



**Life Newsbytes**

**The Guttmacher Institute shows that U.S. states in the first quarter of 2013 introduced 347 measures to limit abortion.** The analysis released April 11 noted a change in focus for 2013: more outright bans on abortion rather than regulation of the procedure. In early 2013, 14 states introduced bills aimed at banning abortion before viability. Guttmacher pointed out that 10 states have introduced bills to ban all, or nearly all, abortions. In eight states legislators have proposed defining “personhood” as beginning at conception. Eight states have introduced a ban on the use of telemedicine for the provision of abortion medication. (Source: Guttmacher Institute; CLR Life News, 4/18/13)

**Those Canadians most likely to be affected by legal euthanasia are more strongly opposed to changing the law than others, according to a March Environics poll.** Among Canadians over the age of 60, 49% opposed legalizing euthanasia compared to 40% of all Canadians. Among disabled Canadians, 29% strongly opposed euthanasia compared to 23% of those without disabilities. “Canadians have heard the stories from places like Belgium and the Netherlands where patient consent requirements are ignored and that scares people,” said Natalie Sonnen, Executive Director of LifeCanada, which commissioned the poll. (Source: LifeNews.com, 4/16)

**Speaking Up For Life**

“Thank God for His gift of Christian motherhood, because those who have been blessed through it enjoy priceless spiritual treasures and are given the privilege of serving the Lord in His kingdom.” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota*

“It is lack of imagination, not pity, which causes doctors to dismiss the lives of disabled babies as ‘not worth living’ ... disabled children, like every other child, has the right to life.” *Alison Davis, No Less Human, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*

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by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

**D**id you know there was another “mother’s day” in May? The Visitation falls on May 31. This day commemorates the visiting of two mothers, Mary and Elizabeth. Both experienced an “unplanned” pregnancy. Both their babies were still in their wombs. Both trusted God in seemingly impossible situations. Mary had said, “**Let it be to me according to your word**” (Luke 1:38) and Elizabeth also acknowledged God’s presence in her pregnancy (Luke 1:25).

Lutherans For Life strives to connect moms to the promises of God’s presence in Christ—the presence of His strength to those hard-working and sometimes struggling and questioning moms, the presence of His power and forgiveness to teenage moms, the presence of His love and comfort to moms who have miscarried, the presence of His love, comfort, and forgiveness to those moms who have aborted, (word-of-hope.org; 888.217.8679) the presence of His hope for all the above, and His presence to help yet-to-be moms see the importance of chastity and marriage.



Obviously, helping moms is not all we do. But when you help moms you’ve gone a long way in promoting the sanctity of human life.

Join Lutherans For Life in thanking God for moms and celebrating motherhood! Join us in praying for moms so that more moms, like Mary and Elizabeth, will know of the presence of God in Christ no matter what their circumstances.

You can remember or honor a special mom through a gift to Lutherans For Life. At the same time, you will be helping us help others see the importance of that “other” Mother’s Day.

(Suggested readings for The Visitation: Isaiah 11:1-5; Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56.)