

# Catholic Alliance Against Abortion CAAA



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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Blessed art thou among women, and  
Blessed is the fruit of thy womb (Lk 1:42)

**ABORTION:  
THE GREAT CIVIL RIGHTS  
ISSUE OF OUR TIME**

**Can one vote for abortion and  
remain a Catholic?**

# Baby Development in the mother's womb



**In only 8 weeks the baby will grow to 8 billion cells and have 4,000 distinct anatomical structures. The unique individual soul is joined with the body at the moment of conception.**

The baby has completely separate DNA to the mother and this is completely present from the first cell. Sex selection is already decided, a boy or a girl from the moment of conception.

Just because the baby is 'small' at this point, is this a criteria to be valued as completely worthless and killed? You as a fully grown adult are only one tiny part of the whole universe, does that make your life worthless?

**Day 4-12:** Embryo implants in the mother's womb.

**Week 3/Day 18-21** after conception: the baby's heart is beating.

**Weeks 4-5:** Respiratory system develops.

**Week 6-7:** Brain waves become detectable.

**Week 8:** Digestive system functional; Everything to be found in a fully grown human being is formed.

**Weeks 9-10:** Baby develops fingernails and toenails and each baby has a unique and unrepeatable fingerprint at this stage.

**Week 11-14:** Baby's lips can open and close: begins sucking their thumb.

**Week 16-18:** Baby reacts to sounds, sucks, swallows and yawns and begins to kick, exercising and developing muscles.

**Week 20:** The baby sleeps and wakes like a born baby.

**Week 21:** With advanced medical care, babies born at this point can survive and thrive.

**Week 23:** Baby can learn and remember.

**Week 24-27:** Eyes open, can smell.

**Week 28:** Baby engages in breathing movements more often; able to hear before birth, matures and gains weight.

**Week 36 (9 months):** Baby is born.

## To PROTECT THE UNBORN, PROTECT THE 8<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT



**4-D Scan of baby in the womb**

For years people were misled into thinking that the unborn baby was just a clump of cells. The amazing advances in ultra-sound technology illuminate the truth that the unborn child is a human being.

Companies now advertise the availability of 3D and 4D scans throughout the pregnancy so a mother and father can bond with their baby in the womb.

**Don't be deceived, when politicians or medical experts use terms to avoid calling the human foetus a baby...**

### **A foetus is a living baby**

You are the same human being at different stages of your life: at 1 month old, 5 years old, 10 years old, 25 years old... The human baby in the womb is a human being from the first stage of development.

## Abortion, the killing of the unborn, is the major civil and human rights issue of our time

Slavery was the major civil and human rights issue of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Apartheid in South Africa, segregation in America and the Nazi Holocaust against the Jewish people were the major civil rights issues of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**All these 4 great evils were fully legal but horribly unjust and immoral.**

Abortion, which is the deliberate killing of the innocent and most defenceless in the womb, may be legal, but it is gravely inhuman and immoral.

Over 1 billion, (that is 1,000 million) babies have been killed worldwide since 1967, since abortion became legal (today 1 baby every second is killed).

### The right to life is the most fundamental human right

Every human life, once it has come into being, ought to be protected with due diligence. The provision of abortion services, which aims solely to destroy life at one of its most vulnerable stages is a deliberate attack on the right to life. For a Catholic it is a grave sin to procure or assist someone in procuring or to pressurise someone into procuring an abortion. It is a most serious offence against God, the author of life.

### UK Experience of Abortion:

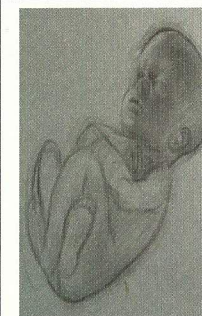
It is 50 years since the abortion act was passed in Britain. Within 5 years of the liberalisation of abortion, abortions increased by 563%. Previously 1 in 40 pregnancies was ended by abortion, today it is 1 abortion per 5 pregnancies, and in London it is one in 3. Ireland's abortion rate at present is 1 in 20 pregnancies. We can certainly expect that the abortion rate in Ireland will increase once abortion is legalised. The reason is that laws change people's attitudes and beliefs.

**When you legalise something you make it normal and when you make it normal, you get more of it. That's why no matter how restricted or limited abortion is at the beginning, once you legalise it, it increases substantially**

Lord David Steele, the UK Government health minister who introduced Abortion in 1967, admitted in 2016 that he is shocked to realise the extent of abortion today as it was supposed to be only very restrictive and limited. Does this surprise you?

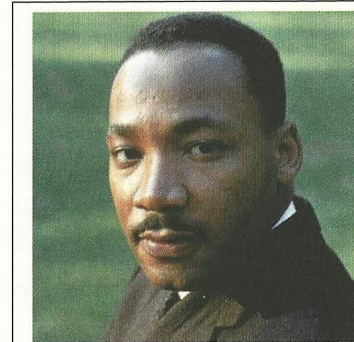
### What is the lesson for Ireland?

**Are you satisfied to take out of the Irish Constitution, the present protection of the mother and baby (the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment) and allow the politicians to decide who should and who shouldn't have the right to life protected in law?**



### Abortion: An Unjust Law

“An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in God's eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust” (Martin Luther King, Civil Rights leader, USA)



**DID YOU KNOW THAT “REPEAL THE 8<sup>TH</sup>” = ZERO PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN BABY IN LAW?**

## Abby Johnson, Former Abortion Clinic director, USA

“I used to be so strongly pro-choice and pro-abortion that I managed an abortion clinic. I assured countless women that their baby was just a blob of tissue. But then something happened which changed my life forever. I watched an ultra-sound guided abortion procedure where a baby was frantically trying to escape a suction machine that would take its life. I realised that what I was doing was gravely wrong. People should forget the slogans like pro-choice and get the facts.”



Abby Johnson

## Myra Neyer, former abortion Worker

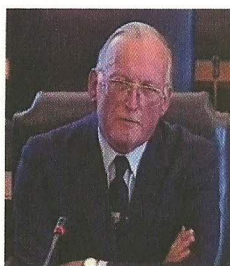
Myra describes the abortion of a mother with Quadruplets at 15 weeks. “When aborting them, the babies were desperately holding each other. This for me was unbearable to watch and was the point of no return in the realisation I was killing innocent babies...”



Myra Neyer

## Professor Eamon O’Dwyer, Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, NUI

“I know of no circumstance where the life of the mother can only be saved by induced abortion, that is, by the deliberate intentional destruction of her unborn child.”



Eamon O’Dwyer

## Facts on the death of Savita Halippanavar and her baby

(See HSE investigation report, June 2013)

The reason for the tragic and terrible death of Savita and her baby are not a matter of opinion. Three extensive, independent reports, including the inquest itself, give us the facts. The 3 reports all agreed that **she died from sepsis because of 13 instances of medical negligence, lack of care and mismanagement and not from any restrictions due to the eight amendment. 9 staff were disciplined. Sepsis is such a deadly infection, that it requires immediate treatment.**

The important blood test of Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, showed that Savita had sepsis, but the hospital only realised that on the following Wednesday. How awful that her sepsis was left untreated for 3 days. Also, the hospital didn’t even take her pulse and there was no proper communications handover between shifts, as the TV3 documentary revealed. **Suggestions or claims that Savita’s death was due to the eight amendment, are false and untruthful.** The truth is that **if a timely diagnosis and treatment was carried out, Savita’s baby would have been delivered as is normal Irish medical practice and probably she and her baby would have survived.**

The media are therefore guilty of not knowing the facts and of using the death of Savita and her baby to push for abortion in Ireland and publicising this around the world. **They are also guilty of further deception, in that after the HSE report confirmed the facts of her death by sepsis, the media didn’t correct their previously false reports.**

## Can you trust doctors to make the correct diagnosis?

**Parents told five times to abort boy with 'no brain' – now he's a thriving 4-year-old**



Shelly and Rob with Noah

Doctors told Shelly and Rob Wall that their baby would not live and urged them five times to abort him. They refused. Surgeons said that even if he lived, he would be severely physically and mentally handicapped and would not survive long after birth. They still would not consider aborting him. Noah has continued to defy expectations. He's now 4 years old and has started at school. (*The Telegraph*, Sept 6, 2016)

**London, UK, 8, Jan 2018**

Kamelia Walters, 25, from Croydon, South London has slammed doctors who misdiagnosed her unborn daughter with a rare genetic condition that causes brittle bones and offered her an abortion. But Kamelia ignored the advice, only for her baby to be born healthy. When her baby Kyla Shea was born, she was perfectly healthy and Kamelia has since given birth to a second perfectly healthy daughter, Kyarach.



Kamelia Walters and her two daughters Kyla and Kyarach

## Fatal Fetal Abnormality?

This is a confusing term which is not in medical text books and it is generally agreed that in no way is it an appropriate term for a child in the womb with a terminal illness. Every medical opinion has admitted that there is no way anybody can predict how long a baby will live. Babies with a life threatening abnormality can survive for hours, days or weeks after birth and in some cases a lot longer than that.

**Letter in Irish newspaper signed by 13 parents whose babies suffered from so-called "fatal, fetal abnormality," (June 2016)**

**"Our children were not a fatal abnormality..."**

"These babies were our children. They had a severe disability. They were not a 'fatal abnormality,' nor were they less than human. Their lives mattered because every child matters whether we have two hours or ten years to cradle or love them, to make memories and heal ourselves. It is disturbing and distressing to see abortion campaigners repeatedly use our children's conditions to further their own agenda in regard to repealing the eight amendment."

Did you know that 70% of babies with anencephaly live after birth, and 30% of children born with Trisomy 13 (Edwards Syndrome) live for longer than a month?  
**Children with life-limiting disorders have a right to their life, however short that life may be, and however severe their disability.** Read some of their beautiful stories at

[www.onedaymore.ie](http://www.onedaymore.ie)



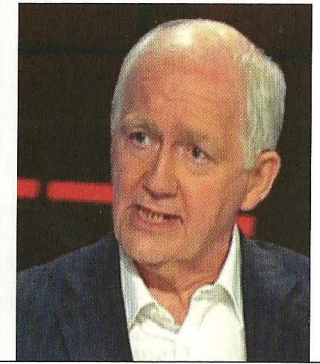
Bridget Brown  
Speaker & Presenter

## **“People with Downs Syndrome must be protected and not eliminated”**

### ***“I don’t suffer from Downs Syndrome.”***

“The world needs to know that I don’t suffer from Downs Syndrome,” Bridget Brown wrote recently to Pope Francis. “I have a full and wonderful life and I am filled with joy to be alive. I absolutely love my life.” In her letter to Pope Francis, she said that her heart breaks when she thinks that she “might be part of the last generation of people with Downs Syndrome and that the world will never again benefit from our gifts.” Speaking at a recent conference she referred to Iceland, where instead of celebrating the lives of people with Downs Syndrome, they are celebrating the elimination of everyone with Downs Syndrome through abortion (Britain and Denmark and other countries are on the same road).

Bridget spoke of how people with disabilities are often the first to be killed through genocide. Adolf Hitler’s mass killings began with the murder of disabled children. “It seems to me that we are doing the same thing to children with disabilities today in our country,” she said. “I believe in the sacred dignity of all people. And most people I know with disabilities can lead full and productive lives just like me.”



William Binchy, Regius  
Professor of Law, Trinity  
College, Dublin (1992- 2012)

## **“If human rights are to have any meaning, one human being should not be entitled to choose to end the life of another, innocent and defenceless human being”**

William Binchy, an expert in Constitutional law, when addressing politicians, recently said, “the implications for civilisation of an argument which gives one human being the right to choose to end the life of another innocent and defenceless human being, brings us back, not just to the dark ages but to an age of barbarism, where right and wrong are no longer rooted in reason but on the whims of individuals.” He continued, “human beings have human rights, not because they are given by legislators or courts, but by reason of their humanity. If human rights are to have any meaning, one human being should not be entitled to choose to end the life of another, innocent and defenceless human being. The idea that our law should authorise the taking of a child’s life with no restrictions or reasons given is frankly abhorrent to any civilised society.”

**VOTE TO KEEP THE 8<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT:  
KEEP OUT ABORTION ON DEMAND**

## Real Compassion

**There is a lot of talk in the abortion debate about showing compassion.**

**Where is the compassion shown to the innocent unborn baby whose life is unmercifully cut short with extreme cruelty? With a new abortion law there will be no legal recognition or any rights at all for the unborn baby. Is this real compassion?**

**Where is the compassion shown to the unfortunate woman whose baby has been killed (aborted) and who is now suffering mental and physical anguish, trauma and regret after the abortion? Will there be planned programmes of counselling and support to help her cope? Where is the compassion shown to the grandparents who have lost a grandchild and who, instead of abortion would have supported the mother and loved and cherished the baby if he/she had the chance of life?**

**Real compassion is caring genuinely for both the mother and baby, as the present law, the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment does.**



**The 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment protects both the mother and her baby. This present law is a good law, the kind of law we should be upholding, retaining and defending.**

## The Consequences of Abortion on Demand

“Abortion on demand for any reason unleashes too many toxic results, which too many people know intuitively to be wrong.

It permits gendercide. Around the world, millions of unborn girls are killed because they are girls. It permits indeed licences, prejudices against people with down-syndrome, club-foot, cleft-pallet and other disabilities.

There is no reason why not in the theory of abortion.”

(Mary Eberstadt, American novelist and author whose writing has appeared in *TIME*, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*)



## America is turning back from abortion, just as Ireland is considering embracing it

A recent survey (New Marist Poll for USA, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018) indicates:

- The majority of Americans believe that abortion is morally wrong.
- More than 75% of Americans believe that abortion should be restricted and not abortion on demand (as at present).
- The US is discussing how to address foetal pain during abortion.

***Do you believe that the baby in the womb is a living human being? If you do, then you cannot vote for the deliberate killing of that living baby.***

### ***The baby conceived in Rape or Incest....***

Rape or Incest is such a serious crime with three distinct parties involved.

**1/ The Criminal**

**2/ The woman attacked and most importantly**

**3/ The innocent baby.**

This matter needs a deep empathy and compassion, but with firm action.

**1/ The Criminal must be reported and charged with the crime, receiving the full rigors of the law.**

**2/ The woman must receive the most immediate and sensitive care and understanding plus medical and psychological help.**

**3/ The innocent baby must be protected and cared for, winning the mother's support.**

**4/ Abortion is a horrific and medieval practice, an action that doesn't really address the real problem here.**

Children conceived in rape are no different from anybody else. Whether they are raised by their biological mother or grow up in a family formed by adoption, these are very valuable children whose identity is not defined by the circumstances of their conception. There are many people who were conceived in rape who have gone on to contribute to the world's entertainment, politics, sports and sciences., eg Eartha Kitt, Jesse Jackson., Janet Sheen (wife of Martin). Many more have gone on to lead anonymous and happy lives as regular citizens.



Eartha Kitt, World famous singer

See mores stories at <http://choices4life.org/conceivedinrape/>

### ***Don't stand idly by....***

**"Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die. Don't try to disclaim responsibility by saying you didn't know about it. For God, who knows all hearts, knows yours, and he knows you knew! And he will reward everyone according to his deeds."**

(Proverbs 24:11-12)

**"Never let an innocent person be put to death. I will not stand for this" (Exodus 23:7)**

**"Defend the weak and orphans. Protect the rights of the oppressed and the poor" (Psalm 82:3)**

**"I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live"**

(Deuteronomy 30:19).

**"I tell you, then, do not let anyone deceive you with false arguments, no matter how good they seem to be"**

(Colossians 2:4-5)

**"Let no one deceive you" (Mt 24:4)**

***You knit me together in my mother's womb...Psalm 139***



**"Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name, welcomes me" (Mt 18:5)**

**"Even the very hairs of your head are numbered" (Mt 10: 29-31)**





## **Catholic Canon Law against abortion**

A law which permits abortion is immoral and Christians should not campaign for such a law or vote for it.

(Canon 1329) "It is also immoral for a Christian to co-operate in the application of such a law." This includes doctors and nurses who actually do it, husbands, family and others whose counsel and encouragement made it morally possible for the woman, and those whose direct practical support made it possible (financially, driving to the clinic etc.)

(Canon 1398) "A person who with knowledge of the penalty attached, actually procures an abortion, incurs automatic excommunication." This is automatic since it is not the Church that excommunicates them but they who distance and cut themselves off from the Church.

Catholics who claim that abortion can, at times, be a morally-acceptable choice, or that a person can, in good conscience, choose abortion are automatically excommunicated for the sin of heresy (Canons 751 and 1364) **Someone who has committed the grievous sin of abortion or supported abortion or voted for it and afterwards realise the gravity of their sin and offence, can receive the mercy of God and forgiveness in Confession, following sincere repentance...**

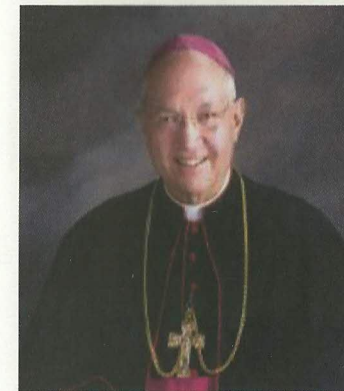
**The Protection of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
A leading Irish Legal opinion says....**

"The critical point is whether the child in the womb has a right to be protected by the law, the same as every other human being in our society. I think the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment, which protects the lives of all human beings, and which says that the baby before birth has a right to live just as her mother has a right to live is a good law... the kind of law we should be upholding.."



## **What being Catholic means...**

**"If one is called to be Catholic, one follows what the Catholic Church teaches, which is the correct understanding of conscience, upheld by the Second Vatican Council. If one cannot follow what the Church teaches, then one's conscience requires that one leaves the Church (that is the adult decision). One's conscience does not require that one makes up one's own mind and one's own personal religion and then pretend that it is Catholic."**

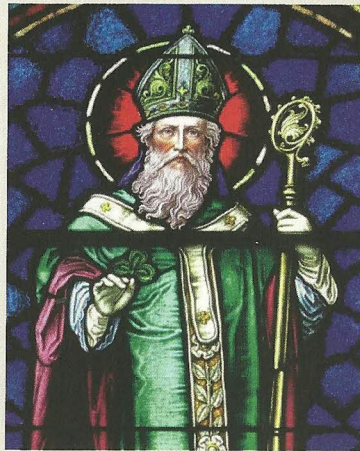


**Bishop Robert C. Morlino, 2017  
(Bishop of Madison, Wisconsin, USA)**

## Faithful to the truth and the Gospel

“I give constant thanks to God who has kept me faithful to the truth and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the days of my trial” (St Patrick’s own words from his *Confessions*, written around 450AD).

**Will this generation in Ireland resist the temptation to abandon Jesus Christ, his Gospel and the faith of St Patrick?**



Our Lady of Guadalupe, St Patrick, St Brigid, St Oliver Plunkett and all the saints and martyrs of Ireland, Pray for us, that the Holy Spirit will remind and convince the people of Ireland of the truth that all human life is precious and that the State or no other human being has the right to decide which of its citizens will live or die. It should protect all of them equally.