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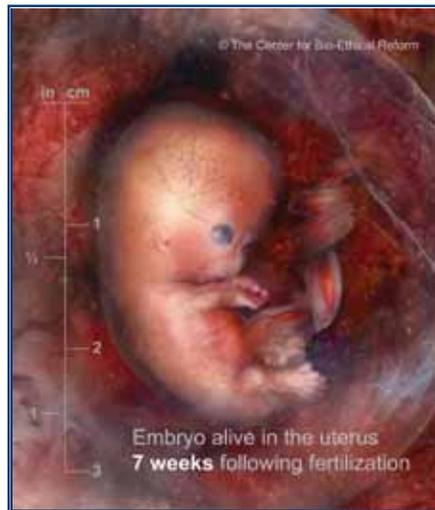
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Powerful New Images of the Unborn

Images like you see in the picture here of a child in the womb at 7 weeks of age are provided by The Center for Bioethical Reform (CBR), of which Fr. Frank Pavone is on the Board. This image is being used, along with many other powerful ones, in the "Baby Chris" project that Priests for Life has initiated along with over 30 other national pro-life groups. The project follows the development of an unborn child during nine months, from March 25th to birth at Christmas.



The image you see here is derived from many smaller images "stitched" together in much the same manner NASA uses to combine satellite photo "tiles" to form a large "mosaic."

CBR's human embryo and fetus imagery was initially derived

by teams of physician researchers and clinicians employing endoscopy (and its subsets, embryoscopy and fetoscopy) to diagnose and treat prenatal disorders in utero. Endoscopes are medical imaging

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Priests for Life Medical Director Speaks at Vatican Conference About His Pioneering Role in Perinatal Hospice By Fr. Frank Pavone

Have a discussion with the Democrats in Congress – or on the campaign trail – about why they support legal abortion even in the latest stages of pregnancy, and you'll hear them repeat the mantra that these procedures are very rare and only performed in tragic cases of medical necessity for the mom or grave medical problems with the child.

First, let's look at this notion of the rarity of late-term abortions.

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Elections 2020: Please Sign Up and Get Active Now! By Fr. Frank Pavone

The Elections of 2020 are a key priority for Priests for Life. Right now, we need you to sign up at ProLifeVote.com to help prepare to elect more pro-life candidates at every level.

As one of my recent columns in the Washington Examiner pointed out, the differences between the individual Democrat contenders for President do not matter. They all represent a radical set of positions held by the Democrat Party. To think that one would be better than the other is flawed thinking. It's the same mistake people made, in reverse, in 2016 by thinking that what mattered was the perceived faults with the Republican candidate himself, Donald Trump. Instead, voters need to pay attention to the army that a president brings in with him: an entire

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devices which permit the minimally invasive, high resolution observation of tissues inside the human body.

To depict a high quality, single image of the entire embryo or fetus, large numbers of smaller, more detailed pictures must be joined together in a manner suggestive of the process by which puzzle pieces are assembled to form a completed picture.

CBR's imaging process is conceptually similar to the technologies used by the National Atmospheric and Space Administration (NASA) to produce wide-area satellite images of the earth's surface.

Read a more detailed article about this: *The Intricate Origins of Prenatal and Global Imagery, From Endoscopes to Telescopes* by Gregg L. Cunningham, Executive Director, Center for Bioethical Reform at www.babychris.org/CBR-prenatal-imagery.pdf. Contact Priests for Life to receive high resolution images of babies at different ages.

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Reliable statistics on late-term abortion are hard to come by, for the simple reason that when it comes to abortion, as a nation, we would rather not know – and the abortion industry doesn't want us to know. Certain abortion-heavy states like California do not even report their statistics to the CDC, and even when states do report, the abortion clinics do not necessarily provide clear and complete numbers.

Yet the Alan Guttmacher Institute says that abortions beyond 21 weeks represent just over one percent of the total abortions performed annually in the U.S. Yet the phrase "one percent" seems quite misleadingly small when it's one percent of approximately a million abortions a year.

That works out to some 10,000 per year, or 27 procedures per day, 365 days per year, on babies the size of a large banana.

As for the claim that these not-so-rare abortions are only done when a mother's life is in dire jeopardy or the child is going to die anyway, all you have to do is call the clinics to learn otherwise. In

a project commissioned by Priests for Life, Tara Shaver of Abortion Free New Mexico called abortion businesses and easily made appointments for late term abortions even at 30 and 32 weeks when she said that both she and her baby were completely healthy.

But certainly there are medically complicated pregnancies, and to understand what happens in those cases, and whether abortion is ever necessary or helpful, we go to doctors who specialize in medically complicated pregnancies.

Maternal fetal medicine specialist Dr. Byron Calhoun has pioneered a new way of handling these situations.

"We always have two patients, the mother and the baby," Dr. Calhoun, told me in a recent interview. He's been treating pregnant women and their babies for 30 years, taking care of patients he described as "the sickest of the sick."

In medically complicated pregnancies, it is not technically *the baby* who endangers the mother, but rather the *physiological process of pregnancy*. Put another way, it is sometimes necessary to end the pregnancy early, but it is never necessary to kill the baby.

In 98-99 percent of cases Dr. Calhoun has seen, the pregnancies can be safely continued until 23 weeks or beyond. Advances in the technology used to treat these very premature newborns have led to better outcomes than ever. With good neonatal care, babies born at 23 to 24 weeks survive 25 to 40 percent of the time. Babies at 25-26 weeks have an 80 percent chance of surviving. At 28 weeks, there's a 93 to 95 percent chance the child will survive.

"We have better ventilators, better medicines, we're doing much better with our outcomes," Dr. Calhoun said. Many major cities in the U.S. now have neonatal intensive care units that are able to treat the tiniest newborns, as well as perform in-utero surgeries that can correct or mitigate medical conditions in babies even before they are born.

In addition to his work in maternal fetal medicine, Dr. Calhoun also was a pioneer in perinatal hospice, which offers the parents of babies with life-limiting conditions the chance to love and cherish their newborns for whatever time they have, from a few

minutes to days, weeks or even months.

Perinatal hospice allows parents of babies with lethal or non-survivable anomalies to prepare for the birth, gather their families and surround the baby with love.

Perinatal hospice, which began in the 1990s and has spread around the world, is the loving choice that honors both the parents and the baby. It reminds us that the value of life is not measured in days or years; it shows how the power of love can transform even the saddest situation. What is better, the memory of having loved a critically ill child, or the memory of having killed him?

Later this month, Dr. Calhoun, who also serves as a medical advisor for Priests for Life, will speak in Rome at a conference sponsored by the Vatican and will present the medical and moral benefits of perinatal hospice.

In our death-loving culture, abortion is too often seen as the immediate "solution" to a problem pregnancy. But it is never necessary to kill a baby, no matter how dire the circumstances for mother or child. Options like perinatal hospice deserve the support of us all, no matter what our positions on abortion.

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administration, whose philosophy is found in the party platform.

Moreover, that President will be appointing judges to the federal courts, moving those courts either to the left or the right. If anyone thinks the judges of any of the Democrat candidates will be better than those of the other Democrat candidates, think again.

As we prepare for the elections, we urge you to find out for yourself what the President is saying by watching his rallies. We will be posting links to all of them at ProLifeVote.com. Don't let the fake news interpret the President for you – listen to him yourself.

At ProLifeVote.com you will also be able to find the calendar of election events – things like voter

registration deadlines, primary voting dates, the conventions, and daily broadcasts.

Tweets!

Follow Fr. Frank on Instagram and Twitter @frfrankpavone

Here's one of his recent, far-reaching tweets which ignited a firestorm over this pro-abortion Democrat state rep in Pennsylvania:



Fr. Frank Pavone  

@frfrankpavone

Disgraceful!!! Pennsylvania State Representative Brian Sims harasses an shy elderly woman praying the rosary peacefully for the lives of unborn babies and women who are considering abortion. Please Let him know what think of this evil harassment!

@BrianSimsPA



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August intention: For the healing of fathers of aborted children.

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