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Famed Blind Singer Andrea Bocelli Almost Aborted

By Peter J. Smith

You may have heard the story of the medical school professor who poses the scenario of a pregnant woman who has TB, the father is syphilitic, several of their offspring are blind or deaf....The professor asks the class, "What would you do?" One of the students responds, "Abort the fetus," to which the professor responds, "You just killed Beethoven." Below is a modern-day equivalent of that situation.

ROME, June 4, 2010 What would the world have been like without Andrea Bocelli, Italian pop, opera, and classical singer? With millions of infants having been victim to abortion, the blind international music sensation has revealed that he too could have been one more abortion statistic.

The "I am Whole Life" project has produced a YouTube video with Bocelli, playing the piano, recounting the story of a young woman who had been hospitalized and treated for a "simple attack of appendicitis."

As Bocelli recounts, doctors had suggested to his mother that she "abort the child" because the child would be born with a disability.

"But the young brave wife decided not to abort, and the child was born," recounted Bocelli. "That woman was my mother, and I was the child."

Bocelli was born in 1958 to Alessandro and Edi Bocelli. At his birth, doctors diagnosed him as having congenital glaucoma, and by age 12 he was completely blind.

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Millions of Bocelli's fans worldwide could also agree.

In spite of this disability, Bocelli developed a passion for music that would lead to a career of international hit singles, eight operas, and 70 million copies of his albums.

For years Bocelli used to be an agnostic, but returned to his Christian Catholic faith in 1994, in part due to reading the works of Leo Tolstoy, which are said to have convinced him that life was not random chance, but had a purpose.

Bocelli said he hoped that the story of his brave mother "could encourage many mothers that find themselves in difficult situations in those moments when life is complicated, but want to save the life of their baby."

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The video is part of a project of the Whole Life Initiative, which is dedicated to promoting "a respect for the intrinsic dignity of the human person regardless of ability, age, status, ethnicity or sex." The website www.IamWholeLife.com features many other inspiring YouTube videos and testimonials, promoting an ethic of life. Watch the video here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QfKCGTfn3o>

Or to learn more about the Whole Life Initiative: <http://www.iamwholelife.com/en-us/default.aspx> (Website also includes the video of "Happy Birthday" by Flipsyde – a moving reflection on how abortion impacts men/Fathers.)

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**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?
Make sure they get the facts first!
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"The Pill Kills" Day

By Howard Haupt

On Tuesday June 8, a dedicated team of Napa pro-lifers commemorated the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Griswold vs. Connecticut, the decision to permit distribution of the deadly concoctions sold as birth control medications. The Napers joined the nationwide American Life League-sponsored "The Pill Kills" day at Planned Parenthood locations, abortion mills, pharmacies and other places where the birth control pill is readily available.

"sterilized" wombs. Wombs become death-chambers, denying implantation. The wee ones slowly, silently starve to death and become waste in some garbage dump at the very beginning of their lives.

The attention-demanding sign created by American Life League proclaimed the theme: "THE PILL KILLS," as the praying continued for the designated hour of "Pill Kills Day" outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in Napa. Napa clients insist Napa doesn't do abortions; they only give pills, shots, patches and IUDs.



"The Pill Kills" day began in Napa at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, June 8th, in front of the Napa, California Planned Parenthood office [PP]. For one hour prayers were offered for the many uninformed/misinformed patrons who come asking the staff of Planned Parenthood to provide chemicals, hormones, and sex-education as an answer to their ignorance concerning the natural consequences of abuse of sex.

Prayers included the needs of our sidewalk counselors advising patrons about the terrible dangers inherent in the concoctions of chemicals and the mechanical abortifacient devices sold inside. Counselors offered informative pamphlets detailing the devastating effects of the pill, the shot, and the IUD. Facts and research results showed natural, healthy reproductive capability is chemically or mechanically made unfit and the body is subjected to greatly increased risk of long-term, dangerous side-effects. Patrons were informed about the dreaded "breakthrough." Even though motherhood isn't "planned," and the women may not even know fertilization has occurred, the pills and Inter Uterine Devices (IUD's) make them mothers of dead babies who wait to greet them when they "pass on." The chemicals and IUD's starve and kill these precious pre-born babes in the secret warmth of inhospitable,

In reality, though, in the USA, in addition to the 3,000+ surgical abortions every day, there are between 21,000 and 30,000 babies who die of hunger in sterile wombs every day in America - 7 to 10 times the number of surgical abortions, using chemicals and mechanical devices to starve the innocent victims of abortion through the distribution of birth control concoctions and mechanical devices.

In Italy – a Woman in a coma Give Birth to Baby Girl

At the Riuniti hospital in Bergamo, Italy, a 40-year-old woman said to be in a vegetative state for the past four months following a brain hemorrhage in January, gave birth to a baby girl. The baby, named Gaia, was born by caesarean at 34 weeks. She weighs 2 kilos and is in good health.

In January 2010, the husband and doctors decided not to have the baby born prematurely but to wait till the term of the pregnancy. The doctors monitored the mother and the fetus. The fetus developed normally until birth.

Man Appears Free of HIV After Rare Full Transplant Involving Adult Stem Cells

Berlin, Germany (LifeNews.com) -- A 42-year-old HIV patient with leukemia appears to have no detectable HIV in his blood and no symptoms after a stem cell transplant from a donor carrying a gene mutation that confers natural resistance to the virus that causes AIDS, according to a report published last week in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"The patient is fine," said Dr. Gero Hutter of Charite Universitätsmedizin Berlin in Germany. "Today, two years after his transplantation, he is still without any signs of HIV disease and without antiretroviral medication."

The case was first reported in November, and the new report is the first official publication of the case in a medical journal. Hutter and a team of medical professionals performed the stem cell transplant on the patient, an American living in Germany, to treat the man's leukemia, not the HIV itself.

However, the team deliberately chose a compatible donor who has a naturally occurring gene mutation that confers resistance to HIV. The mutation cripples a receptor known as CCR5, which is normally found on the surface of T cells, the type of immune system cells attacked by HIV.

Music to Move the Soul

Several of us had the opportunity to hear Eric Genuis when he was in the area last May, and highly recommend his concerts; he has a definite pro-life flavor to his performances. Eric is coming back to California, in August, October and November.

The career of composer, virtuoso pianist and acclaimed performer Eric Genuis began in Krakow, Poland in 1997. A government dignitary heard Genuis' music and invited him to headline the entertainment of an AIDS benefit concert. This premiere performance was attended by 15,000 people. Since then, word of mouth has continued to drive Genuis' career and lead him to perform worldwide, upwards of 100 concerts a year.

Since 1997, he has been performing throughout the world including the United States, Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, and Poland.

In addition to performing for millions of people, Eric has composed and recorded CDs and written music for film, documentaries, television and Internet media. His concerts are a definite must-see and have proven riveting for all music lovers.

For those who were unable to hear Eric when he was last here, we have some great news! He's coming back for several upcoming concerts in the Bay Area and throughout California. For those in the Bay Area:

Napa Valley Culture of Life [NVCL] is proud to host our premiere Fundraising Banquet August 25, 2010 at 7:00p.m. St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 981 Napa St., Napa, CA

Mark your calendar and be our guest. Plan to be inspired by the life-story of world class musician Eric Genuis. Hear about the new and exciting pro-life initiatives in Napa Valley and learn how you can be a part of the action.

For further information contact Ron Maxson P O Box 4143, Napa, CA 94558 [707] 337 6887 or nvcofl@gmail.com www.napavalleycultureoflife.com

For further information about Eric Genuis and his music visit his website at: <http://ericgenuis.com/>

Calendar of Events

August 25 Napa Ca – Eric Genuis – see article above
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September 22-October 31 - Fall 40-Days-for-Life
"God puts the right person at the right time in the right place. The only qualification necessary to do His will is to be available."- Elena *40daysforlife San Diego*. Is there a 40-days for Life in your area? Is God calling you to assist in starting one? Further information available at <http://www.40daysforlife.com/> Or contact this office and we will send you further information.

**Saturday, October 9, 2010 San Francisco
Archdiocesan Respect Life Conference**

St. Francis Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral, Geary and Gough Streets, San Francisco. We are pleased to partner with the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) of Philadelphia to present topics related to *Marriage as seen through the Dignity of the Person*. Save the Date – details to follow in future newsletters and via our e-mail alerts.

Tuesday November 2 – Election Day 2010

Start now to learn the about candidates' position on important issues including the protection of all innocent life from fertilization to natural death, as well as be informed on the various Propositions. It is our duty to be informed citizens and to vote our consciences.

Saturday - January 22, 2011 – 7th Annual Walk for Life. Mark your calendars now (if you haven't already) for the largest gathering of Pro-Lifers on the West Coast. For further information visit:
<http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

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Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed by Judie Brown, and share the same “no-exceptions, no excuses” beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.