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## Biweekly Ethics Update

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## *Biweekly Ethics Update*



### Making Sense of Bioethics

#### Consenting to Sex

Father Tad Pacholczyk, PhD

Recent news articles exploring the post-#MeToo world of romance have noted the phenomenon of cell phone “consent apps,” allowing millennials to sign digital contracts before they have sex with their peers, sometimes strangers they have just met. Many of these apps are being refined to include a panic button that can be pressed at any time to withdraw any consent given. Lawyers reviewing the practice, as might be anticipated, have urged caution, noting that consent apps are not able to provide definitive proof of consent, because feelings may “change throughout an evening, and even in the moments before an act.”

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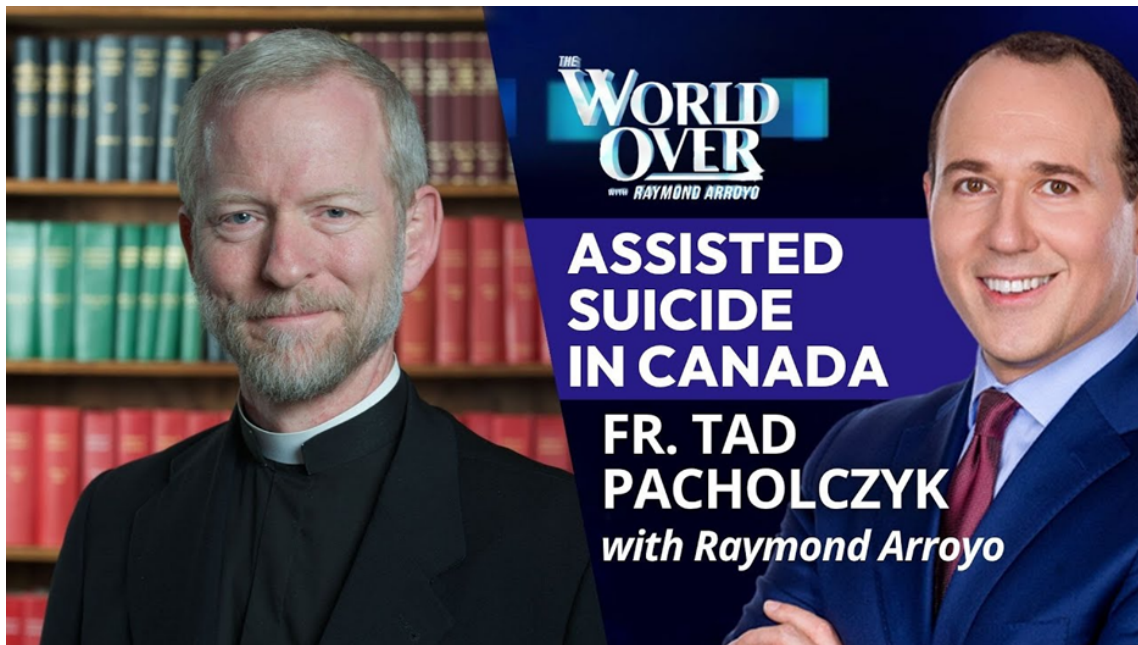
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## Assisted Suicide in Canada: Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

*EWTN News and EWTN—The World Over with Raymond Arroyo*  
 Father Tad Pacholczyk, Senior Ethicist at the NCBC, joins Raymond Arroyo for a broad-ranging discussion beginning with the growing number of laws sanctioning physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, whether in the US (New York) or Spain as well as looking at some successful efforts to limit or push back against existing laws, for example, in the province of Alberta, Canada. They consider some of the clever strategies used recently to bring about the complete repeal of these laws in Slovenia via a public referendum. They also discuss the oddity of the startup company R3Bio that claims to be developing brainless human clones to serve the role of backup human bodies, with these headless clones potentially serving as “organ sacks,” gestating replacement organs for transplantation purposes in pursuit of life extension / transhumanist projects.

## Infertility Journey: Catholic Bioethics of IVF and Restorative Medicine Explained

### *Living a Culture of Life Podcast*

Dr. Joseph Meaney, Senior Ethicist at the NCBC, shares his personal journey through infertility, including years of waiting, medical treatments, welcoming a child after nearly a decade of marriage, and then experiencing secondary infertility. This conversation speaks directly to the emotional weight of infertility,

while also having touchpoints on medicine and ethics. Many couples experience grief, isolation, and stress comparable to a serious medical diagnosis, especially when facing repeated miscarriages or secondary infertility. Dr. Meaney shares how faith, prayer, and trust in God can bring meaning and even unexpected grace in the midst of suffering, while also acknowledging how difficult moments like Mother's Day or social expectations can intensify the pain.

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