Saturday's protest was organized by the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and Christa Lopiccolo, executive director of the department of life issues for the archdiocese, is worried "Maryland is becoming a safe haven" for abortions late in pregnancy because of "the laxity of the law."

"Our goal is to get Catholics aware of the situation with the state laws in Maryland, she said.

# European Court to Rule on Ireland Abortion Law This Week

The European Court of Human Rights will rule on a key abortion case this week that affects not only the abortion law in Ireland but could have an affect on the rest of Europe.

The case involves the Ireland law that bans most abortions and the move could have more of a legal effect on the court's member states.

Abortion advocates hope to overturn Ireland's strong pro-life laws that prohibit abortions unless the life of the mother is in danger.

Women who had to travel to England for abortions claim they were denied their rights because the Irish pro-life abortion law requires them to travel out of the country for an abortion.



A very Merry Christmas to all my friends. EAS



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Our Mother Mary

"Do whatever He tells you"

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The Bread of Life is born Merry Christmas To All.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David: he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this

come about, since I have

The angel answered, 'The

Holy Spirit will come upon

you, and the power of the

with its shadow. And so the

Most High will cover you

child will be holy and will

be called Son of God.

no knowledge of man?'

And I tell you this too: your cousin Elizabeth also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her



sixth month.for nothing is impossible to God.' Mary said, 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her.

## **Life Matters**

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**Abortion Advocates Try** to Disprove Study on **Abortion-Mental Health Problems** 

Two pro-abortion research are trying to disprove a study showing women who have abortions are more likely to suffer from a variety of mental health problems than women who carry to term.

**Published by Professor** Priscilla Coleman of Bowling Green State University in the Journal of Psychiatric Research, the study showing women having abortions were at greater risk for anxiety as well as mood and substance abuse disorders. Julia Steinberg of the University of California, San Francisco, and Lawrence Finer of the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-abortion group that is a former affiliate of the Planned Parenthood abortion business, have set out to disprove Coleman's findings. They published their

analysis in the journal Social Science & Medicine saying they failed to find the same links even taking similar factors into account.

### **Second Protest of** Carhart's Abortions **Features 600 Pro-Lifers**

A second protest took place on Saturday at the Germantown Reproductive Health Services abortion center that hired LeRoy Carhart to do late abortions.

Carhart, who was based in Nebraska until the state passed a fetal pain bill banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, came to Germantown to do abortions there since Maryland law is weak on abortion.

He faced an initial protest on Monday with as many as 600 people attending and another 600 people turned up on Saturday to continue the opposition to the abortion facility and Carhart's abortions late in pregnancy.

free of ethical and moral concerns.

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# Pro-Life Groups Applaud Judge's Ruling Against ObamaCare-

Leading pro-life groups responded to a federal judge's decision today striking down the individual mandate portion of the ObamaCare law that they have opposed over abortion funding.

Every major pro-life organization has released a legal analysis of the ObamaCare bill saying it lacks sufficient provisions to stop abortion funding. They have also had to work to stop the Obama administration from funding abortions in three states through the high risk health insurance pools.

The American Center for Law and Justice, a pro-life legal group, called the federal district court decision in Virginiadeclaring the individual mandate of the health care law unconstitutional a "sound decision" which "guts proabortion ObamaCare" and represents a "decisive and significant victory for America."

The ACLJ backed Virginia's lawsuit challenging ObamaCare in filing an amicus brief representing 28 members of Congress—including incoming House Speaker John Boehner and incoming House Majority Leader Eric Cantor—as well as more than 70,000 Americans.



I hope for more than this...

# CatholiCity Poll Results Which of the new Mysteries of Light do you like the most?

RESULTS (852 total votes)
= Christ's Baptism in the
Jordan - 4% (32 votes)

- = Christ's selfmanifestation at the wedding of Cana - 12% (98 votes)
- Christ's proclamation of the Kingdom of God - 6% (49 votes)
- = Christ's Transfiguration
- 8% (72 votes)
- = Christ's institution of the Eucharist - 71% (601 votes)

#### **Correct Answer**

Rosary.

There are no wrong answers this week.
The Pope, in his letter "On the Most Holy Rosary," added the above five new mysteries and described the spiritual benefits of the



An elderly man decided he needed a will so he made an appointment with a local lawyer. He explained that he needed a will but knew nothing of the process, to which the lawyer replied, "Not a problem, leave it all to me."
"Well," the elderly man responded, "I knew you would take a lot, but I was hoping to leave a little to my family."

### Judge Rules Pro-Abortion ObamaCare Law Unconstitutional

by Steven Ertelt | Richmond, VA | LifeNews.com | 12/13/10 1:35 PM



A federal judge issued a ruling today on a Virginia lawsuit against the ObamaCare health care law that allows abortion funding and he said the program is unconstitu-

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tional in part.



The ruling makes the district court the first federal court in the nation to strike down a portion of the ObamaCare law and it goes against rulings other courts have issued striking down other lawsuits. The key issue in the complaint the state of Virginia filed is that the individual mandate in the law, requiring Americans to purchase health insurance (which may very well fund abortions) is unconstitutional and a violation of the power Congress has to regulate

Judge Henry Hudson is-

interstate commerce.

sued a 42-page opinion writing that the individual mandate exceeds Congress' authority, saying it is "neither within the letter nor the spirit of the Constitution."

He said his survey of case law "yielded no reported decisions from any federal appellate courts extending the Commerce Clause or General Welfare Clause to encompass regulation of a person's decision not to purchase a product, not withstanding its effect on interstate commerce or role in a global regulatory scheme."

Judge Hudson declined the request for an injunction stopping ObamaCare from going into effect any further while the case continues because the mandate hasn't taken effect yet. He noted the Supreme Court will become the final arbiter of the case.

Ken Cuccinelli, the pro-life Attorney General of Virginia, brought the case ish biotech company Cellartis.

The NIH panel did reject requests for funding other new lines and rejected some from Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago because of "sloppy" consent procedures. Other lines from a Chinese firm were rejected because officials had trouble translating their documents. Two lines from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston were also rejected. Meanwhile, Nature quotes Story Landis, the director of NIH's National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, who heads the NIH approval committee for embryonic stem cell funding. He says the number of available domestic embryonic lines for potential funding has fallen off and taxpayer dollars will now flow more frequently towards foreign labs and firms.

#### **Stem Cell Facts**

"I think we have caught up with the backlog [of domestic lines]," he said. "There's the possibility that [the committee working group assigned to stem cell line reviews] could go out of business, except for foreign donations."

Dr. David Prentice, of the Family Research Council, commented on the new lines potentially gaining approval for federal funds. "NIH Director Francis Collins had previously approved another new hESC line on 28 September and six more lines on 17 November. He will have to consider the recommendations of the working group in regards to the ten most recent lines, but usually follows the working group's recommendations," he said. He is disappointed the **Obama administration** doesn't focus on the kind of stem cells that would help patients most and be free of ethical and moral concerns.

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We sang -- how we sang -in our monotone croak,
Till the clock tinkled out its
soft eight-p.m. stroke.

And soon we were snuggling deep in our beds. While nurses distributed nocturnal meds. And so ends our Christmas at Rock-Away Rest. 'fore long you'll be with us, We wish you the best!

### Obama Admin Suggests More Embryonic Stem Cell Funding

Taking advantage of an appeals court ruling striking down an injunction against his forcing Americans to pay for embryonic stem cell research, the Obama administration is looking at more funding. President Barack Obama, last year, issued an executive order forcing taxpayers to finance embryonic stem cell research that doesn't vet work in animals and has never helped a single human patient. Two adult stem cell scientists filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn the order, saying it hurts the efforts of researchers working

with adult stem cells — the ethical kind that doesn't require the destruction of unborn human life to use to help patients.

A federal judge issued an injunction stopping federal funding, but the Obama administration appealed and an appeals court stopped the injunction while considering the merits of the lawsuit. Now, an advisory panel to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has recommended that four additional embryonic stem cell lines — derived from obtaining stem cells from human embryos killed for their stem cells — receive federal funding.

If agency director Francis Collins signs off on the December 9 committee recommendation in the coming days, as is expected, then the Obama administration will be funding a total of 92 embryonic stem cells lines with taxpayer dollars.

According to a report in Nature magazine, the four new stem cells lines come from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research in Bangalore, India and from Swedand issued a quick comment on the decision before having fully reviewed it.

"Today, a federal judge in Richmond ruled the individual mandate of the federal health care law unconstitutional," he said. "In other words - we won." "This won't be the final round, as this will ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court, but today is a critical milestone in the protection of the Constitution," Cuccinelli added. "I am still fully digesting the court's ruling" he said, but called it "good news."

Hudson did not invalidate the full law but the individual mandate, its most important portion, and "directly-dependent provisions which make specific reference" to it.

The Obama administration is expected to appeal the ruling to the Fourth Circuit, which hears cases from Virginia and four ad-

ditional states.

The lawsuit, which is similar to the one a Michigan judge and a Florida judge held hearings on recently, received its own hearing in October.

During the hearing, District Judge Henry Hudson also acknowledged the district court legal battle is but a precursor to a larger fight at the Supreme Court.

"As you well know, this is only one brief stop on the way to the United States Supreme Court," Hudson said.

The Virginia challenge, like the arguments presented in the other cases, says the federal government does not have the authority to require Americans to purchase health care and punish them for not doing so.

"The Supreme Court has never allowed inactivity to be regulated as commerce," said Virginia Solicitor General E. Duncan Getchell. He called the Obama administration's position "strained and extreme" saying "no one can

opt out."
Getchell told Hudson the legislation is "unprecedented, unlimited and unsupportable in any serious regime of delegated, enumerated powers.

The Obama administration argues the decision not to buy insurance is itself an active process that Congress can regulate. But Judge Hudson appeared to question how those without insurance must pay and appeared to side with the argument states are making that it is a punitive fine, while the federal government says it is a tax that it is entitled to levy. This is of particular importance and concern to the states because Obama had said it would not function as a tax.

"Why did the members of Congress and the President deny to everyone in America it was a tax?" Hudson asked Obama's lawyer. "They denied it's a tax. The President did. Was he trying to deceive the people?"

Hudson, who issued today's ruling, was appointed to the bench by President George W. Bush in 2002.

The two cases previously decided by district courts are headed to appeals with the Michigan case going to the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati and a Virginia case heading to the Fourth Circuit in Richmond. Oral arguments in the most high-profile case in Florida, the lawsuit filed by 20 states, are slated for December 16. Every major pro-life organization has released a legal analysis of the ObamaCare bill saying it lacks sufficient provisions to stop abortion funding. They have also had to work to stop the Obama administration from funding abortions in three states through the high risk health insurance pools.

'Twas the night before Christmas at Rock-Away Rest"

#### **Author Unknown**

Twas the night before Christmas at Rock-Away Rest, and all of us seniors were looking our best. Our glasses, how sparkly, our wrinkles, how merry; Our punchbowl held prune juice plus three drops of sherry.

A bedsock was taped to each walker, in hope That Santa would bring us soft candy and soap.
We surely were lucky to be there with friends, Secure in this residence and in our Depends.

Our grandkids had sent us some Christmasy crafts, Like angels in snowsuits and penguins on rafts. The dental assistant had borrowed our teeth, And from them she'd crafted a holiday wreath.

The bed pans, so shiny, all stood in a row, Reflecting our candle's magnificent glow. Our supper so festive -- the joy wouldn't stop -- Was creamy warm oatmeal with sprinkles on top.

Our salad was Jell-O, so

jiggly and great, Then puree of fruitcake was spooned on each plate.

The social director then had us play games, Like "Where Are You Living?" and "What Are Your Names?"

Old Grandfather Looper was feeling his oats, Proclaiming that reindeer were nothing but goats. Our resident wand'rer was tied to her chair, In hopes that at bedtime she still would be there.

Security lights on the new fallen snow
Made outdoors seem noon to the old folks below.
Then out on the porch there arose quite a clatter (But we are so deaf that it just didn't matter).

A strange little fellow flew in through the door,
Then tripped on the sill and fell flat on the floor.
'Twas just our director, all togged out in red.
He jiggled and chuckled and patted each head.

We knew from the way that he strutted and jived Our social- security