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Our Blessed Mother Mary

“Do whatever He tells you.”



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“God knows we’re trying”



Our Lady of Fatima



**“Conditioned
Over
Time”**
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If you ever took a course in Psychology, you may have run across the name “Ivan Pavlov.” Pavlov was a physiologist; he is most famous for his work studying “conditioning.” You may recall hearing this, “I am so hungry I feel like Pavlov’s dog.” The reason for that statement is, during an experiment, Pavlov would ring a bell (for example) before he fed his dog. After many days, his dog knew when his meal was coming. One day the bell rang but the meal did not follow it; the dog began to salivate. Whenever a bell rang, the dog would salivate. That reaction was called “conditioning.” It is very interesting how animals and people can be conditioned.

What inspired me to write about this subject was an old Gene Autry western movie. The movie took place during the Christmas season, a group of people were standing in a semi-circle singing carols in front of some ones home, they began to sing “Silent Night” and I got this

feeling of embarrassment. I was embarrassed for them; I did not feel as I used to. This song used to make me teary-eyed and choked-up. Why have my emotions changed? What has happened to me? Is my Christmas Spirit being tampered with? Is the warmth of the Christmas Season being slowly cooled off? Am I being conditioned?

Christmas, our clergy, our constitution, our world is slowly changing not for the better for all of us, but it is changing. Personally I do not like it. I want to keep my traditions, recognize my emotions, and enjoy the precious gifts that God has blessed me with. Let’s be stubborn and refuse to let go of our world. We can resist conditioning if we know we are the target. Unlike the frog in the tepid water, if we are aware of what is happening, we can jump out of the pan before the water gets too hot; and Pavlov’s dog would not be drooling over your new rug each time the doorbell rings.

**Report: Number of Planned
Parenthood Centers at 25-
Year Low**

A new report indicates the Planned Parenthood abortion business is closing centers faster than it can open new ones and the total number of facilities it operates has hit a 25-year low.

The organization STOPP International released the report yesterday showing that, for the fifth straight year, the number of Planned Parenthood centers has declined. In 2010, the Parenthood Federation of America opened 18 new clinics and closed 49, bringing its total clinic number down to 785 — the lowest it has been since 1986. — Closings were spread all across the country and took place in 20 different states. Only three states (Massachusetts, Utah and Washington) had more clinics in 2010 than they did in 2009, — the report indicated. — Although nine clinics were closed because of the financial failure of Planned Parenthood Golden Gate, the reason given by Planned Parenthood for most clinic closings was a cutback in taxpayer funding or insufficient number of clients. — The study confirmed Planned Parenthood is increasingly shifting away from performing surgical abortions and, instead, using the dangerous RU 486 abortion drug that has been responsible for killing at least 13 women worldwide (maybe more) and injured 1,100 in the United States alone as of FDA figures from 2006. Planned Parenthood lowered the number of surgical abortion centers by 8, in 2010, but increased its number of facilities pushing the abortion drug by 25.

The abortion business ended the year with a total of 321 abortion facilities with 165 doing surgical abortions and giving out the abortion drug mifepristone, and another 156 dispensing the abortion drug but not doing surgical abortions. This represents an increase of 5.5 percent from the 304 abortion facilities it operated at the end of 2009 and, although Planned Parenthood likes to talk about the low percentage of abortions it does compared to other — services, — more than 40 percent of its centers do some type of abortion.

Where Does Scott Brown Stand on Planned Parenthood Funding?

Scott Brown, the Republican senator from liberal Massachusetts, has just announced he opposes efforts to de-fund Planned Parenthood. That's what most mainstream media outlets reported — but is it true?

As LifeNews.com reported yesterday, Brown's office released an obviously carefully-worded statement either designed to deliberately confuse organizations following the de-funding debate in Congress or masterfully tiptoeing around a delicate issue.

— I support family planning and health services for women.

Given our severe budget problems, I don't believe any area of the budget is completely immune from cuts. However, the proposal to eliminate all funding for family planning goes too far. As we continue with our budget negotiations, I hope we can find a compromise that is reasonable and appropriate. □

The statement, which most media outlets and even top officials with leading pro-life groups, was interpreted as Brown shifting his position on de-funding Planned Parenthood. Brown already supported de-funding once □ very recently □ by virtue of his vote for the House-passed long-term Continuing Resolution containing the Pence Amendment scrapping every dollar of taxpayer funding for the abortion business.

However, the House bill also deleted every bit of funding for the Title X family planning program, which doesn't pay for abortions. Brown's actual statement only concerned the family planning funding program and not about funding the abortion business itself though, as this news outlet pointed out, Brown's staff released it with a headline saying the actual quote concerned Planned Parenthood funding.

Baby Joseph Maraachli Baptized, Family Pleased with Tracheotomy

Baby Joseph Maraachli, the infant who escaped Canada to come to the United States for a tracheotomy procedure his parents wanted so he could breathe easier as he dies from a debilitating disease, has been baptized.

Moe Maraachli, Joseph's father, commented on the developments: □ It's a miracle. My son now has freedom. I'm very happy. My wife and I will respect the second opinion from the hospital in St. Louis. We will accept it with all my heart because Joseph got his human right to get a chance to get a second opinion. When God wants to take his life He'll take it and nobody can say No □ to God. □

Father Frank Pavone, the director of Priests for Life, talked about that and gave an update in an email to **LifeNews.com**, saying Joseph's parents are pleased following the procedure.

Wednesday he underwent surgery for the tracheotomy that Canadian officials refused to allow doctors to perform, □ Pavone said. □ His parents are so happy that he received a fresh evaluation and second

opinion, and they now feel that their baby has been given the proper kind of medical care. □
□ Also, Baby Joseph was baptized just the other day, and Jerry Horn of our Priests for Life team is now his godfather, he added.

Pro-Lifers to Seattle U: Stop Promoting Pro-Abortion Groups

More than a dozen pro-life groups are banding together for a letter to the president of Seattle University asking that the Catholic institution end its promotion of the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

Earlier this month, Seattle University came under fire for offering students internships with the local Planned Parenthood abortion business. In a section on □ Public Affairs □ Student Internships, □ Seattle University lists Planned Parenthood of Western Washington and encourages students to contact its career services department for additional information. No internship possibilities with pro-life groups or crisis pregnancy centers are listed.

The problems go beyond the mere listing as the Women Studies department at Seattle University encourages students to get involved with pro-

abortion groups. The Women Studies web page states: □ On the Seattle University Campus, in the Northwest, and across the Nation there are countless women's organizations for you to get involved with. Here are some links to help you get started. □ Immediately after this □ get involved offer, students find pro-abortion groups such as the National Organization for Women, the Feminist Majority and Legal Momentum.

Kansas Senate Passes Fetal Pain-Based Late Abortion Ban

The Kansas state Senate quickly followed a committee vote and approved a bill banning late abortions based on the scientific evidence showing unborn children can feel pain beginning at 20 weeks of pregnancy. Yesterday, the Senate Judiciary Committee signed off on HB 2218, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, that bans abortions at 22 weeks gestation (20 weeks post-conception) due to the scientific evidence that not only do unborn children feel pain, they feel it more acutely because pain □ dampeners □ do not fully develop until 40 weeks gestation, and later.

Idaho Senate Passes Fetal Pain Bill Banning Late Abortions

The Idaho state Senate approved a bill that bans abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy based on the scientific evidence showing unborn children feel extensive pain. The Senate voted 24-10 for the legislation. During the debate, according to an AP report, Democratic Sen. Diane Bilyeu, of Pocatello told lawmakers the legislation lets Big Brother decide what's best for our families, but sponsoring Sen. Chuck Winder, a Republican, said the bill is about science and protecting human life.

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Beach Boys to Headline Second Terri Schiavo Benefit Concert

After country music star Randy Travis thrilled listeners at a concert last year to raise funds for the Terri Schiavo foundation, the Beach Boys are heading up the concert this time around.

The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network is using the concerts as a way to raise critically-needed funds to support its work helping disabled patients like Terri and their families as the next step of their mission following the Terri's death. She was killed by her husband, who won a highly-disputed court order allowing him to remove her feeding tube and take her life during the course of a 13-day starvation and dehydration death.

The foundation has come to the aide of hundreds of disabled people and their families, helping them to find legal support, medical care and treatment, and offering input and advice on dealing with hospitals, guardians, and family members who may not value life quite as much.

□ Terri's Foundation fights every day for the families faced with trying to protect their loved ones from a strong euthanasia movement, □ Terri's brother Bobby Schindler has said. □ Without your support, we could not continue to be in a position to educate those on health care reform, futile care, assisted suicide and so much more. □

Pro-Life Attorney Takes on USA Today on Promoting

Abortion

A leading pro-life attorney who works with state legislation to protect women and unborn children from abortions is dueling with the liberal newspaper USA Today, which issued an editorial opposing abortion limits.

USA Today complains about a South Dakota bill that requires women to wait 72 hours before an abortion so they can get supportive counseling and pregnancy support from a pregnancy centers that will offer them better alternatives. Not content with the notion of showing women options other than abortion, USA Today writes, □ Non-emergency abortions in South Dakota are available only at a single Planned Parenthood clinic in Sioux Falls, which performs abortions one day each week when a doctor flies in from Minnesota. If a woman lives in Rapid City, that's a 700-mile round trip. Under the legislation, she'd have to make the trek twice, or find a place to stay in Sioux Falls during the waiting period. □

The newspaper also complains about other states, which are moving to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy based on the scientific data showing

unborn children possess the capacity to feel pain. And USA Today doesn't like laws protecting taxpayers from having to pay for abortions in the new state taxpayer-funded health insurance exchanges the Obamacare law created.

Arizona Senate OKs Ban on Sex-Selection, Race-Based Abortions

The Arizona Senate signed off on a House-approved bill that bans abortions sought for sex-selection reasons or because the unborn child is of a certain race. Although the practice is frequently seen in Asian nations like China, India and Vietnam, it has crossed the Pacific Ocean as Asian immigrants have come to the United States and brought with them their cultural preference for sons.

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Pro-Life Tim Pawlenty to Start Exploratory Cmte for President

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty announced this afternoon that he will create an exploratory committee to formally consider a bid for the Republican nomination to face

pro-abortion President Barack Obama.

Pawlenty, a pro-life advocate who served two terms as governor, is the first of the Republicans considered most likely to receive the GOP nomination to announce a committee. GOP businessman Herman Cain was the first to officially announce a committee last month.

"We're filing the paperwork today to form an exploratory committee to run for president of the United States," Pawlenty said this morning in a conference call with reporters. The committee, he said, would allow him to take the "initial steps" necessary to run for president, as he is expected to do. "We're doing this not because of a committee or legal steps or compliance, but because this is the greatest nation the world has ever known and it's in trouble, and it needs a new direction, and it needs new leadership."

During his time as governor, Pawlenty built up a sterling pro-life record and worked closely with Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life to advocate the pro-life position. Following Governor Pawlenty's two terms, the number of abortions dropped 14 percent and reached a 35-year low. "Governor

Pawlenty has been a powerful ally of MCCL and the pro-life movement for many years. He strongly supports life-affirming **legislation to inform and support pregnant women, who are now feeling empowered to give life to their unborn babies,**" says MCCL executive director **Scott Fischbach.**

He named Eric Magnuson, an attorney who has worked with pro-life groups, the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court and told Minnesota agencies to reject Obamacare, which could fund abortions. He signed the Woman's Right to Know Act, which requires informed consent and a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion. The law was the strongest informed consent law in the country at the time, and Minnesota was the first state in the nation to ensure that women be provided with information on the ability of their unborn child to feel pain.

Pawlenty also signed into law the Positive Alternatives program passed by the state legislature in 2005 with the support of pro-life groups. The law, which provides state funding for pregnancy centers that help women with pregnancy support and abortion alternatives, has

already proven successful in lowering the number of abortions

Planned Parenthood Sends Woman to Hospital After Botched Abortion

A Planned Parenthood in Everett, Washington sent a woman to the hospital late Friday following a botched abortion and the head of the local abortion business is coming under fire for her response to the events. Local pro-life advocate Mary Emanuel was at the abortion facility at the time and snapped pictures of the ambulance that whisked the woman away from the Everett Planned Parenthood. □ We are still investigating as to the severity of the botched abortion and only pray that it was not fatal or caused serious injuries, □ she said. Emanuel related the events of the afternoon, saying, □ Events started to unfold a little before 1:00 p.m. when I heard sirens approaching the corner of Hoyt and 32nd in Everett, Washington. As the red engine rounded the corner from the south I walked hastily to see if it would move beyond Planned Parenthood on Hoyt. Unfortunately it stopped and three paramedics unloaded their gear and went in the side

entrance. □

She said a woman eventually arrived with a white poster board, which Planned Parenthood staffers later used to block the view from the street when they loaded the injured woman into the ambulance.

More Than 100 Babies Saved From Abortion During 40 Days for Life

It's always great to start your Monday with good news, so here it is: So far, we are aware of at least 101 lives saved from abortion during this 40 Days for Life campaign □ that we know of!

Here are just a few of the blessings that God has provided in answer to your prayers: College Park, Maryland A tall man and a visibly pregnant woman walked up to the abortion center, only to find the door was locked. It's closed, said a 40 Days for Life vigil participant, □ but I have information on free pregnancy help. □

The woman took information on fetal development, but the couple walked around to the back of the building to try another door. It, too, was locked. So they sat on the steps and looked through the brochure they were given. Eventually, the building

opened, and the couple went in. Two hours later, they came out to get more information. □ Can I ask you a personal question? □ the volunteer said to the woman. Were you thinking about getting an abortion? □ Yes, I was thinking about it. But now I'm not going to get one, □ she answered. What changed her mind? □ That booklet, she said. I didn't know the baby looked like that and was that size. □



A ninety-five year old woman at a nursing home received a visit from one of her fellow church members. "How are you feeling?" the visitor asked. "Oh," said the lady, "I'm just worried sick!" "What are you worried about, dear?" her friend asked. "You look like you're in good health. They are taking care of you, aren't they?" "Yes, they are taking very good care of me."

"Are you in any pain?" she asked.

"No, I have never had a pain in my life."

"Well, what are you worried about?" her friend asked again.

The lady leaned back in her rocking chair and slowly explained her major worry.

"Every close friend I ever had has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went."



**St. Catherine of Siena
April 29th**