

## Most Abortions Are Coerced – So Much for “Choice”

A new study from the Charlotte Lozier Institute shows that more than half of post-abortive women felt pressured into the decision. The study analyzed data from a survey of 1000 women and found that **60% reported coercion from a male partner, family member or other people.** The results, published in the Cureus medical journal, examined the effects and found worsening mental health when there was pressure to undergo the abortion.

Tessa Longbons, co-author of the study, said, “Abortion does not empower women. Quite the opposite, the abortion industry enables and gives support to those who seek to control women. This coercion can have long-lasting mental health repercussions.”

Ironically, abortion has been marketed as “pro-choice” when, in fact, the experience of so many women is that abortion robs them of choices and forces them into a position in which they feel that ending the life of a preborn child is the only option they have in order to keep a job or scholarship.

Longbons noted, “Now that the FDA allows the abortion pill to be dispensed without a woman ever seeing a doctor, the abortion industry’s coercion problem may only get worse.”

The abortion industry is attempting to normalize “death by mail,” pushing for Chemical Abortion Pills without a doctor’s office visit, physical examination, or follow-up appointment. Prescribing deadly medicine without ensuring that a mother is not being coerced into her decision will mean more women undergo abortions they feel they have no choice in. As the recent study demonstrates, these are the women at greatest risk for negative mental health outcomes following an abortion.

Mothers deserve real choices, and women deserve better than abortion. Their health and well-being depend on it.



## Life Advocate Resource Conference

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Matthew Church Hall

219 Fayette St., Conshohocken, PA 19428

The Pro-Life Union is hosting this First Annual Conference to assist pro-life individuals and parishes in becoming more effective advocates for the unborn.

Many of our Member Organizations and other area pro-life groups will be on hand to share their missions and explain the services they provide to women and families.

All are invited! The event is free, and lunch will be provided (sponsored by Serving Spirit Home Care and The DeFinis Insurance Agencies), but **registration is required.**

Register by emailing [pcorbett@prolifeunion.org](mailto:pcorbett@prolifeunion.org) or calling 215-885-8150.



## Save the Date - June 24 - Philly's Largest Baby Shower

In conjunction with the Annual Philadelphia March for Life, and in recognition of the reversal of Roe v. Wade, The Pro-Life Union is inviting everyone to participate in Philly’s Largest Ever Baby Shower. Trucks will be stationed at the SS Peter & Paul Cathedral to accept donations of items needed by pregnant moms & babies. Let’s show the Delaware Valley that the pro-life community is more than anti-abortion, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!

## Keep Up the Pressure on CVS, Walgreens & Rite Aid

The Biden administration is pushing its pro-abortion, anti-life campaign in every way it can. They are trying to bypass State laws that protect the unborn and women by forcing national pharmacy chains to distribute abortion pills via telemedicine. Besides this being fatal to the baby it can also be life threatening to the mother, especially if she has an ectopic pregnancy. We urge you to continue to contact these pharmacies and tell them that you don't want them to become the neighborhood agent of death.

**CVS** – 800-746-7287  
ExecutiveOffice@CVSHealth.com  
**Rite Aid** - 800-748-3243  
**Walgreens** - 800-925-4733  
wcrexecresponse@walgreens.com



### Good Friday Family Mission

Mission Youth encourages families to join them during Holy Week for The Good Friday Family Mission on April 7 beginning at 9 a.m. Join them as they enter into Center City to pray outside Planned Parenthood at 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust, and participate in a live Stations of the Cross! Visit [missionyouthphilly.com/holy-week](http://missionyouthphilly.com/holy-week) for more details.

### Scan & Go!

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### A Special Prayer Request

Rachel's Vineyard is hosting a Retreat the weekend of April 21 - 23, 2023 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The retreat leaders have asked pro-lifers "to pray for us all while these brave souls endure this spiritual battle as the hard work of reconciling with God and accepting His mercy and forgiveness occurs during the retreat weekend."

### Plan Your Parish Pro-Life Mother's Day Events Now to Help Homeless Moms

This year 100% of the Mother's Day rose sale and baby bottle collections will be given to support homeless pregnant women at our Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home. Please help coordinate and promote this effort in your church and contact the Pro-Life Union office to arrange to receive the roses or baby bottles.

### U.S. Bishops Oppose ERA

In a recent Letter to United States Senators, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops warned the senators of the pro-abortion aspect of the recent push for an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The letter states: "We are writing to you to express our alarm with a number of far-reaching consequences that will arise from the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and its negative impacts to the common good and to religious freedom....One consequence of the ERA would be the likely requirement of federal funding for abortions."

Considering recent laws and court rulings regarding the equality of the sexes, the only reason for this new push for the ERA is to find a backdoor way to get a federal law that allows the killing of children whose lives are presently protected in some states.