the [Charlotte Lozier Institute](#) web page (February 3, 2015), is a summary of the [Family Research Council’s report on the scientific support for fetal pain](#), by Arina O. Grossu.

## Focus on the Disciplines

*In which Peter Colosi, Associate Professor of Moral Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, elaborates the relationship between philosophy and theology.*

### Philosophy and Theology

In this reflection on the role of the philosopher in advancing the prolife cause, I would like to focus on the relationship between philosophy and moral theology. Moral theology, it could be said, is the most philosophical branch of theology in that philosophical tools are indispensable for and integral to the work of moral theology. In *Veritatis Splendor* (1993), St. Pope John Paul II captures both the philosophical and the

theological dimensions of the discipline of moral theology with this concise definition,

Moral theology is a reflection concerned with "morality", with the good and the evil of human acts and of the person who performs them; in this sense it is accessible to all people. But it is also "theology", inasmuch as it acknowledges that the origin and end of moral action are found in the One who "alone is good" and who, by giving himself to man in Christ, offers him the happiness of divine life. (par., 29)

Two of the most important Church documents dealing with the life issues are *Donum Vitae* (1987) and *Dignitas Personae* (2008), which cover the whole range of beginning of life issues. The main purpose for which the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issues such documents is to present a list of the Church’s definitive conclusions on the tough moral questions of the day. Simply put, these documents provide a list of which specific actions are allowed and which are prohibited. Examples would be that in vitro fertilization (IVF), surrogate motherhood and contraception are prohibited by the Catholic Church. In reading *Donum Vitae* and *Dignitas Personae* one notices something else as well: woven throughout the documents are brief but profound meditations on the meanings of love, person, family, suffering and many other topics pertaining to the deepest meaning of life. The presence of those meditations in a document whose main purpose is to outline which specific actions are prohibited and which are allowed, makes understandable a sentence in the conclusion of *Donum Vitae* which at first reading seems surprising in a document full of definitive moral conclusions (referred to as “precise moral indications”),

The precise indications which are offered in the present Instruction are not meant to halt the effort of reflection but rather to give it renewed impulse.

One might wonder what further reflection could be needed, since the primary purpose of such documents is to present the most recent medical and scientific developments, to analyze them, and to pronounce definitively on the moral licitness or illicitness of each. But *Donum Vitae* then explains what it means exactly by “renewed reflection”,

[T]he Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith addresses an invitation with confidence and encouragement to theologians, and above all to moralists, that they study more deeply and make ever more accessible to the faithful the contents of the teaching of the Church’s Magisterium in the light of a valid anthropology in the matter of sexuality and marriage and in the context of the necessary interdisciplinary approach. Thus they will make it possible to understand ever more clearly the reasons for and the validity of this teaching.

And so, the renewed reflection is *not* needed with respect to the determined prohibitions since they cannot change. Rather, the Church calls for renewed reflection so that the underlying *reasons for* and the deep *goodness of* the truth of the definitive moral conclusions may be expressed to and understood by the faithful; in this way enabling the faithful to interiorize the goodness of the truth and thus to be able live it more fully and freely.

In *Veritatis Splendor* St. Pope John Paul II discusses this point at greater length in paragraphs 109 – 113, making this somewhat surprising statement which exhibits a striking humility on the part of the Church,

While recognizing the possible limitations of the human arguments employed by the Magisterium, moral theologians are called to develop a deeper understanding of the reasons underlying its teachings and to expound the validity and obligatory nature of the precepts it proposes, demonstrating their connection with one another and their relation with man's ultimate end... Working

together in cooperation with the hierarchical Magisterium, theologians will be deeply concerned to clarify ever more fully the biblical foundations, the ethical significance and the anthropological concerns which underlie the moral doctrine and the vision of man set forth by the Church. (par., 110)

I would express the relationship this way: God has given us an amazing gift in the Magisterium because we can get the right answer in the form of a straightforward yes or no on the tough moral questions; but after we receive the answer, in addition to faithful obedience, there remains the task of bringing to light for people those underlying anthropological truths which enable the faithful to embrace the moral call and challenge with a joyful effort because we see for ourselves its congeniality to genuine happiness in our lives and relationships.

The role of a philosopher in this regard is to answer this call of the Church to explain the anthropological and ethical truths which underlie her moral conclusions so as to bring to light the goodness of her teaching in a way that inspires the faithful to live it because they themselves understand those reasons.

Here are two examples where I have attempted to utilize philosophical reason to give accessible explanations of the underlying anthropological and ethical truths which form the foundation of the Church’s prohibition of **IVF** (video) and **euthanasia** (short article).

## 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 [ufl.org](http://ufl.org). Editorial correspondence can be sent to the editor at <mailto:provitanews@yahoo.com>.

## Editor's Corner

The recent death of Leonard Nimoy, who played Spock in the Star Trek franchise, made me think about how important precision of language is in the struggle for a cultural of life. Nimoy, as Spock, is famous for uttering in *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, the sentence, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one." Spock was saying it in the context of self-sacrifice, but such a formulation could easily be misinterpreted, or even misused. When someone decides that that it is another individual whose needs can be sacrificed for the needs of the many, we get into trouble.

Perhaps a truer formulation is, "The common good outweighs the goods of the individual." Because the common good is that which is good for every individual, "the common good presupposes respect for the person as such. In the name of the common good, public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1907). The common good, then, would include such things as the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the

pursuit of happiness. I might be asked, being adequately compensated, to give up my house for the common good (eminent domain), but not my life. Nor should I "sacrifice" the life of the unborn or the elderly so that others may have less distress or more prosperity.

The work we do in UFL to hone the language of public discourse to accurately reflect the value of life is invaluable.

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Please begin to think about items for next issue, which will come out in October, 2014. 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

<b>Member web pages and blogs</b>		
UFL Blog	<a href="http://www.uflf.org/blog/">http://www.uflf.org/blog/</a>	
UFL Annual Proceedings.	<a href="http://uflf.org/pastproceedings.html">http://uflf.org/pastproceedings.html</a>	
Peter Colosi	<a href="http://peterjcolosi.com/">http://peterjcolosi.com/</a>	
Francis Beckwith Return to Rome	<a href="http://www.patheos.com/blogs/returntorome/">http://www.patheos.com/blogs/returntorome/</a>	
Janet E. Smith	<a href="http://www.janetesmith.org/">http://www.janetesmith.org/</a>	
Mirror of Justice	<a href="http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/">http://mirrorofjustice.blogs.com/</a>	A blog dedicated to the development of Catholic legal theory.
Culture of Life Foundation	<a href="http://www.cultureoflife.org/">http://www.cultureoflife.org/</a>	Complex moral issues made simple
Witherspoon Institute Public Discourse	<a href="http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/">http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/</a>	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.
<b>Conferences</b>		
Notre Dame Center for	<a href="http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/programs/fall-">http://ethicscenter.nd.edu/programs/fall-</a>	Held in November

Ethics and Culture Fall Conference	<a href="#">conference-videos</a>	
Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life	<a href="http://cardinaloconnorconference.com/">http://cardinaloconnorconference.com/</a>	Co-sponsored by UFL. Held in conjunction with the annual March for Life in January.
Prolife World Congress	<a href="http://www.prolifeworldcongress.org/">http://www.prolifeworldcongress.org/</a>	The next Congress is in 2015. The site is in Spanish
<b>Online resources</b>		
Social Science Research Network (SSRN)	<a href="http://ssrn.com/en/">http://ssrn.com/en/</a>	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	<a href="http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/index.cfm">http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/index.cfm</a>	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
World Expert Consortium for Abortion Research and Education	<a href="http://www.wecareexperts.org/">http://www.wecareexperts.org/</a>	International research collaboration, Scientific information dissemination, Professional education, Consultation, Expert testimony, Program evaluation, Grant writing

Before Roe v. Wade: Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling (2d edition, 2012)	<a href="http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-roe">http://documents.law.yale.edu/before-roe</a>	“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.”
Reproductive Research Audit	<a href="http://reproductiveresearchaudit.com/">http://reproductiveresearchaudit.com/</a>	“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.”
Global Health and Human Rights Database	<a href="http://www.globalhealthrights.org/">http://www.globalhealthrights.org/</a>	“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.”
Academia.edu	<a href="https://www.academia.edu/">https://www.academia.edu/</a>	A place to share research.
<b>Journals and online publications</b>		
Human Life Review	<a href="http://www.humanlifereview.com/">http://www.humanlifereview.com/</a>	

Linacre Quarterly	<a href="http://cathmed.org/issues_resources/linacre_quarterly/">http://cathmed.org/issues_resources/linacre_quarterly/</a>	Journal of the Catholic Medical Association.
Post-Abortion Review	<a href="http://www.theunchoice.com/pblresearch.htm">http://www.theunchoice.com/pblresearch.htm</a>	“Documents abortion's injustice and harm to women”
***Charlotte Lozier Institute (Susan B. Anthony List)	<a href="http://www.lozierinstitute.org/">http://www.lozierinstitute.org/</a>	The education and research arm of the Susan B. Anthony List
Ethika Politika	<a href="http://ethikapolitika.org/">http://ethikapolitika.org/</a>	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.
<b>Organizations</b>		
Society of Catholic Social Scientists	<a href="http://catholicsocialscientists.org/Content/Organization/">http://catholicsocialscientists.org/Content/Organization/</a>	
Catholic Medical Association	<a href="http://cathmed.org/">http://cathmed.org/</a>	
Healing the Culture	<a href="http://healingtheculture.com/">http://healingtheculture.com/</a>	Promotes the Life Principles of UFL co-founder Robert J. Spitzer, SJ.
Bioethics defense fund	<a href="http://www.bdfund.org/">http://www.bdfund.org/</a>	<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</p>

		embryo research, and end of life issues including physician-assisted suicide and healthcare rationing.
National Catholic Bioethics Center	<a href="http://www.ncbcenter.org/">http://www.ncbcenter.org/</a>	Publishes the <i>National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly</i>
Prolife Center at the University of St. Thomas	<a href="http://www.stthomas.edu/law/academics/prolifecenter/">http://www.stthomas.edu/law/academics/prolifecenter/</a>	Founded and headed by UFL member Teresa Collett
Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity	<a href="http://cbhd.org/">http://cbhd.org/</a>	“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	<a href="http://www.feministsforlife.org/">http://www.feministsforlife.org/</a>	
The International Center on Law, Life, Faith and Family (ICOLF)	<a href="http://icolf.org/">http://icolf.org/</a>	“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.”

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