

## Federal Election 2010

### DO WE ELECT A PRO-ABORTION OR A PRO-LIFE PRIME MINISTER

#### Julia Gillard's pro-abortion track record

Julia Gillard has undoubtedly contributed to the further entrenchment of freely available abortion in this country.

Ms Gillard has played a prominent role in the establishing of the notorious Emily's List - a group of female A.L.P. members who receive special help in being allocated Labor seats and who receive financial and other help from Emily's List to ensure their election to parliament.

One of the requirements of women on Emily's List is that they must support the right of women to an abortion. There are increasing numbers of Emily's List M.P.s now in state and federal parliaments and they played a crucial role in supporting the passage of the infamous Victorian Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 - which allows abortion right up to birth.

Ms Gillard has also voted in the Parliament for the release in Australia of the abortion pill RU 486.

#### Tony Abbott's track record on abortion

Tony Abbott has a completely pro life voting record in the Parliament.

He has voted against the use in Australia of the abortion pill RU 486.

He has voted against legalised euthanasia.



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To his credit Tony Abbott has never been afraid to state his opposition to abortion. This takes political courage.

In March 2004, Tony Abbott said 'Why isn't the fact that 100,000 women choose to end their pregnancies regarded as a national tragedy approaching the scale, say, of Aboriginal life expectancy being 20 years less than that of the general community?'

In February, 2006 he said, 'We have a bizarre double standard, a bizarre double standard in this country where someone who kills a pregnant woman's baby is guilty of murder but a woman who aborts an unborn baby is simply exercising choice.'

#### Protest Victoria's infamous Abortion Act

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## 100 hundred million women are missing

In a 1990 article published by the Nobel Laureate and economist, Amartya Sen, in The New York Times Book Review, details of the highly distorted sex ratios in various parts of the world were highlighted, with Sen concluding that, through sex selective abortion and female infanticide, around 100 million

women, who, given proper care, might be alive, were missing.

Sections of the feminist establishment, who were at the vanguard of the Victorian Abortion decriminalisation Legislation, protest this outcome, and insist it is the result of 'patriarchal ideology'.

### But it is more fundamental than that

If the autonomy of the mother is the paramount value in the abortion debate, one can hardly lament the decision of women who decide that they wish to have a son rather than a daughter.

It's MY CHOICE, insist the Leslie Cannolds of this world.

Recently, in the Victorian Upper House, a motion calling on the Victorian Parliament to investigate the circumstances in which children, born alive from a failed late term abortion, are dying, was rejected, as Labor MLCs voted, along party lines, to stifle any examination of these deaths.

So we see the terrible legacy of this mistaken and perverse notion of freedom.

Parliament concealing from public gaze the circumstances in which the innocent and the helpless are killed, and a growing body of evidence that, as Right to Life Australia has always insisted, women are the big losers when unborn children are intentionally killed.

Unborn baby girls are being slaughtered.

Dr John James  
National President



## Right to Life Conference – a great success

Right to Life Australia's conference which was held on the weekend of July 10th and 11th was preceded by a very successful dinner on July 9th, which was addressed by the U.S.'s Wesley Smith, keynote speaker at the conference.

Wesley gave two further addresses at the conference, on each occasion highlighting the gradually increasing lack of respect for human life through the practice of euthanasia and the acceptance of, in some instances, of the greater value of animals and trees.

Mr Smith spoke of the way in which the Dutch, having practised patient killing for so many years over human life, have extended it to include the newly born disabled and the mentally ill, and those who are not able to request it.

Tragically, Belgium and Luxembourg have now legalised euthanasia as have the U.S. states of Washington and Montana. Oregon legalised euthanasia some years ago.

Dr Jacqueline Laing of the U.K. also spoke of the gradual slide down the slippery slope towards legalised patient killing in that country.

Especially upsetting was the revelation by Dr Deirdre Little of Bellingen, N.S.W. of the firmly entrenched and totally accepted practice of eugenics in Australia today, in particular of the aborting of unborn babies diagnosed with Down syndrome. The overwhelming majority of these babies are killed before birth.

Quality control is now accepted and condoned by leading medical bodies and by the average obstetrician.

Indeed so many doctors now feel compelled to exercise this quality control to eradicate any disabilities for fear of being sued if they fail to test and often to destroy or arrange for others to do so.

Dr Katrina Haller spoke of the recent revelation of the increasing number of babies who survive late term abortions and whose lives are not saved. Presumably they are left to die because after all that has been the aim of the exercise.

Dr Ted Watt spoke of the importance of emphasising when opposing abortion the true nature of the procedure namely to kill unborn children. He expressed concern that some people prefer to emphasise the harm caused to the mother. Whilst pro life groups are very generous in providing help for a post aborted mother, nonetheless, he said we must never seek to down play the injustice suffered by the dead child.

Pro life politicians Senator Julian McGauran Liberal Victoria & Peter Ryan MLA Victoria National Leader addressed the conference and spoke eloquently. Queensland activists Anne Rampa and Graham Preston touched the consciences of those present when speaking of their constant peaceful protests outside abortuaries. Many were especially moved by learning of Graham Preston's imminent jail sentence of seven months for refusal to pay fines accrued because of the protests. Lien van der Velden, a Pregnancy Australia Counsellor, told of her experiences in listening to the grief of post aborted women.

Margaret Tighe  
Conference Convenor

## Track record of Rudd-Gillard government on abortion issue

**D**uring the term of the Rudd-Gillard government two steps were taken which affected the lives of unborn children.

Firstly the government in this instance represented by Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith – decided to remove

the ban on the use of foreign aid for provision of abortions.

Secondly, more recently the federal Health minister, Nicola Roxon, announced that from July 1st the government funded pregnancy helpline would be able to advise callers as to where to obtain an abortion.

## Contacting Candidates is vital

**A**s we approach the federal election for 2010 we are faced with a multitude of candidates from the major parties, the Greens and various independents.

It is essential that we contact major party candidates seeking their views on Australia's horrendous abortion holocaust and of the continued use of tax payers' monies to prop up the abortion industry.

If candidates for public office don't hear from constituents on this, the most important human rights issue in Australia today, they will safely assume that it doesn't matter.

We have enclosed for you a list of major party candidates

which include a number of sitting members who have either voted for or against the use in Australia of the abortion drug RU486.

You can contact candidates for the House of Representatives either by mail, E-mail, phone or in person.

Point out that when you vote the most important issue for you is the tragedy of the loss of so many babies' lives allowed by the states and financed by the federal government.

## Are you dying to vote for the Greens?

**I**n case you may be tempted to vote for the Greens because you like the way they stand up for the environment – think again.

How many 'green' supporters realise that the Greens are in favour of legalised euthanasia?

There are currently three attempts to legalise euthanasia or patient killing in three states – South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. Each bill has been introduced by a 'Green' M.P. by Robin Chapple MLC in Western Australia by Mark Parnell MLC in South Australia and by Nick McKim MLA in Tasmania. In Victoria the Greens Colleen Hartland MLC also helped sponsor a euthanasia bill which was defeated. Senator Bob Brown has also introduced a euthanasia bill into the Senate but so far has not been given time to debate it.

In Tasmania because the McKim bill was defeated prior to the recent Tasmanian election, the cudgels have been now taken up by the Tasmanian Attorney General the ALPs Lara Giddings which is of great concern.

As we all know, the Greens formed a coalition with the A.L.P. to give them government because both the ALP and Liberals had tied at the last election.

Has McKim – who is now in the Tasmanian cabinet, made a euthanasia bill as part of his deal to hand government to the ALP?

Perhaps the Greens believe that patient killing, or the embracing of the policy of lives not worthy to be lived, is a good way to create a sustainable population! Because if we have an imbalance of population, we need to have more children born who can in time provide a solid workforce to help sustain the old age of those who have worked hard for this nation when they too were young.

Oh! By the way – the Greens are also in favour of legalised abortion on request! Trees, rivers, rocks – before people!



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## Queensland abortion case to go to trial

**A**north Queensland couple will be going to trial over a home abortion.

It is alleged that Sergie Brennan's sister smuggled the abortion drug, RU 486, into Australia from the Ukraine and that he then gave the pills to his girlfriend Tegan Lynch who used them to induce a miscarriage.

Leach is facing a charge of procuring her own abortion and could be jailed for up to seven years if convicted. Brennan is facing a charge of supplying drugs to procure an abortion and could be jailed for up to two years if convicted.

The trial is set down for October 12 and could go for three or four days.

This is an unusual case for a number of reasons. Firstly it is 25 years since there has been a trial relating to abortion in Queensland. Secondly, given how easy it is to get an abortion at an abortion 'clinic' it is hard to understand why this couple wouldn't simply have gone to one. Thirdly, the alleged offence occurred in Cairns and this is the city where Caroline de Costa became the first medical practitioner in

Australia to be able to legally provide the abortion drug, RU 486. Presumably, if the couple did go to the bother of procuring the drug from overseas, they must, somehow, have missed all the controversy and publicity about the drug becoming available in their own city.

What should the pro-life movement make of this development?

Unfortunately, whichever way the court case goes it is hard to see a good outcome for the unborn.

If the case against the couple is unsuccessful, that may indicate that the laws against abortion in Queensland are unworkable. If the prosecution is successful but only a 'slap on the wrist' penalty is given, that would make the laws largely meaningless. If the prosecution is successful and a significant penalty is given, that would be used as a major weapon to try and get the laws on abortion removed from the Criminal Code.

Graham Preston

Queensland Coordinator



A videotape of Wesley Smith's talk in Brisbane has been made and is available if someone would like it

Please contact Doris Rossi on (03) 9387 7098 to request a copy

## Australians against patient killing - Beware voluntary euthanasia bill to get another run

ABC.net.au – June 28, 2010

**T**he Tasmanian Government is hoping its voluntary euthanasia legislation will be ready by the end of next year.

The Attorney General last week announced she will use money from her department to investigate and draft a new private member's bill.

Lara Giddings has told a budget estimates committee she is keen to progress the Greens' Leader Nick McKim's 'Dying with Dignity' legislation with more public consultation.

'There are 11 new members of Parliament who haven't expressed their views at all in relation to this matter,' she said.

'I'm also very aware that there were members who actually do support the principal of dying with dignity who could not vote for the legislation that was brought to the Parliament because they felt that it was not appropriate legislation, it was too heavy, cumbersome and not workable.

'So in my view it is appropriate that we go back to the drawing board look at what's happening in other jurisdictions around the world and bring other legislation to this state.'

*This push for legalised patient killing is a major concern because it is the Tasmanian Attorney General who is spear heading the euthanasia cause.*

*Does this then mean that legalisation of euthanasia in Tasmania is in fact Tasmanian government policy? Were the voters aware of this at the last Tasmanian election?*

*Editor*

**Important your email address needed**

## Bishop congratulates East Timor Government for resisting foreign pressure on abortion

By James Tillman (An edited version)

**E**ast Timor, July 16, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – 'The Church,' said Bishop of Dili, Dom Alberto Ricardo Da Silva, 'has a duty and a call to contribute to the well-being of women and children and their families.'

For this reason Catholics should work for the health of both mother and the unborn child, despite the 'fashionable trend' of promoting abortion as a means of population control, as a number of NGO's – including at least two that are funded by the Canadian bishops' official development arm - have recently done in East Timor.

The country only recently staved off an attempt to significantly liberalize its abortion laws.

The issue of foreign pressure on East Timor on sexual and population issues has a lengthy and sordid history. The country claimed independence from Indonesia in 2002 after years of occupation, during which Indonesia had covertly sterilized thousands of women in East Timor.

'In [East Timor's] case the people fought hard for our human rights, the right to life and the right to have children during the occupation days,' said Bishop Da Silva. 'Many sacrifices were made, but with the hope that our prayers

would be answered and that one day we would be in control of our destiny.'

Among the traditional Timorese values for which they fought, he said, was the right to life of the unborn.

'In our mother tongue Tetum,' he said, 'when a woman becomes pregnant, 'isin rua' meaning 'two-bodies', the status of the fetus is immediately recognized as a human person.'

He said that national wellbeing also requires civil laws based on the moral law. What is 'good for the human person is good for the family and what is good for the family is good for the society,' he said. 'Furthermore, what is good can only be founded on strong moral values based on natural law.'

'East Timorese values are not inconsistent with women's right to health. One must not confuse right to health with right to eliminate life.'

East Timor's new penal code forbids abortion, while permitting pregnancy to be 'interrupt[ed]' in extreme cases when it is the 'only way' to save the life of the mother.

The new code is dramatically more pro-life than the code passed by the East Timor Council of Ministers in April, which would have permitted abortion when the physical or mental health of the mother or unborn child was in danger.

## Canadian study finds strong link between abortion and premature birth

By Patrick B. Craine

**M**ONTREAL, Quebec, June 22, 2010 ([LifeSiteNews.com](#)) – A new study out of McGill University in Montreal has found a strong link between a past abortion and premature delivery in subsequent pregnancies.

Dr. Ghislain Hardy, a third year resident in obstetrics and gynecology at McGill, and his team did a chart review of 17,916 women who delivered at Royal Victoria Hospital, McGill's teaching hospital. Of their sample, 13% had obtained one abortion and 5% had procured two or more.

Dr. Hardy's team found that women with one past abortion were 45% more likely to give birth before 32 weeks, 71% more likely to do so at less than 28 weeks, and more than 50% more likely at less than 26 weeks. They noted that the link was even greater where the woman had more than one abortion.

He presented the paper, entitled 'Early Preterm Birth and Adverse Perinatal Outcomes in Women With a History of Induced Abortions,' at the 58th Annual Clinical Meeting of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, held from May 15-19.

'Preterm birth is a major concern in our health-care system

today. It is the most important cause of neonatal morbidity,' Dr. Hardy explained in his presentation, according to the Canadian Health Network. A study of the issue is important, he noted, because 'an association between therapeutic abortion and prematurity has resurfaced in recent years.'

The link between abortion and subsequent premature delivery has been confirmed by a growing body of independent studies on the issue. Most significantly, in February 2009 a German team who evaluated over two million pregnancies between 1995 and 2000, **found** that the risk of very premature birth is increased by 30% after one abortion, and by 90% after more than one.

Dr. Hardy explained that abortion could lead to greater cervical sensitivity that might result in a greater proclivity towards premature delivery.

'Our study showed a significant increase in the risk of preterm delivery in the women with a history of previous induced abortion,' he said. 'The association becomes stronger with decreasing gestational age and with an increasing number of therapeutic abortions.'

## Court grants woman right to die

**J**udge grants woman's wish to die (7 pm TV News South Australia)

A South Australian woman who uses a wheelchair has been given the right to die by refusing to take food and medication without her carers facing prosecution.

The judgement is believed to be a first in South Australia and reflects a similar ruling in Western Australia last year.

The woman in her 70s told her nursing home to stop giving her food and drink and the drug insulin, knowing she would die.

South Australian Supreme Court Justice Chris Kourakis does not consider her refusal to be suicide.

The nursing home was concerned it might be breaking the law by carrying out her wishes, but the woman argued it would be illegal for the home not to do so.

Justice Kourakis ruled the home will not be assisting in a

suicide nor committing other crimes if it complies with her desires.

By Patrick B. Craine

*Strictly speaking, the woman who seeks an early death did not need to go to court to seek permission to starve and dehydrate herself to death. Much as they would like to, the nursing home staff cannot force her to eat and drink. On the other hand though staff should not be expected to give assistance to the woman to die. No doubt morphine injections will be provided to alleviate the horrible effects of dehydration and starvation.*

*The court action was clearly intended to set a precedent establishing the so called 'right to die,' which eventually will become the duty to die.*

Editor

## DLP probe into baby deaths rejected by Parliament

**A**fter a debate described by observers as 'vicious' and 'brutal' the Legislative Council last night, rejected a motion to have the deaths of babies who are born alive following abortions investigated by a committee of the Parliament. The motion was lost twenty-seven votes to nine votes, after ALP MP's were instructed to vote against it. The motion was moved by Peter Kavanagh of the DLP.

'Brian Tee and Gayle Tierney for the ALP together with Colleen Hartland for the Greens launched a coordinated personal attack on me. All of them asserted facts which were contradicted by the very documents to which they referred.

It even got to the absurd situation of all of them 'reading' parts of my motion that did not exist - they were reading drafts that were not part of the motion. They did not even read the motion they were arguing against!' Mr Kavanagh said.

'I was told by several distressed ALP MP's that they had to vote against my motion. They said that the ALP decided to vote against the proposed investigation because it did not want anything at all that even hinted at abortion to be mentioned at the time of the election' Mr Kavanagh said.

'My motion was simply a call to investigate the deaths of babies. The fact that these babies have been born alive after 'failed' abortions seems to mean that abortion staff think that those babies do not have a right to live. Even after they have been born alive. Last night's vote suggests that unfortunately this is also the attitude of a majority of Victoria's politicians' Mr Kavanagh said.

## Two couples suing doctors for failing to diagnose Down syndrome

Herald Sun] July 21, 2010

**T**WO Victorian couples are suing doctors for failing to diagnose Down syndrome in their unborn babies, denying them the chance to terminate the pregnancies.

The couples are claiming unspecified damages for economic loss, continuing costs of care of the children, and 'psychiatric injury'.

Both say they would have aborted their pregnancies had they been told their children would be born with Down syndrome.

In one case, parents of a girl born in July 2005 are suing the Royal Women's Hospital. The parents said an early indication of Down syndrome was detected by ultrasound in the first trimester and a further test was recommended.

They went to the Royal Women's with the results of their initial ultrasound, and another was taken.

The doctor failed to detect Down syndrome, the mother said.

'Had the presence of Down syndrome been diagnosed at the time of the first trimester ultrasound and/or at the time of the second trimester ultrasound, a time frame which permitted the termination of the pregnancy, then the (mother) would have terminated the pregnancy,' the statement of claim says.

The girl, 4, who now attends a specialist kindergarten, was born with heart, kidney and thyroid problems, can't walk, and needs help feeding, her father said.

'Don't get us wrong: we love our daughter. She's part of our family, and we treat her like gold,' he said.

Maurice Blackburn lawyer Kathryn Booth said she was investigating whether appropriate ante-natal management and testing, including an amniocentesis, should have been offered and performed.

In 2003 the High Court ruled parents could sue in the event of a wrongful birth, she said.

NSW, SA and Tasmania have legislated against such claims. But in Victoria, people can sue for compensation for the continuing costs of raising a child to the age of 18, where the child was born as a result of negligent care, she said.

### The Royal Women's yet to file a defence

In the second case, Western Health is being sued over a birth at Sunshine Hospital in December 2007. The parents allege a failure to 'exercise reasonable care' of the mother, 'advise (her) in relation to the risks of Down syndrome given her age' and 'provide (her) with the option of ante-natal screening. 'In the event that Down syndrome had been detected, (she) would have elected to undergo a termination of her pregnancy,' their statement of claim says.

The parents claim to have suffered 'depression, shock and anxiety' and 'pain and suffering during pregnancy and delivery'.

In its defence, Western Health and a doctor involved in the birth deny any wrongdoing.

The hospital argues the family has failed to show it suffered a 'significant injury' as defined by law.

Unless settlement agreements are reached, civil trials are expected to go ahead.



## Canada

### **Pro-Life Leader: Quebec's free IVF plan turns children into property by Patrick B Craine**

QUEBEC, July 14, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – Quebec's Liberal government has announced a sweeping plan to publicly fund all in-vitro fertilization procedures in the province as of August 5th, offering up to three rounds per couple.

But the plan has been denounced by a Quebec pro-life leader who emphasizes that IVF kills unborn babies, and that the government is effectively making children out to be their parent's 'property.'

## Spain

### **Spanish Archbishop urges defiance of new Abortion Law: 'This Law is no Law' by Matthew Cullinan Hoffman**

BURGOS, Spain, July 14, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – The Archbishop of Burgos, Francisco Gil Hellin, has issued a call to Spanish Catholics to resist the country's new abortion law, which he says is no law at all.

In a *statement* published on the bishops' Catholic Information Service, Gil Hellin laments the recent promulgation of the law, an 'evil law which is directly opposed to right reason and the most elemental justice. Such is the law that establishes that the Spanish have the right to kill the unborn, as long as they do it before 14 weeks.'

'Let us diagnose it with total clarity: this law is no law, although it is presented as such by some political and legislative bodies. And it isn't because no one has the right to eliminate an innocent. For that reason, it doesn't obligate. Even more, it demands a head-on opposition without reservation. Right reason cannot admit as a right the killing of an innocent person.'

'It is a fallacy to affirm that this law has been approved by the majority of the Parliament and that this represents the majority of the citizens, or to say that if the Constitutional Tribunal decrees its conformity [with the Constitution] it would be disobedience to oppose it, and would deserve a punishment. The fallacy consists in attributing to politicians, judges, or citizens a right that they don't have, and no one has the right to legislate that an innocent can be killed.'

'What society would continue if it declared that is the right of citizens to kill innocent persons by majority [vote]? In the best scenario it would be converted into a tyranny, against which upright persons would have to react,

according to this advice by Gandhi' 'As soon as one understands that obeying unjust laws is contrary to his dignity as a man, no tyranny can dominate him.'

### **Spanish region to show Sonogram images to mothers seeking abortions by Matthew Cullinan Hoffman**

MADRID, July 19, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – The Spanish region of Valencia will be requiring women to learn about fetal development and abortion before they proceed with the latter, according to the Spanish newspaper El Pais.

Mothers who want to end their unborn children's lives through an abortion will be required to receive written information about abortion, and will also receive ethical counselling that will include videos, photos of abortions, and even 3-D sonogram images regarding the development of the fetus, according to a spokesman for the Valencian government.

## United Kingdom

### **Northern Ireland withdraws controversial abortion guidelines by Patrick B. Craine**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, July 14, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – Northern Ireland's Department of Health has withdrawn controversial abortion guidelines, which have been criticized by pro-life groups as an attempt to bring in abortion through the backdoor, after having reissued them in violation of a court order.

Both of the country's largest pro-life groups, Precious Life, and the UK's Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) welcomed the news. Both groups took a leading role in opposing the guidelines.

Northern Ireland law only allows abortion in cases where it would preserve the life of the mother. The guidelines purported to give a practical interpretation of the law without effecting any change in the law, but pro-life groups argued that the guidelines actually distort the law, and could open the door to abortion for disabled babies, among other things, as well as force hospitals to provide abortions.

### **Slight fall in UK Abortion 'Rate insignificant after decades of increases: Pro-Life Leaders by Hilary White**

LONDON, May 27, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – While the Department of Health of England and Wales and the Scottish NHS Information Services on Tuesday reported an overall small decrease in Britain's abortion rate, pro-life campaigners have called on physicians to take 'reality check' on the number of British children

being killed before birth. Abortion rates for England, Wales and Scotland for 2009 show a 3.2 per cent decrease last year – a small dent in Britain's abortion rate that has been massive increases for decades. The data shows a total of 189,100 abortions in Scotland compared to 13,817 in 2008. The slight decreases in 2008 and 2009 are a recent first in a country that has seen an annual rise almost every year since abortion was legalized in 1967. In 2008, when Britain was being called the 'abortion capital of Europe,' it was revealed that 205,600 unborn children were killed by abortion in 2007. Statistics for 2007 also showed a steady increase in the number of repeat abortions and abortions on younger women and teenaged girls.

## U.S.A.

### **Biden promises Kenya 'money to flow' if pro-abort Constitution passes by Kathleen Gilbert**

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 18, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – U.S. Vice President Joe Biden travelled to Kenya to personally urge the country to pass a new constitution that would legalize abortion – and to assure Kenyans that such a change would 'allow money to flow' from foreign aid treasuries.

At the same time, a federal probe is attempting to determine whether the Obama Administration is violating federal law by using taxpayer money to lobby for the constitution, deeply controversial in Kenya in large part because of its abortion provisions.

A clause in the proposed constitution has received heavy criticism from religious leaders in Kenya for allowing abortion when a mother's 'health' is endangered – a term that, as abortion advocates admitted at the Women Deliver conference in Washington, D.C. last week, 'can be broadly interpreted when need be.'

## Italy

### **Italian bishops warn of nation's 'Demographic suicide' by Thaddeus M Baklinski**

ROME, May 28, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – In a May 25 address to his fellow Italian bishops at the 61st plenary assembly, Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco, archbishop of Genoa President of the Italian Episcopal Conference, warned about his nation's 'slow demographic suicide' thanks to a plummeting birthrate.

'Over 50% of families today are without children,' he said. Another quarter have only one child, 20% have two, while just 5.1% have three or more.