

Dear Friends

Welcome to the November issue of *Life and Family Issues*, a collaboration between the [Queensland Bioethics Centre](#) and [JPPII Centre for Family and Life](#), agencies of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Articles are selected from information we receive and which we hope are of interest to you. Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Queensland Bioethics Centre or the JPPII Centre.

Fierce Humanity, Faithful Witness: In Memory of Nicholas Tonti-Filippini
On Friday 7th November, renowned Catholic ethicist Nicholas Tonti-Filippini died in Melbourne, aged 58, after living for nearly four decades with chronic auto-immune disease. We mourn his passing and celebrate his life on earth.
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Pope says annulment process should be cheaper and more efficient
Francis X. Rocca: Pope Francis said the church's marriage annulment process should be more efficient and perhaps even free of charge, and he decried any attempts to exploit it for profit. (Catholic News Service)
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In good times and in bad
Tamara Rajakariar: About six months before I started dating my fiancé, I was pretty fed up with guys. My recent dates had not quite been up to scratch. So I wrote a list of what I was looking for - corny, I know - but something that helped me to get the frustration out and remind myself of what I deserved. (Family Edge)
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The Surprising Links Between Faith and Health
Rob Moll: If religious faith could be packaged in a pill, the stock price of drug companies would soar. Religion, not merely spirituality, is a profound predictor of health. (Relevantmagazine.com)
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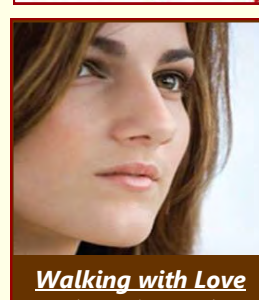
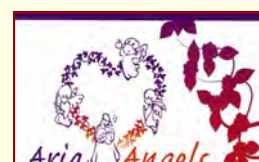
Companies criticized for offering to pay to freeze female workers' eggs
Liz O'Connor: The recent announcements by Facebook and Apple that they would include among employee health benefits the option for young women to freeze their eggs for future use at a cost of up to \$20,000 has been greeted with numerous objections by bioethicists and pro-life leaders. (Catholic News Service)
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The contribution of Catholicism to marriage and family life
Peter Holmes: When considering the contribution of Catholicism to marriage and family, particularly to relationship counselling, it is easy to think we are on the defensive. We talk about how we can provide training, networks and support for good Catholic counsellors who know, respect and professionally uphold the human person, but most of what we have observed about the "state of play" has been negative. (The Catholic Leader)
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Pope Francis blasts abortion, euthanasia as 'sins against God'
Elise Harris: Pope Francis has told a group of Catholic doctors that "playing with life" in ways like abortion and euthanasia is sinful, and he stressed that each human life, no matter the condition, is sacred. (Catholic News Agency)
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The euthanasia lobby has hijacked the phrase 'dying with dignity'
Jack de Groot: The hijacking of the term "dying with dignity" by today's supporters of euthanasia and assisted suicide is an insult to the dedicated doctors, nurses and pastoral carers who daily provide compassionate care, pain alleviation and spiritual comfort to the sick, the dying and their families. (The Age)
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Is it ethical to grow human organs in pigs?
Xavier Symons: Recent experiments with growing chimerical organs in animals have delivered favourable results. Japanese researchers recently managed to grow different nascent rat organs in mice using pluripotent stem cells. Researchers believe it could soon be used to grow human organs. (BioEdge)
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Date Claimers

Aria Angels

Music, art, hospitality and prayer! These 90 minute sessions are an excellent opportunity to develop the social, emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual domains of children through music, art, hospitality and prayer. For children birth - 5 years with parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends. Cost: \$5.00 per family each week, see dates and locations below. **Please phone to enrol:**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish: 9.30-11.00am Wednesdays during school term

121 Mains Road, Sunnybank. Contact: Parish Office: 3345 3766

St Matthew's Parish: 9.00-10.30am Thursdays during school term

180 Bryants Road, Loganholme. Contact: Parish Office: 38011 626

St Rita's Parish: 9.00-10.30am Wednesdays during school term

37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point. Contact: Parish Office: 3207 9177 or email

pa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Mothers Prayers

Wednesdays at 9.00am and Thursdays 9.30am

Mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers are invited to Mothers Prayers at St Rita's Parish, 37 Benfer Road, Victoria Point. Contact: Parish Office 07 32079177 or email

pa.victoriapoint@bne.catholic.net.au

Pro Life Procession

Third Saturday of each month.

The Pro Life Procession incorporates prayer and action to end abortion. Prayer for the unborn, their parents and abortuary workers begins with mass at 6.30am at St Brigid's, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill, then gathering at Roma Street Parkland for procession. Further information:

www.prolifeprocession.org

MenAlive in the City

Thursday 27th November

FACE THE TOUGH STUFF! Dealing with grief and sadness.

5:45pm - 7:30pm, Francis Rush Centre, Elizabeth St Brisbane CBD.

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. For more information visit www.menalive.org.au

Christmas Dance for Cherish Life

Saturday 6 December - 6pm

This family friendly dance will have a great 11-piece live band The Soul Men playing and the cost includes finger food and drinks. This is a fun way to raise money for Cherish Life so come along and bring your family and friends. Please come and support us.

\$60 per person over 18 years, \$10 for those under 18 years. Contact Nicole King for tickets and further information - Ph 3342 0777.



Wishing you the Lord's blessings for the Christmas season from Queensland Bioethics Centre and John Paul II Centre for Family and Life



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