



Dear Pro-Life Partners,

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Good News, Bad News

Whenever we enter a new year, it seems customary to look back on the good, the bad, and the ugly from the year we are leaving behind (the following statistics can be found at LifeNews, 12/25).

Good News. In 2025, 23 independent abortion clinics, which make up 58% of abortions, closed their doors. Planned Parenthood, who single-handedly makes up the remaining 42% of abortions, closed 48 locations (7 in California, 4 in Illinois, 1 in Indiana, 4 in Iowa, 2 in Louisiana, 4 in Michigan, 4 in Minnesota, 1 in Missouri, 2 in Nevada, 2 in New Jersey, 1 in New York, 4 in Ohio, 1 in Pennsylvania, 1 in Tennessee, 3 in Texas, 2 in Utah, 1 in Vermont, and 4 in Wisconsin).

Since Roe was overturned, 60 new independent clinics have opened in pro-abortion states, but 100 have closed down. About 396 abortion business remain nationwide. These closures have been primarily due to funding shortages, which is both encouraging and interesting. It shows that donations have dwindled to the point that these clinics cannot stay open without backing from major organizations, like the National Abortion Federation hotline, which slashed its monthly budget for funding abortions in half from \$6 million to \$3 million in July 2024. It would appear that there are too few private, individual donors interested in supporting the abortion industry from their own pockets.

Bad News. Monthly abortion numbers are still astronomical, averaging 98,630 in the first half of 2025. Abortion pill access, which accounts for roughly 60% of all abortions, is significantly responsible for keeping abortion numbers up. Poorly interpreted shield laws are also to blame. Originally designed to protect reporters, they have been extrapolated to allow organizations in pro-abortion states to avoid prosecution when sending abortifacients to states with abortion bans. This past year did see higher self-reporting of abortion figures. This is a silver lining since it represents, not new abortions, per se, but abortions we now know about, accounting for some of the overall increase.

If we allowed ourselves to get discouraged by the setbacks, we wouldn't be able to get out of bed in the morning. Let's appreciate each victory, each step in the right direction. If nothing else, knowing we are honoring God and partnering with one another to defend precious life can buoy us, encourage us, and strengthen us to continue.

Partnering with You for Life,

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