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# Teachers Saving Children<sup>®</sup> Inc.

## **Pro-Life Voices in Education**

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**Thoughts from the Executive Director** Frank Ebiner

"Blessed are you among women, and of your womb!"

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## "Behold, I make all things new." -- Revelation 21:5

Life is precious. When I reflect on these three words, I realize how amazing each human life is! We are given the opportunity to learn so much from each person we encounter. Qualities that define goodness, compassion, kindness and dignity, are qualities we don't learn from a book or from pedagogy in the classroom. Rather, we learn these virtues by going outside of ourselves, helping others, sharing our Godgiven gifts and talents.

*"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" -Luke 1:42.* During the Christmas season we remembered the gift we have been given as God becoming a baby to share in our humanity and teaching us the way to eternal salvation.



We often hear, in our culture, that power, wealth and prestige are what we should strive for. We might ask ourselves, "At whose expense?" Well-known actor Denzel Washington attributed his success to many things, but most importantly to both his mother who instilled in him his faith and to daily prayer, knowing full well that no accomplishment comes to fruition as a result of one person. Washington, in fact, stated, "At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about what you've done with those accomplishments. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better."

As we begin a new year, *Teachers Saving Children*<sup>®</sup>, as you know, will be advocating for the dignity and respect of all human lives, especially the most vulnerable. May you be blessed and may you bless others with your kindness and love.



In this issue you will find various articles, including: (1) a summary of significant pro-life news of 2021; (2) Safe Haven/Safe Surrender Laws in the United States; (3) how the culture of relativism impacts decisions regarding human life; and (4) free pro—life materials you can request.

On page 4, read about our recommended pro-life video, the babies saved by South Korean pastor Lee Jong-Rak and upcoming outreach events *Teachers Saving Children*<sup>®</sup> Inc. members will be attending this winter.

#### Summary of Pro-life Issues in 2021

President Joe Biden wasted little time to begin implementing his proabortion priorities in 2021. Shortly after his inauguration in January, Biden began his legacy as the most pro-abortion President in the history of the United *States*. Adding to the story of 2021 was the media reporting on Biden's self-claim of being a devout Catholic, while at the same time signing executive orders, proposing legislation and directing federal agencies to carry out policies that expanded the funding and access to abortions here in the United States and world-wide. Below are four of the many policies which the Biden administration enacted in 2021 or is working towards implementing.



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1...Biden rescinded the "Mexico City" policy. This policy had prevented U.S. funding of groups in other nations who provided abortion, abortion counseling or advocated for abortions. (Former President Trump had expanded on the "Mexico City" policy by banning U.S. funds from going to non-governmental organizations (NGO's) who funded abortion groups in foreign nations.)

2...*Biden approved Title X funding to abortion providers.* (More than \$300 million dollars annually is funded through Title X which was set up to provide health care for women including breast and cervical cancer screenings, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment and preventive women's health care.)

## 3...President Biden advocated for the Food and Drug Administration to approve the abortion pills

(*Mifepristone* and *Misoprostol*) by mailorder for the first time under the guise of Covid-19 pandemic inconvenience to have a doctor prescribe in-person. (See the article in our Fall newsletter for a brief summary of the abortion pills.) FDA approved the mailorder abortion pills.

4...**President Biden advocated for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment**, which since 1976 has prevented federal funding of abortions in the United States through Medicaid. The "Build Back Better Bill", which has not yet passed also would fund abortions through the federal government.



#### **Pro-Life Highlights 2021**

Below are some of the many pro-life achievements in 2021.

1...19 states across the nation passed 106 pro-life laws, which included total abortion bans, bans on discriminatory abortions that target unborn babies with disabilities like Down's syndrome, bans on mail-order abortions, and safety requirements that ensure abortion facilities are prepared to help women suffering from complications. (Most of the laws await court rulings for implementation.)

2...**Texas passed a pro-life law making abortion illegal after the human fetal heartbeat** begins. This law has been upheld in the court and went into effect September 1<sup>st</sup>. (continued on page 3..."2021 in Summary")

# **2021** in Summary (continued from page 2)

3...The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments supporting (and opposing) the Mississippi pro-life law banning abortions after 15 weeks. The future of Roe v. Wade is being considered by the U.S. Supreme Court.

• (Stay tuned for more pro-life developments in 2022)

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## What are "Safe Haven/Safe Surrender" Laws?

One of the claims Planned Parenthood makes for supporting abortions is that no person should be forced to be a parent. During the oral arguments in December regarding the Mississippi Dobbs abortion case, Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett brought up the fact that, in the United States, each of the 50 states has a safe haven/safe surrender law whereby a parent or person with lawful custody can safely surrender a baby confidentially, and without fear of prosecution, within 72 hours of birth.



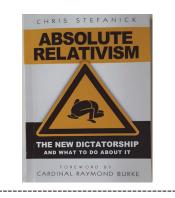
Barrett, a mother of seven children, including two of whom are adopted, asked the attorneys challenging Mississippi's law whether adoption and/or safe haven laws would reduce the "burden of parenthood", a term used to justify abortions in the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* U.S. Supreme Court case. Safe Haven/Surrender Sites typically are located at hospitals, fire stations, police statons and churches. More than 1,000 babies have been saved in California since a safe surrender law was enacted in 2001.



Safe Surrender Site in California where a newborn child was saved from an abortion

### How Does Moral Relativism Affect Pro-Life Issues?

One of the challenges we will face as we advocate for the sanctity and dignity of life, is the philosophical belief of relativism in our culture today. Relativism, simply put, is the belief that there are no absolute truths, no universal right or wrong, but that each person determines what is right or wrong for him or her. If you would like a quick read regarding the impact relativism has in our current culture and how it affects our society's approach to pro-life issues and abortion, I suggest Chris Stefanik's book, *Absolute Relativism, The New Dictatorship.* It is available on-line for less than \$4 with shipping. If you can't find it, call me at (330) 821-2747.



### Would You Like Free Pro-Life Materials?

You have been very generous over the years, and we recently have purchased pro-life materials to give away at outreach events we attend. Recently, we bought an assortment of pro-life magnets and coroplast 12" x 18" signs (see below for an example). If you would like any pro-life materials we have for free, including shipping, please call (330) 821-2747.



One of the popular magnets



Teachers Saving Children 12" x 18" sign



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### **RECOMMENDED VIDEO**

*"The Drop Box"* is a documentary about the true story of South Korean pastor Lee Jong-rak and his heroic efforts to embrace and protect abandoned children. It is a story about the forgotten, the disabled, the discarded, and the man who gives everything to protect these vulnerable human lives. It is a testament to the inherent value and dignity of human life and how it is more precious than the world itself.



#### **UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS**

- *March For Life* (Washington, D.C.) January 21, 2022...1 pm 4 pm
- West Coast Walk for Life (San Francisco, California) January 22, 2022 (10 am–2 pm)
- Made in His Image: Holy, Holy, Holy (Canton, Ohio) February 19, 2022 (11 am – 4 pm

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