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“Do whatever He tells you.”



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“God knows we’re trying”



St. Bernadine Realino



What About the Elderly?

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Before something is about to effectively change one's life, such as contracts, agreements or promises, do the business people involved ever say to themselves, "What about the elderly?"

The people who live in the same neighborhood as I do are facing a complicated change. It seems our cable television service contract is about to be changed. Usually this means an increase in the monthly rate and that is the case here.

There are 212 homes in our neighborhood and approximately 80 widows residing here. The average age is around 70 years old (My guess).

There are a few handicapped and bed ridden residents as well.

Those that have a television use different packages of their choice depending on programs they want to watch. One may have to purchase 60 to 120+ channels because it contains the one program they want to see.

All signal providers have a series of packages that contain channels in foreign language and shopping channels as well as cartoons and other children's programs. All the companies provide movie channels with "R" ratings and worse; you know, just the kind of stuff an 80 year old would like to watch from the bedroom.

One cable company needs to install their fiber optics delivery medium and requires study and months for installation. There are two dish signal providers that also use the package deal. Both of these companies will provide dishes for each of the individual homes. No one I spoke with would consider one large antenna located in the neighborhood in order to supply a signal to each home.

Also, each of these companies will not allow individuals to pay their own television bills. They want one check to cover all of the homes in the neighborhood. This will be difficult, because each house has a different package. They want a dish for each home but one bill for all.

My negative experience with dish receiver television was when it snowed; I had to go out, during inclement weather, and

brush the snow off of the dish; then I waited until the dish picked up the signal again. In the meantime I missed a portion of the program I was watching.

Can you imagine a 70-80+ senior citizen getting up, during a snow storm, to clean off a dish? This also happened occasionally while it was raining. The reason for the one large dish is the signal has less chance of being lost during a storm.

Only a bunch of dirt bags would create a hard-as-concrete business with no flexibility for all, especially seniors. Some residents would be happy with an indoor antenna, some would be delighted with the bottom line basic installation, some may want HD (high definition), and others could care less.

This situation has a familiar ring to it; (one must pay because it is the law) they decide what coverage you will get and you pay the bill.

Television is not considered a necessity nor is it a law to have one, but it has become a drug (in a way), it has become a staple in one's home. People have become addicted to it and one will pay an extravagant amount to own one with all the bells and whistles. The TV signal

providers know that and they seem to be taking advantage of it.

Once again the senior citizen get's screwed.

Take their money, take away their conveniences, and take whatever you can get away with.

Seniors, I guess, are considered to be negligible collateral damage.

Saint Bernadine Realino

1530 - Died

1616 of natural causes

Also known as: Apostle of Lecce

Profile

Italian nobility. Studied law and medicine at Bologna, receiving a law degree in 1556. Mayor of Felizzano, Italy. Judge. Chief tax collector in Alesandria, Italy. Mayor of Cassine, Italy. Mayor of Castelleone, Italy. Superintendent of the fiefs of the marquis of Naples. Following a retreat, he became a Jesuit in 1564, priest in 1567. Novice master in Naples, and then was sent to found a college in Lecce, a small city in the south of Italy. He quickly became the most loved man in Lecce due to his concern and charity. He made himself appear the receiver rather than the giver, and the poor and galley slaves were his special

concern. One of the more interesting miracles attributed to him concerned his small pitcher of wine which did not give out until everyone present had had enough.

On his death bed, the city's magistrates formally requested that in the next life he take the city under his patronage. Unable to speak, he nodded, and died soon after, whispering the names of Jesus and Mary.

He was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII
Patronage: Lecce Italy

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Planned Parenthood Prez Gets Grant for Pro-Abortion Catholic Group

The president of the Planned Parenthood Breton business is facing accusations she used her position on the board of directors of the Ford Foundation to enable a grant for a heretical pro-abortion organization that bills itself as a Catholic group.

The Ford Foundation gave a grant to Catholics for Choice to the tune of \$300,000 to

provide general support to assist Catholic policy makers, groups that empower women of color and others disproportionately impacted by public policies that affect reproductive health care options. □

Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards was named a trustee of the Ford Foundation last February and chairs the board's Finance Committee. Ford trustees serve six-year terms, and may be re-elected to the board for a second term. The 15-member board of trustees sets broad policy related to the foundation's issue areas and geographic focus and oversees its investments and grants.

David Schmidt of Live Action, the pro-life group that exposed practices at Planned Parenthood like covering up cases of sexual abuse and helping sex traffickers arrange abortions for their victims, condemned the grant.

Catholics for Choice is an organization that advocates for the right to abort ones child □ against established Catholic church teaching. While the organization has twice been condemned as a fraud by U.S. Catholics bishops but they boast

a significant budget funded mostly by a select group of foundations, he said.

Schmidt said he was not surprised that Richards steered the grant to Catholics for Choice given that the Ford Foundation's finance committee is influential in determining the final recipients of grants. www.lifenews.com/2011/06/20/Pro-Life

Ex-Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman Announces GOP 2012 Campaign

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, a moderate Republican who has a pro-life record on the issue of abortion, announced his campaign for the Republican nomination for president today. With a speech in New York City at the State of Liberty, Huntsman sounded pro-America themes.

Standing in the shadow of the famous statue as his former boss Ronald Reagan did before him, Huntsman launched his campaign for the White House.

For the first time in our history, we are about to pass down to the next generation a country that is less powerful, less compassionate, less competitive and less confident than the one we got, he said.

This is totally unacceptable and totally un-American. □

And it need not, must not, will not be our permanent condition! We will not be the first American generation that lets down the next generation, Huntsman continued. What we need now is leadership that trusts in our strength. Leadership that doesn't promise Washington has all the solutions to our problems, but rather looks to local solutions in our cities, towns and states. Leadership that knows we need more than hope, leadership that knows we need answers □

Behind me is our most famous symbol of the promise of America. President Reagan launched the 1980 general election here in an earlier time of trouble and worry. He assured us we could □make America great again, and under his leadership we did. I stand in his shadow as well as the shadow of this magnificent monument to our liberty, the former Obama ambassador to China said. We're not just choosing new leaders. We are choosing whether we are to become yesterday's story or tomorrow's.

Everything is at stake. This is the hour when we choose our future.

Gingrich Also Hits Romney on Not Signing Pro-Life Pledge
Add Newt Gingrich to the list of

Republican presidential candidates hitting Mitt Romney over his decision to not sign a pledge the Susan B. Anthony List sponsored on four key pro-life issues.

Gingrich follows Michelle Bachmann, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul in tagging the former Massachusetts governor for not signing the pledge.

As LifeNews.com reported, the Susan B. Anthony List unveiled the pledge on Friday and indicated Bachmann, Tim Pawlenty, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul signed it. The pledge has the candidates promising to support only judicial nominees who won't interpret the Constitution in a way that supports Roe v. Wade, select pro-life Cabinet members on positions affecting abortion policy, supporting legislation to stop taxpayer funding of abortions and Planned Parenthood, and to support a fetal pain bill that would ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Romney did not sign the pledge and his officials said it was because he worried the defunding legislation would also revoke funding for hospitals, though the legislation currently

pending in Congress does not do so. He also said the pledge is overly broad and would have unintended consequences. □

Romney also released a pro-life statement of position at National Review saying he is pro-life and essentially committing to much of the same pro-life initiatives the SBA List outlined in its pledge.

Today, in an interview with conservative radio talk show host Laura Ingraham, Gingrich, the former House Speaker, said Romney made excuses for not signing the pledge that he thought made perfect sense.

According to a report in The Hill, Gingrich said people have to make that decision on your own, in terms of how they react to Romney's decision and reasoning and added that, while Romney might have his excuses for not signing it, I thought it was a pretty clear-cut pledge.

Hands That Helped Abortions Now Extend to Unborn Children

If you are on this site, you probably know my story. I participated in an ultrasound guided abortion, where I was holding the ultrasound probe. I watched a baby struggle for its

life during the abortion. That's why I do what I do now.

After the abortion was over, I stood there in shock almost numb. Then I looked down at my hands. There they were. One on the probe one resting on the woman's belly the place where life once was.

A startling reality hit me. My hands had helped to kill thousands of children. These nicely manicured hands were responsible for the loss of life. My hands suddenly seemed disgusting like they needed to be separated from me. But they couldn't be. This was me. I was this person. These hands that held my most precious possession in the world the minute after she was delivered from my womb had robbed that moment from countless other women. These were the same hands that held my baby close when she cried. The same hands that that held on to hers when she was learning to walk. Were these really the same hands holding on to this ultrasound probe? Yes, they were

Minnesota Planned Parenthood to Close Six Locations in August

The Minnesota affiliate of the Planned Parenthood abortion business says it will close six locations on August 1 thanks to the Title X budget cuts Congress approved in its most recent budget tOwatonna, Albert Lea and Fairmont will be closing. None of them do abortions or give out the dangerous abortion drug to women, but all of them make abortion referrals.

She said the plan to cut the centers comes on the heels of a 5.5 percent cut to Title X funding during the 2011 congressional budget debate. The cut is retroactive to September of last year, and therefore represents an 11 percent cut to Planned Parenthood's current budget.

□ These cuts were driven by ideological attacks on women's health, not by a desire to fix the economy, she claimed.

□ We proudly served these communities for 40 years, and the decision to close our doors is heartbreaking, Stoesz said. We know that both state and federal governments are struggling to balance their budgets, but we also know that public funding for family planning services is a cost-saving and vital service for tens of thousands of women in our state, especially in rural areas. This was a short-sighted blow to a much-needed program. □

The abortion business director said staff will be increased and evening and weekend hours will be added to Planned Parenthood clinics in Rochester, Mankato, Moorhead, Duluth and St. Cloud and the affiliate will continue to operate centers in 20 locations in Minnesota and South Dakota.

While Stoesz claims the Title X cuts are the reason for the closings, Bill Poehler, a spokesman for Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, the

statewide pro-life group, told KFGO there are other federally funded health clinics, Community-Based Health Centers, that offer legitimate medical care to women without having to go to an abortion business.

Where's the Casey Anthony Outrage

When it Comes to Abortion?

by Mike Strain

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The Casey Anthony trial has managed to keep the attention of millions of people, and rightfully so. I am a little bit late to hear about the case, I have been traveling and working for Stand True, but this morning, reports of the trial were still on the news. For anyone who has not seen the articles, a 25-year-old Florida woman named Casey Anthony is charged with the murder of her two year old daughter, Caylee Anthony. Evidence has gone back and forth, and the mother has so far pleaded innocent, although the evidence seems relatively conclusive the other way.

The two-year-old was reported missing in 2008, and the remains were found in the woods in a plastic bag, close to the Anthony home. Chloroform and human decomposition samples were also found as evidence, as well as Google

searches on Casey's computer for "neck breaking", "how to make chloroform", and "death". A CNN report stated that the child was found with duct tape traces over her mouth, and the residue of heart shaped stickers. This story is unbelievable and heartbreaking.

The general public has swarmed over this story, prying for every horrible and tragic detail, in an effort to know how a mother could do such a thing, especially to such a young and beautiful child. The details of the murder are unimaginable and grotesque. They seem quite surreal, coming from a young mother in a suburban Florida neighborhood. As a nation, we seem to ask: "What can cause someone to be so inhuman?"

I believe that the answer lies in a diary entry, written by Casey Anthony, that was dated June 21st, which is as follows, "I have no regrets, just a bit worried. I just want for everything to work out OK. I completely trust my own judgment and know that I made the right decision. I just hope that the end justifies the means. I just want to know what the future will hold

for me. I guess I will soon see —
This is the happiest that I have been in a very long time. I hope

that my happiness will continue to grow— I’ve made new friends that I really like. I’ve surrounded myself with good people— I am finally happy. Let’s just hope that it doesn’t change.” This does not seem like the diary of a woman who has just murdered her child, although it bears chilling similarity to the way that abortion is justified in this country.

How is it that we can obsess over the horror of the Casey Anthony trial and not see the parallels to abortion? There is national lament and outcry over the murder of a two year old, but thousands of unborn children are dismembered and thrown away every day through abortion, and our society turns a blind eye.

The inconsistency about infanticide is astounding. While still a senator, President Obama voted against the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, which stated that if a baby survived an abortion, it was illegal to kill it. Our President apparently believes that infanticide is permissible if an abortion was the original intent. This quite obviously did not make a big political impact, and his appalling vote on this bill took a back seat to the economy and job creation. However, if a mother kills her two-year-old daughter there is an entire month worth of news describing every little detail.

I don’t mean to downplay tragedy of

the Casey Anthony case, but I can’t help but notice the inconsistency of public reaction, and the similarity of rationale for the act of murder.

Abortion is often labeled as simply a personal choice, while the rights of the unborn are invisible and never mentioned. The chilling remark of “I made the right decision. . . . This is the happiest I’ve been in a long time” is shockingly similar to the rhetoric that is thrown around by the pro-choice movement. I also don’t mean to say that every woman who has an abortion is exactly like Casey Anthony.

A huge amount of women are pressured, misled, and terribly misinformed about the true nature of abortion. However, it is inconsistent to state that Casey Anthony is a monster, and in the same breath affirm that abortion is morally equivalent to an appendectomy. I am heartbroken to hear about the trial, and anxiously looking to the conclusion. While I obviously don’t support her actions, I am praying that Casey Anthony will not get the death penalty. The death of a mother will not bring back her child. I also hope for more strict legislation in regards to paternal responsibility, and that the father of Caylee Anthony will also be held accountable for being absent in his daughter’s life.

With the trial in mind, I also pray that the thousands of mothers entering abortion clinics today will have their hearts and minds changed towards life, to embrace the beauty of the family or to create another family through adoption. Maybe one day there will be equal outcry for the victims of abortion as there is now for the death of a beautiful little girl.

LifeNews.com Note: Mike Strain writes for [Stand True Ministries](#), a pro-life group that reaches out to youth and young adults.

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

**"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.
"Only the Ten Commandments."
answered the lady.**

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for

our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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Pro-Lifer Arrested, Reported Odd Package at Planned Parenthood

A pro-life advocate in Delaware is fighting charges and false arrest after he reported to police a suspicious package at a Planned Parenthood abortion business that he worried could be a potential bomb or explosive.





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Parental Permission Needed for Tanning Beds, Not Abortions

Lawmakers in Connecticut have their priorities when it comes to allowing parents to raise their minor daughters and legislators have decided that protecting teen girls from tanning beds is more important than protecting them from abortions.

Sen. Michael McLachlan, a Republican from Danbury, noticed a glaring irony in a bill requiring teen girls to receive permission from their parents to use tanning beds. He pointed to the fact that there is no state law requiring young teenagers to get permission from their parents for an abortion. Chris Powell of the Journal Intelligencer newspaper reported on what happened next: Democratic lawmakers discarded

the entire tanning bed bill rather than allow McLachlan to add an amendment including abortions.

For while state law also requires parental permission for the tattooing and body piercing of minors, state law treats abortion differently, he writes. Under Connecticut law minors can obtain abortions on their own, advised only by abortion providers themselves, even though the procedure may involve general anesthesia and carries far more risk than tattooing or tanning. □
So McLachlan prepared to amend the tanning bill to require parental consent for abortions for minors as well. Rather than risk a long and uncomfortable debate, the Senate's Democratic leadership discarded the bill entirely, and McLachlan got the blame, he explained.

When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache..... When you open it, he collapses..... When he sees you reading it, he faints..... When he sees that you are living what you read, he flees..... And when you are about to forward this message.... He will try and discourage you.. I just defeated him!!! Any other takers?

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

**Two interesting web sites:
<http://togr4life.com>
<http://johnmariani.homestead.com/>**

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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Thank you, Gene