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## Biweekly Ethics Update

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# THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER



## The Moral Mind, by Dr. Joseph Meaney

### Texas about to Have a Life Monument Near the Capitol Building

**Governor Greg Abbott** recently signed into law a resolution to place a six-foot bronze statue of a mother with a preborn child on a two-foot base near the Texas Capitol building in Austin. This showed a strong commitment to defending life from the moment of conception. Senator Tan Parker, a classmate from the University of Dallas and close friend of mine, sponsored the measure, SCR19, in

the Texas Senate, and Representative Caroline Harris Davila sponsored it in the Texas House.

## Bioethics Public Policy Report

**June 10, 2025**

The Bioethics Public Policy Report is the NCBC's biweekly update on developments in bioethics and health care that impact the dignity of the human person. The report addresses issues on the federal, state, and international levels.

## Announcements

### **Encourage New York's Governor to Veto Proposed Assisted Suicide Legislation**

The New York Legislature enacted legislation constitutes the abandonment of those who are suffering at the end of life. The people of New York deserve better than this false substitute for good palliative care. Please encourage Governor Kathy Hochul to veto this act against human life.

### **ACPeds Awarded Heritage Foundation Innovation Prize for Pivotal "Doctor, Heal Thyself" Project**

The American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds) is honored to announce it has been selected as a recipient of [The Heritage Foundation's](#) prestigious Innovation Prize for its proposed project, *Doctor, Heal Thyself*. This campaign seeks to restore sound medical practice within pediatric care, uphold physician integrity, and equip pediatricians to speak out against transgender interventions on minors.

The Innovation Prize recognizes visionary projects that address the most pressing challenges facing American society. With this award,

ACPeds will expand its campaign to reach over 67,000 pediatricians, encourage them to reject harmful ideological mandates, and amplify a growing coalition of voices advocating for children's health and evidence-based care.

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## **Trump Admin Rescinds Harmful Biden-era Abortion Mandate**

*Alliance Defending Freedom*

The Trump administration on Tuesday **rescinded** a Biden-era mandate that attempted to force emergency room doctors to perform abortions under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act. Because the administration's action now protects mothers, unborn children, and doctors' conscience rights, Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed a **voluntary dismissal** of the lawsuit they had filed against the Biden administration earlier this year to challenge the mandate.

### **NCBC in the News**

## **US State Department Will Destroy Contraceptives Earmarked for Foreign Aid Programs**

*Catholic News Agency*

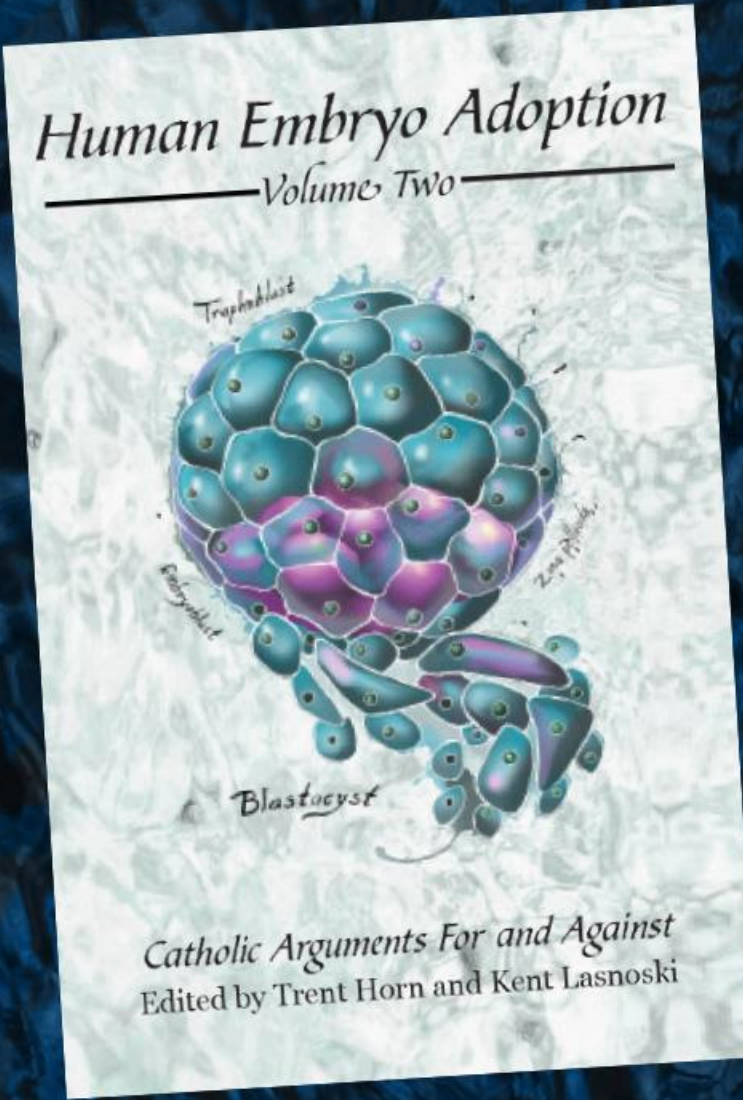
Fr. Tad comments on how the U.S. has long been involved in pro-abortion and anti-family imperialism, especially in the manner by which it distributes various kinds of aid to poor countries. He argues the US taxpayer should not be, directly or indirectly, funding the acquisition and shipping of 26 million condoms, 2 million doses of injectable birth control, millions of packages of oral birth control, and hundreds of thousands of implantable contraceptive devices to foreign countries. He stresses that it is not appropriate for

the US, and US aid agencies, to be serving as middle men, underwriters, or imperialist brokers in these transactions.

## Brain Death Symposium Update

*NCBC*

The Symposium, *Integrity in the Concept and Determination of Brain Death: Recent Challenges in Medicine, Law, and Ethics*, was successfully conducted on February 27-28, 2025, fulfilling its original goals and design. Videos of the presentations and discussions are available for free to NCBC members and for purchase by the public. Go to [this webpage](#)—to learn more!



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## Radio and Podcasts

### On Pregnancy, Brain Death, and the Duty to Protect Life

#### *Morning Air on Relevant Radio*

Guest-host John Morales welcomes Father Tad Pacholczyk to discuss the case of a Georgia woman who suffered from serious blood clots and strokes in the brain, and was diagnosed as brain dead early in her pregnancy. Georgia law seems to mandate that her body should be kept on supportive interventions until the baby is able to be born. Father dispels the myth that a woman in these

circumstances, or in any pregnancy, is merely “an incubator,” as critics have been claiming, and he points out the reasonableness of such child-focused laws that may apply during pregnancy.

## **Pope Leo XIV Speaks to the World of Bioethics**

### *The Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo*

Father Tad Pacholczyk joins host Teresa Tomeo to discuss Pope Leo’s interest in science and bioethical issues, as they delve into his comments delivered to the **Third International Bioethics Conference**, held May 30–31 at the Patristicum in Rome. The National Catholic Bioethics Center is proud to have supported the conference as a collaborating entity. Dr. John Di Camillo, President of the NCBC, personally attended the event, which was sponsored by Jerome Lejeune Foundation and the Knights of Columbus.

## **Mission Love & Life**

### *Men for Life*

On April 23, 2025, John Brehany appeared on the Men for Life Podcast, a southeast Pennsylvania podcast of First Fishermen Media, and discussed a range of topics in bioethics.

## **Driving Home the Faith**

### *Sacred Heart Radio*

Joe Zalot gives Fr. Rob a preview of his June 7th talk at the Philadelphia March for Life.

**Television and Videos**



## The Expanding and Ever More Aggressive Push for Assisted Suicide

### *The World Over on EWTN*

In this extended segment, Fr. Tad joins host Raymond Arroyo to discuss physician-assisted suicide and its continuing expansion in the US and around the world. They review the need for the medical profession to definitively push back against advocates by standing up for vulnerable patients and assuring they receive appropriate end of life care and pain management, instead of being offered immoral options or temptations. They also discuss the case of Adriana Smith, a nurse from Georgia who died and is being kept alive in order to give her baby a chance at life. Can we apply the distinction of ordinary care vs. extraordinary care to her case?

## EWTN News Nightly

### *EWTN*

Dr. Joseph Meaney comments on the State of Alabama's use of nitrogen hypoxia as a means of carrying out executions.

## A Mom, Both in Life and in Death

### *Catholic Views Short on YouTube*

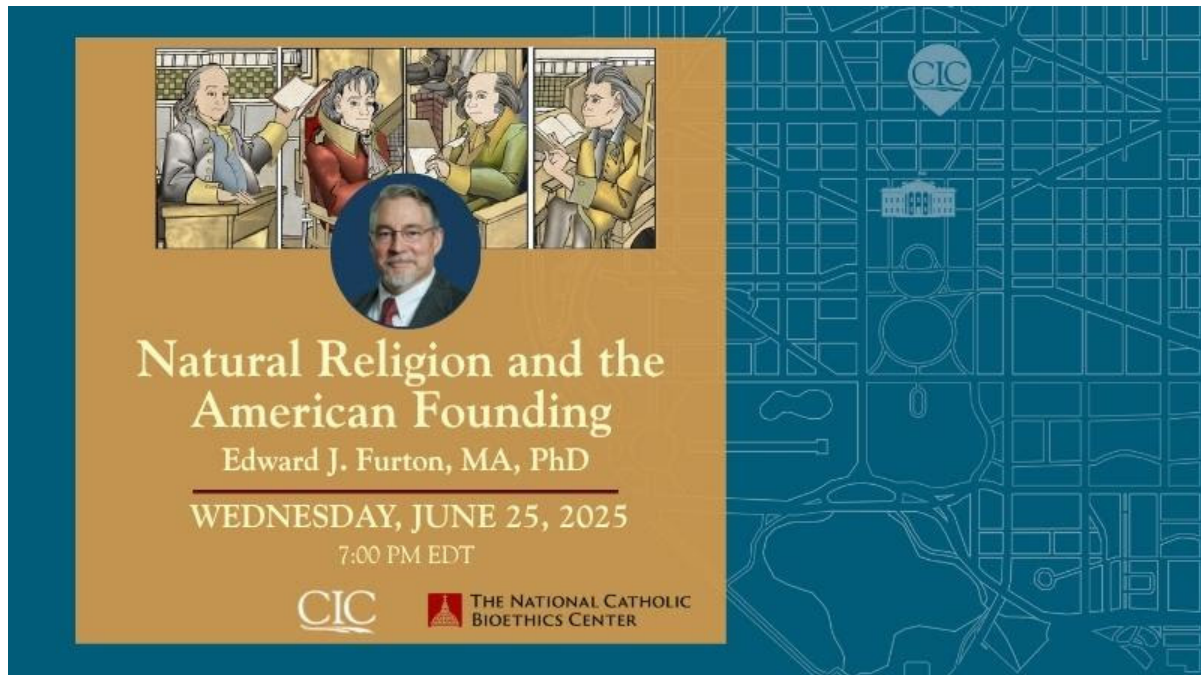
In a minute and a half, Father Tad explains the situation surrounding the mother who underwent brain death part way through her pregnancy, looking at the ethical duties in this unusual circumstance.

## Receiving the Gift of Life from God vs. the “Human Willfulness” of the IVF Clinic

### *The Connor Gallagher Show Short on YouTube*

In this 60 second Short, Father Tad Pacholczyk explains the opposed postures of receiving the mystery of life in the marital embrace vs. the seriously misguided approach of trying to seize control of the project ourselves by creating glassware-based human life through IVF.

## Upcoming Events



The CIC invites you to our upcoming program on June 25th, “Natural Religion and the American Founding,” presented by Edward J. Furton, MA, PhD, Director of Publications at The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC).

Schedule:

- 6:40 pm EDT: Doors open for registrant check-in
- 7:00 pm EDT: “Natural Religion and the American Founding” presentation by Dr. Furton (this portion will be offered both in-person and virtually via a livestream)
- 8:00 pm EDT: Light reception
- 8:30 pm EDT: Conclusion

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## What We Are Following

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### **American Medical Association Re-Affirms Opposition to Physician-Assisted Suicide**

#### *Louisiana Right to Life*

At the American Medical Association's (AMA) annual meeting, the House of Delegates (HOD) rejected another attempt to revise their policy to affirm physician assisted-suicide (PAS).

### **"Bioethics Has Forgotten about the Ethics," says Lejeune Foundation President**

#### *The Pillar*

The pope called on participants to "favor approaches to science that are always authentically more humane and respectful of the integrity of the person," and to "persevere in the study and application of scientific knowledge in the service of truth and the common good."

### **Where Family Meets Moral Truth: Catholic Cardinal Speaks on Faith, Bioethics & Raising Catholic Children**

#### *EWTN Vatican*

"Theology and philosophy are not considered a science, scientific. But theology and philosophy can yield real metaphysical truth, but you have to recognize it. And for this, of course, you have to rediscover the true meaning of human reason. That means that life has an intrinsic value. And not only an instrumental value on the basis of empirical philosophy, you cannot discover the essence of things being things, the truth concerning moral norms and moral values. It's impossible. For this, you have to recognize that human reason is capable of knowing metaphysical truth."

## **Japanese Scientists Develop Artificial Blood Compatible with All Blood Types**

*Tokyo Weekender*

A critical component of healthcare, blood transfusions play a vital role in saving lives around the globe every day. Maintaining an adequate blood supply, though, is no easy task, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC). The demand for O–negative blood — the universal donor type — often exceeds supply and donations have a limited shelf life. Looking to address the issue are a group of Japanese scientists led by Hiromi Sakai at **Nara Medical University**.

## **Catholic Church Urges UK Parliament to Vote against Assisted Suicide Bill**

*Crux*

Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool is urging people to tell members of the UK Parliament to vote against the proposed legislation which would legalize doctor-assisted suicide in Britain. Labour MP Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is fast approaching its decisive vote in the House of Commons which will likely take place on either the 13th or 20th of June.

## **Pew Report: How the Global Religious Landscape Changed from 2010 to 2020**

*Catholic News Agency*

Pew Research data shows global trends in religious affiliation in the 2010s, showing less-than-proportional growth in Christianity and the greatest growth in Islam and in non-affiliation (mostly former Christians), and the continuing shift of Christian centers to regions outside Europe, especially Sub-Saharan Africa.

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