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The purpose of this newsletter is to help educate, update, and inspire those interested in pro-life issues.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA, POPE FRANCIS, AND LARCS

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/life-issues-forum/womens-freedom-redefined.cfm>

President Obama said recently to Pope Francis and Vatican officials about the HHS mandate that:

“Most religious organizations are entirely exempt. [And those not exempt need only to] “attest that they have a religious objection” [and they are] “not required to provide contraception, but in their case employees of theirs who choose are able to obtain it through the insurance company.”

The fact that religious nonprofits have already brought 47 lawsuits on this pretty much proves that the first phrase is untrue. The second phrase – “employees who choose it will be able to obtain it” – is very misleading. The mandate calls for mandatory coverage for sterilization and all FDA-approved contraceptives. If a woman does not choose to obtain the contraceptives from her insurance company, her premiums will still help buy them for women who do choose them. Aside from the untrue and misleading words president Obama said to Pope Francis and Vatican officials, there is something more frightening that we as pro-lifers should be aware of. Supporters of the HHS mandate argue that because over the counter contraceptives have high failure rates, more women may want to opt for “long-acting reversible contraceptives” or “LARCS” and so should be able to get them through their insurance plan. LARCS are IUDs, implants and injectable drugs that last for years and cannot be removed or reversed without a doctor’s intervention. So let’s think about this for a minute.... LARCS’ advantage over other contraceptives is that their effectiveness does not depend on the woman’s own choice and they effectively sterilize the woman.

The frightening reality of this is best explained by Richard M. Doerflinger in an immediate release of the Catholic Bishop’s April “Life Issues Forum” newsletter:

“Expanding such a program nationwide may lower pregnancies and births in the United States – though no one has yet explained why that is such a high priority for our government, in an aging society whose population has already dropped below replacement level. But this is the government’s goal” ... “A choice to stop using birth control for a while and be open to having a baby is not part of this agenda. The methods to be promoted, and the means for promoting them, have little to do with the choices women may otherwise make, and are in part designed to override them. Is this what women really want: To be “counseled” that their own very human, therefore changeable, decisions about having a child are not measuring up, and need to be adjusted by physicians and government officials with their own agenda who know better??

THE “CONTRACEPTIVE CHOICE” STUDY – WOMEN ARE BREEDING MACHINES TO BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/jennifer-fulwiler/the-shocking-ethics-behind-the-contraceptive-choice-project>

Proponents of the HHS mandate cite a model demonstration program that supports the need for a woman’s access to LARCs (IUDs, implants and injectable drugs) through her insurance plan, despite an employer’s objection for providing that coverage. LARCs are forms of contraception for women that involve invasive procedures that lead to semi-permanent sterilization. The study is called the “Contraceptive CHOICE” program and was conducted in St. Louis. In the study, sexually active women were asked to have LARCs inserted into their bodies at no cost. Not surprisingly, a very few pregnancies resulted as the women had effectively been sterilized. Naturally, the study was a raging success according to Planned Parenthood and the liberal media because the results showed that contraception reduced unplanned pregnancies. But the ethics behind the study are shocking to the conscience. (You can read the details for yourself at the above link.)

“The study authors, as well as the media outlets who have championed this [Contraceptive CHOICE] project, show a laser-like focus on reducing the fertility rates of women, particularly those who are poor and minorities -- even at the expense of their overall health. Given the powerful control that these invasive contraceptive measures exert over a woman's body, I wouldn't be surprised if this program of free IUDs and under-the-skin implants did lead to fewer pregnancies as compared to other methods of contraception. But, if that's the only goal, wouldn't permanent surgical sterilization be even more effective? Perhaps full hysterectomies, just to be safe? The slope that we have begun sliding down is a dangerous one, and leads to a terrible, ugly place.” ... “women have now been given a glimpse of a system which has zero interest in their wellbeing, and sees them only as breeding machines to be kept under control.”

THE BEST VIDEO IN THE WORLD OF THE UNBORN CHILD

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/library/2901-the-best-videos-in-the-world-of-our-unborn-neighbors>

Perhaps we should consider purchasing this DVD for our parish. Here’s a snippet from Priests For Life –

“It's light years beyond ultrasound and will make you practically fall off your chair when you see it. We at Priests for Life are now promoting and distributing to every sector of the Church and the pro-life movement the most vivid, powerful, and striking videography of the unborn child that exists. Obtained through a rarely used technique called embryoscopy, in which a video camera the size of a penpoint is inserted abdominally or cervically, this video footage has been incorporated into a 42-minute video called "The Biology of Prenatal Development," now available from Priests for Life.” ... “It is widely known in the pro-life movement that ultrasound imagery changes peoples' minds and hearts. With this stunning, color imagery of the child from four to twelve weeks after fertilization, we expect even more radical conversions.” ... “The video is intended for a non-professional audience of ages 12 and higher, and yet does not oversimplify its subject matter.” ... “Priests for Life intends to make this video available to every pregnancy center, every school, and every Church in America.”

The DVD can be found for purchase here:

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/store/p-219-the-biology-of-pre-natal-development.aspx>

A VERY INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION WITH PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES – YOU’LL LEARN A LOT!

Michael Voris, a Catholic apologist who preaches [traditional Catholicism](#), hosts this very informative discussion with pro-life advocates. View the video by clicking on this link: <http://www.churchmilitant.tv/fullpreview/?vidID=micd-2014-03-05>