EVIDENCE OF SSM CATHOLIC HOSPITAL ABORTION REFERRALS INCLUDING CARDINAL GLENNON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

Report and Exhibits

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BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

Some have already heard the reports of St. Louis area Catholic Hospitals referring developmentally disabled human beings to abortionists. Others have not. Some have already formed their opinion. Others have not.

One thing is clear, for over two years this story has been suppressed and covered up at every level. This is a complete failure of leadership, which makes this a grass roots campaign by default. And YOU are the most important person in addressing this scandal. That makes this document crucial, as it provides the information you need to fight to bring the truth to light. Most notably, there has been a great deal of misinformation disseminated by the hospital system most involved in this scandal: SSM. This document answers with facts their relentless disinformation campaign and provides all the current information about this scandal.

Read. Learn. And pass it on.

No one has seen all this information until now. In this report you will find facts (not opinions) in an easily accessible format so you can be fully informed **before** forming your opinion and helping inform others. The Table of Contents is 'clickable' – it will take you directly to whatever section you choose. In the end I hope you will take the time to review the entire document, including the linked video and audio files.

I pray you will agree the issue of Catholic Hospitals referring for abortions is too important to leave any stone unturned. Thank you in advance for caring enough for the victims of this scandal, which targets developmentally disabled human beings, to take the time to educate yourself and act to finally end the unthinkable.

Letter from the Most Reverend Joseph L. Coffey of the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA

4 November 2019 A.D.

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To whom it may concern:

I met John Ryan when I was assigned to recruiting duty to St. Louis, MO while on Active Duty as a Navy Chaplain. I am currently still on Active Duty assigned to MCRD, the Marine Corps Boot Camp in San Diego, CA and was just recently ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Military Archdiocese. In my 26 years in the Navy, whenever I get a new assignment in a new city I make it a point to go to the nearest abortion mill, usually a Planned Parenthood, to pray the rosary and encourage the sidewalk counselors. That is where I met this extraordinary man who has become a very good friend.

I have come to truly appreciate and admire John Ryan for his total commitment to upholding the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life. John practices what he preaches with his involvement in the Pro-life movement since 1973, coincidentally, the same year I first got involved. He has rescued countless children from an unjust death by his efforts at sidewalk counseling offering help from the many crisis pregnancy centers in our country. He has even been at the birth of some of these children with moms and dads who are eternally grateful that he was there in their hour of need.

In 1982 John formed and was the director of the Prolife Direct Action League. He and I were both active in the rescue movement although we did not meet each other at any of these peaceful and non-violent rescues. A tactic taught by men such as King, Ghandi, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John has been represented by the Pro-Life lawyers of the Thomas More Society after being sued by Planned Parenthood on false charges. John never allowed that to deter him from his commitment to the babies and their parents. Inf fact, I believe it only strengthens him, as does his great faith and receiving the Sacraments of our Catholic Church.

For years I have personally been inspired by John. His steadfastness and courage is a remarkable example for every one of us. He challenges people, including me, out of our comfortable Catholicism. He is a gifted speaker and is willing to go anywhere he is invited to share his message of the Gospel of Life. I personally recommend John's story to learn the almost four-decade long history of peaceful Pro-Life activism in our great country.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to learn more about this great man.

Live Jesus,

Bishop Joseph L. Coffey

THE SCANDAL

For over three years, a battle has been waged on the sidewalks of the Granite City abortion mill. This battle is over the scandal of area Catholic hospitals direct referring developmentally disabled unborn children to that mill. Information about that scandal has been suppressed, which has only made it grow worse.

It first came to light in mid 2018. An abortion-bound mother volunteered that she had been sent there by SSM's Maternal and Fetal Care Department. All were shocked. Assumed it was a renegade doctor. What happened was reported to SSM and it was assumed the offending doctor would be delt with. A year later and subsequent to that it became clear this was not an anomaly but rather an ongoing practice.

SSM leadership was alerted immediately but they simply circled the wagons. Plausible deniability was their strategy of choice. The Archdiocese was also alerted. As the months went on the evidence mounted. More and more eyewitnesses reported even more such abortion referrals by area Catholic Hospitals, mostly SSM.

In October of last year, the tenth documented eyewitness report was of a baby sent to that mill by SSM Cardinal Glennon. There have been two more such referrals from Cardinal Glennon. This time efforts focused on the Knights of Columbus. After all it is the peers of the very population served by the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon, who were being targeted.

To date there have been ten more reports (all but one documented) involving 19 victims of this nightmare. Clearly the problem has not gone away. The following report details more extensively the evidence, the efforts to date to put an end to this scandal, the cover-up by SSM, the failure of leadership on many fronts to properly address these credible reports of child abuse, and provides factual information countering the deceptive arguments used by SSM and others.

It is our hope that as more and more learn of what is actually happening, they will pass it on to others who will do likewise. That their voices will join those which have already been raised and reach a crescendo that cannot be ignored by leadership. That that effort will embolden our leadership to do the right thing. That they will use their influence and authority to insist the accused step aside pending the results of an independent, comprehensive, and transparent investigation. Hopeful that you and yours will join this David and Goliath effort and help restore the Gospel of Life.

STATEMENT FROM THE AUTHOR

My name is John Ryan. I'm a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a parishioner of St. Bridget of Kildare Parish in Pacific, MO. My wife Linda and I have six children and 13 grandchildren, the youngest born less than a week ago. Part of my pro-life commitment is witnessing on the sidewalks of area abortion mills.

In January of 2017 I moved my efforts to the Granite City, IL abortion mill where they commit abortions on unborn children up to six months old. I also discovered most of their victims on any given day are from Missouri.

In 2018, for the first time, I encountered a mother who told me she was referred to that abortion mill by an SSM Catholic hospital's Maternal and Fetal Care department. I was shocked. I assumed it was a renegade doctor. But since then, there have been 20 more such abortion referrals involving 7 different Catholic hospitals. I documented all but one of those. And passed that evidence on to the offending hospitals as well as the St. Louis Archdiocese and the Missouri state Knights of Columbus. All but three involved SSM hospitals, including three referrals by SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children. All of those babies targeted because Catholic hospitals determined they had developmental disabilities- just like those our Knights of Columbus Developmental Center serves every day.

To date the evidence, we've provided (see the included files), provided by over 17 different witnesses including one mother who issued a sworn affidavit and passed a polygraph confirming she was harassed and coerced by SSM doctors who also direct referred her to the Granite City, IL abortion mill to have her developmentally disabled unborn child dismembered, decapitated and otherwise killed. All of this child abuse covered up by in-house "investigation" by an SSM VP who refused to provide any "evidence" to support his claim that all 17 witnesses were lying. Such a cover up is exactly why all such credible reports of child abuse required the accused to stand down pending an independent, transparent and comprehensive actual investigation.

None of us should rest until what happened to those children and their mothers, as well as the coverup, is exposed to the light of day. And concrete safeguards are put in place to see to it that this scandal never happens again.

EVIDENCE

This report includes (not counting the last victim in the Epilogue):

- Nineteen SSM victims
 - Fourteen have extensive documentation.
 - Angela Michaels of Small Victories has accounts of four additional SSM victims.
 - One victim is a St. Clare victim reported to John Ryan with no details.
- Twenty-one Catholic hospital referrals
 - Two victims were each referred by two different Catholic hospitals, three of them SSM-affiliated
- At least twenty-four eyewitnesses, including the four reported by Small Victories' Angela Michaels and the St. Clare victim
- An introduction to a phone call recording with an SSM Maternal and Fetal Care counselor, with a link to an audio recording of the conversation

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OFFERING EVIDENCE OF FOURTEEN VICTIMS

Below are listed the know victims of Catholic hospital abortion referrals as reported by various eyewitnesses. Undoubtably they are just the tip of the iceberg. Angela Michaels of Small Victories confirmed at least four other victims (also SSM referrals) at the same abortion mill. Thanks to SSM's cover-up, we can only imagine how many more developmentally disabled victims were killed with the direct involvement of Catholic hospitals (most particularly SSM hospitals), and how many more remain in harm's way even as you read this information.

1 In mid 2018 a mother arrived at the mill who was showing. I spoke with her at length, and she said there were issues with the baby. She volunteered that **SSM** St. Mary's in St. Louis referred her there. She said they determined there was something wrong with her baby (developmental disability). She was clear that she was directly referred to Hopeless by St. Mary's for an abortion. I was shocked. I called St. Mary's from the sidewalk of the mill that day and was transferred to the Maternal and Fetal health department to someone in charge (I believe she was a nurse) and told her what happened. I assumed there was some individual acting on their own and wanted to warn her. I assumed they would take care of it. I never heard back. Eventually, I learned that this was to be a common occurrence at Hopeless.

AB and Baby Kaliyah (see mother's sworn affidavit and polygraph)

Sadly, of the 20 babies victimized by this collusion between Catholic hospitals (mostly SSM) and the abortionists of the Hopeless abortion mill, we were only able to save two. Baby #2 is baby
Kaliyah. The other baby was Blanca M's baby (#5 below) who we rescued from SSM DePaul's abortion referral only to have SSM St. Mary's refer Blanca back to the abortion mill less than a month later to kill her child.

5/10/2019 I met this couple (Ron and Aberayana (AB) at the Hopeless abortion mill. They were there for a scheduled abortion. With God's help we were able to get them to change their minds on the day of her scheduled execution. I sat on the sidewalk with them and told them of Dr. Michael Dixon, a high-risk specialist who works with us. Put them on the phone with him and his office referred them to SSM St. Mary's for a high definition ultrasound to guide his treatment of mom and baby Kaliyah. We set up the appointment with SSM St. Mary's Maternal and Fetal Health department for 5/13/2019.

5/13/2019 Ron and AB went to **SSM** St. Mary's for the ultrasound as planned. I received a call from AB later that morning who was upset stating that St. Mary's tried to talk them back into abortion telling them repeatedly abortion was "**the best option**", directing them to return to Hopeless for an abortion. Both she and Ron were upset and confused as they had changed their minds and now St. Mary's was sending them back. I was furious and fearful for baby Kaliyah's safety as her parents were just 3 days from almost aborting her. We arranged to meet with them at Mary Maschmeier (Defenders of the Unborn) office and transported them directly over there. Mary helped calm them down and get things back on track.

5/13/19 I called Sarah Ellis, Assistant to St. Mary's President 314-768-8075 and left her detailed information about what had happened. There was no return call.

5/17/2019 I returned to St. Mary's with AB and Ron to get a copy of her medical record from the abortion referral attempt and to meet with management about what had happened. We got the copy of

the record and were steered to a nurse manager Travis Keeper and Val who identified herself as Risk Coordinator. Ron and AB explained what had happened including detailed descriptions of the SSM staff involved (the man wore what was described as a yarmulke and the woman "had a mole on her face and wore glasses" and "tried to put words in my (AB's) mouth." AB was confident she could id them. And both were upset that the record was inaccurate. We asked to meet with SSM St. Mary's President concerned that management had no idea what was happening but Val coolly explained "That would have to go through me." and then refused any such meeting. One constant throughout all the SSM cases noted here and below is that there was never any surprise, shock or sense of urgency on the part of anyone we spoke with at the SSM hospitals. Ever.

5/20/2019 When we got no response from anyone at SSM we called SSM one last time and warned that we would picket if not granted a meeting with SSM management. There was no response.

5/21/2019 Called the President's office again, spoke with Kim covering for Sarah and again asked for a meeting with the President. That AB and Ron just wanted to meet but that we would resort to the picket if not. No response. Ever.

5/23/2019 We picket St. Mary's. When we got there a security officer met us out on the public sidewalk and warned us "we will call Richmond Heights police if you step on the property (trespass)." We confined our picket to the public sidewalk as planned until it was time to attempt to meet with administration or at least deliver a letter for the President. As AB, Ron and I walked across the parking lot for that purpose the head of security met us halfway and explained they could not meet with anyone, confirmed that order came from "on high" but did agree to take and deliver AB's letter to the President. We returned to the sidewalk and continued our informational picket. We were there 2 hours. We were to have one other picket, ever hopeful that SSM's President would have the common decency to at least meet with the parents. He did not.

3 5/17/2019 This mom told us **SSM** St. Mary's told her abortion was "**The only option.**" She appeared to be well into her 40's. She said St Mary's gave them two places to go to abort her child: St Louis (Planned Barrenhood) and Hopeless. The driver was an older man with his daughter in the car. It was an older car, license number AW 86309IL . I left a voicemail with Sarah Ellis, Asst to the President to alert the President what had happened. Never heard back. Ever.

5/24/2019 I called again about the abortion on 5/17/19 and was transferred to Nursing Kim Gibson 314-768-8795 (vm?) Ethics Committee made aware as well. No response. Ever.

4 7/5/2019 Hispanic mother short and in her 20's with a tall thin white man driving a blue pickup • truck. The father did most of the talking. Said there were issues with the baby, Trisomy 18. Said they first went to **SSM** St. Mary's and then to Mercy and were told abortion was "**The only option**."

7/5/2019 I called Mercy Maternal & Fetal Health from the lot next to the mill. Forwarded to Lizzy Slaf who answered and indicated no interest with not a hint of surprise in her voice. Very matter of fact. I gave her all the information I had.

7/5/2019 When I got home I looked up the name of the head of the department at Mercy: Dr. James Bartelsmeyer. I called to talk to him and Lizzy answered again. She recognized my voice but said she would get the doctor. There was a long delay. Then the phone was picked up, I heard a male voice utter something unintelligible and the phone disconnected. I called back and explained that we got disconnected. Lizzy said "I will transfer you. But that transfer was answered by the "public safety" officer who warned me I was "harassing" the Doctor and advised any further calls to Mercy by me would be so considered harassment and that I had now been duly warned. He said he was DSN 27. 7/6/2019 I left a vm with Sarah Ellis secretary to President about St. Mary's involvement. In this killing. No response. Ever.

7/8/2019 I also called SSM St Mary's Chaplain (Jane Muzamsky 314-768-8070.). She called back later that day. I explained what has been happening. She also was very blasé about the whole thing. She actually said, "There's nothing I can do. I'm way down the food chain here. What do you want me to do?" I said "Be shocked. Surprised. Horrified."

I also spoke to Brenda Davidson Ethics Dept at St. Mary's about this and the many other referrals. She also showed no surprise and was very matter of fact, stating "I wouldn't be in a position to speak with them (Ron & AB wanted to speak to someone in St. Mary's administration). She then added "physicians are required to give all possible options, like any surgery or disease." assuming the doctors had indeed counseled for abortion.

I pointed out there was no such law (I had previously confirmed that with Sam Lee) and she replied, "Not a law but required by Joint Commission". I replied that "The JC can't make you do birth control; how can they make you be involved in committing an abortion?" She agreed with the former but said nothing about the latter. She was very blasé. I pointed out that I noticed her complete 'lack of shock". She dryly said, "I will send your concerns to the committee." I remined her that "The parents (Ron and AB) are ready, willing, and able to talk (to the committee) and want to be involved." No further contact from St. Mary's about the requested meeting. Ever.

7/8/2019 I called MERCY, Chaplain Ken Potsman about Mercy's involvement in this child's murder and he was immediately shocked. "This should not be happening." he stated and referred me to Jacob Harrison with the Ethics Department who listened to my report and replied, "I understand your concern. We take ethics and our Catholic identity seriously. This is not the practice of Mercy." AI received a return call from him on 8/8/2019 and he reassured me: "I can tell you we're taking steps to make sure it never happens again." And indeed, it would be over 2 years before we would encounter another parent who said Mercy sent them.

1/31/21 Finally a year and a half later I got a call from Mark Fuller SSM VP (Chaplain) offering a sit down. I had persisted all that time in calling the hospital. When I arrived, I discovered the meeting unexpectedly was to include Val, the same "Risk Officer "who was involved from day one. It was not a good sign. And indeed that meeting was more circling the wagons by SSM. No openness to discuss what had actually happened. It was all very legalistic with a comment at the end that if I came up with better "evidence" to call in the future. I explained given the nature of what we're talking about here, abortion, it was unlikely we would ever get any better evidence, especially since in this case we actually had witnesses who were directly involved in this scandal to say nothing of the incriminating language in the medical record which we provided them. I again told them that AB and Ron want to meet with the President but that never happened. Ever.

5 BLANCA M 7/12/2019 I had a long conversation with this mom as she sat in her car behind the alley alongside the Hopeless mill. She was there for an abortion. She was tearful as we talked. Said her brother was a lawyer in KC and aware of what was going on. That she found out her baby had Down Syndrome at SSM DePaul Hospital whose staff referred her to Hopeless to abort her developmentally disabled child. She said she had 2 teenage daughters, was overwhelmed raising them, was embarrassed to be pregnant. She confirmed she was also Catholic and went to Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. I spoke of my work with adults with developmental disabilities and an ex-brother-in-law who had Down Syndrome and about their place in my life. Eventually convinced her to leave instead of going through with the scheduled abortion taking a Defender's of the Unborn business card with her. I also encouraged her to call. She indicated she had changed her mind. We prayed and she drove away. 7/23/2019 She did not call Defenders so I sent her a text to see how she was doing "You're still in my prayers." I texted. Later I was to learn from Blanca that as I sent that text that day she received it while sitting at **SSM St. Mary's** Maternal and Fetal Health Department and that they had just told her that her baby had more serious problems. She said "I was ready for Down Syndrome", that they told her that there was "**NO OTHER OPTION**" than abortion and directly referred her back to the Hopeless mill for an abortion, which she did.

8/12/2019 Mary Maschmeier of Defenders of the Unborn followed up and finds out from Blanca that she aborted the baby.

8/13/2019 I called Blanca and she said "Mary made me feel bad". It was in that conversation that I learned about St. Mary's involvement in the death of her child and she reiterated "They told me there was "NO OTHER OPTION." and "They just referred me to Hope."

8/19/2019 I again called to check up on her.

1/22/2020 My next checkup. I called to see how she was doing, and she said "Thank you I'm pretty good thank you. And yourself?"

6 Niddle aged (45?). She said she was referred by St. Mary's and was told abortion was "**THE ONLY OPTION.**" I again called Sarah Ellis (assistant to the President) and advised her on the phone of what had happened. Was STILL happening. She confirmed all my messages went to President who is "definitely aware." She also referred me to: Val (Risk Coordinator Manager) 314-768-8046 who listened without comment to my report, including my reminder of the other babies referred to Hopeless by SSM St. Mary's.

11/15/19 I was told by the mother's friend who was the driver that they were referred to
 Hopeless by SSM St. Joseph's in St Charles. Said the baby was 18 weeks old and had Trisomy 21. I called St. Joseph's asking for the director of the Maternal and Fetal Health department, was transferred and then put on hold. The phone was picked up and I hear someone say "Doctor" then the phone hangs up. My attempts to call back to that same department went unanswered.

8 10/15/20 The parents were very matter of fact and confirmed that because the mother had high • risk pregnancies, she went to **SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children**. When asked who referred her to Hopeless, dad responded "Cardinal Glennon." I spoke with them along with Angela Michaels who had her mobile medical center there trying to convince them to see our high-risk specialist but they would not accept our help. (See video at <u>https://youtu.be/RZO03L2mJFE</u>).

9 11/20/20 A couple arrived. I was able to film my exchange with the father of the baby who told me they were referred by **SSM** St. Mary's to Hopeless and told abortion was "**the only option**." There is a video of my exchange with the father who sat in a black car maybe 30 feet away.

1/29/21 Sidewalk counselors Peggy Dresden and Nolan Clayton reported encountering a couple who said they were referred to Hopeless for an abortion by SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children.

11 2/6/21 Another **SSM Cardinal Glennon abortion referral**. I had a long conversation with the father. He said the baby was 4 months. Had medical problems (developmentally disabled) and there could be dangers for mom as well, explaining her last childbirth was difficult. He said they wanted this baby - were looking forward to her birth until they met with SSM Cardinal Glennon's Maternal and Fetal Health department that is. He explained he went to Cardinal Glennon because he trusted them because when he was a child they took care of him. He also said the doctor (a male) warned him if they waited until 7 months they would have to go to Colorado for the abortion. He again confirmed they were directly referred to the Hopeless abortion mill to abort their child.

2/19/21 A couple at Hopeless said SSM St. Mary's sent them there for an abortion. No other details.

13. No other information provided.

4/16/21 The driver, a friend of the mother, told me they were referred to Hopeless for an **abortion** by St. Elizabeth's in IL. The mother was "showing" as were all of the moms above which made the presence of the intended victim all the more real to those of us on the front lines.

There were 4 other SSM Catholic hospital abortion referrals to the Hopeless mill reported by Angela Michaels of Small Victories. And one other SSM (St. Clare) Maternal and Fetal Care Department abortion referral reported to John Ryan but not charted.

SSM MATERNAL AND FETAL CARE EXPOSED IN THEIR OWN WORDS

When I first encountered Catholic Hospitals referring for abortions -- the unthinkable -- I was horrified. And hopeful it was the action of a renegade doctor. I can assure you after well over 2 years of referral after referral and incredibly frustrating encounters with various levels of SSM management all the way to the level of VP, this is a pattern of behavior for SSM that has now extended to SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children.

Until now SSM has successfully managed to obfuscate and otherwise hide in the shadows while continuing its involvement in this assault on the disabled. If you doubt that please listen to the recording of a recent conversation with Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Maternal and Fetal Department counselor, Katie and you will better understand the extent of the problem.

When I tell Katie about the abortion referral by her department, notice how instead of being shocked, her focus is immediately and almost solely on who I am and who I'm with. How is she not shocked? Floored. Stunned to hear such a report?

Why does Katie use the language of abortionists "We do know who everyone who comes thru there and who **CHOOSES** to **TERMINATE**"?

And exactly how does SSM confirm ALL those who were killed?

When Katie's asked if Cardinal Glennon direct refers to abortion mills, how is she not able to categorically and emphatically assure me that Cardinal Glennon is not referring developmentally disabled children to abortionists? Why the need to talk to her doctors first?

Listen and learn from SSM, in their own words. <u>https://recordings.tapeacall.com/t/kpVQ95vFEUZk</u> NOTE: The audio has 19-second silent section at the beginning – please wait for the call to start.

MEDICAL RECORDS OF PATIENT AB

Please read very carefully AB's file which she gave to us asking that it be used to help in whatever way possible as they were devastated and angry about SSM St. Mary's treatment of Baby Kaliyah (referring her to be killed) as well as the treatment they received. Some personal history/health information is redacted but AB's name is included because she wants people to know that SHE is the mother who went through this nightmare with SSM. I have the hard copy of her file from that day at St. Mary's, but the file is also in the pages following this one. Please read it, particularly the language they use as THIS is clearly the PRACTICE of SSM hospitals, now including SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Make no mistake about it this is not a "policy" issue, it is the way of doing business for SSM's Maternal and Fetal Health Department.

Comments on the file below:

Page 4 "Management options (sic) including termination and expectant were reviewed."

Page 7 "We discussed that the decision to terminate THE pregnancy (a direct personal reference to killing Baby Kaliyah!) is a personal decision and we will support her and the FOB (father of baby) in whatever she decides."

"Pt and fob expressed desire to return to Hope Clinic for termination. They plan to call Hope (sic) Clinic and reschedule the procedure". AB and Ron vehemently deny this statement which makes no sense given they went to SSM specifically for an ultrasound to help Dr. Danis take care of Kaliyah and her mom.

Page 9 "...we will support her in whatever she decides (termination vs proceeding to term with pregnancy."

I have no doubt that a review of Cardinal Glennon records (SSM can easily redact any identifying information to comply with HIPPA and still be transparent) will include the same kind of language and practice. And THIS is what they are willing to put in print! Thanks to the many parents, including the parents of the three developmentally disabled children referred by Cardinal Glennon to be killed, we know they directly refer for abortions. Note the SSM doctors use the exact same language as the abortionists:

- "Termination" and "management options" in place of abortion
- The baby (in this case Baby Kaliyah) as "the pregnancy"
- The right to choose described by SSM Maternal and Fetal Health Department doctors twice in the record as "we will support her ...IN whatever she decides". This is not some generic support for the parents, it is a support for their decision to have their child dismembered, decapitated, crushed and/or otherwise ruthlessly killed.

This language. This attitude. And this PRACTICE has no place in a Catholic Hospital, much less one that claims to care for the developmentally disabled- and then turns around and identifies and then refers developmentally disabled human beings- the very target of these doctors. Ask yourself how it is possible that even this language/attitude/practice was considered by SSM to be appropriate. And now we know that THIS is also the practice of SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children no less.

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I have the following to add to the plan: Patient considering options including elective termination of pregnancy. Patient and her significant others questions were answered.

Alan Buchbinder, MD MFM

R4 High Risk Obstetrics Clinic Initial Visit

Aberayana Moore 5/13/2019, 12:38 PM

CC: Second opinion

HPI:

20 year old G3P0110 at 19w4d gestation. Dating per 19w4d ultrasound today. Also has had US at Barnes. Estimated Date of Delivery: 10/3/19. Prenatal care with Barnes.

Her pregnancy is complicated by: **Patient Active Problem List**

Diagnosis

Date Noted

- · Supervision of high-risk pregnancy of young
- primigravida
- Priority: Not Prioritized
- Fetal or suspected fetal anencephaly affecting
 - obstetrical care
 - Priority: Not Prioritized

Patient denies cramping/contractions/VB/LOF. Fetal Movement: present.

Patient has been seeing Barnes for prenatal care. Care Everywhere authorization signed and records accessed. She was diagnosed with an encephaly on US 3/27, and counseled on options and met with SW. Patient desired termination and was referred to Hope Clinic. Patient and FOB report they went to Hope Clinic on Friday, but then felt they were not ready to proceed with the procedure and were referred here for a second opinion per their request. Patient and FOB were counseled by Dr. Babbar during US appt today and again by myself and Dr. Buchbinder during her visit. We discussed the poor prognosis for the baby, and that this anomaly is not compatible with life after delivery, with neonatal demise usually a few hours to a few days after birth. We discussed that the decision to terminate the pregnancy is a personal decision and we will support her and the FOB in whatever she decides. Patient and FOB expressed desire to return to Hope Clinic for termination. They plan to call Hope Clinic and reschedule the procedure.

Patient reports right sided mid-back pain. Denies urinary symptoms or fevers.

Obstetrical History:

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History and Physical (continued)

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Physical Exam:

<u>General</u>: alert, cooperative, no distress <u>Lungs</u>: clear to auscultation bilaterally <u>Heart</u>: regular rate and rhythm <u>Abdomen</u>: non-tender <u>Back</u>: no CVA tenderness <u>Extremities</u>: non-tender bilaterally, no edema

Assessment/Plan:

20 year old G3P0110 @ 19w4d

- 1. Supervision of Pregnancy
 - 1. Prenatal care at Barnes
 - 2. Dating: US at Barnes, also had US today
 - 3. CC: Right sided mid-back pain: Appears to be musculoskeletal, no CVA tenderness on exam and
 - denies dysuria or fevers. Flexeril Rx provided, and UA sent.
- 2. Fetal Anencephaly
 - 1. First diagnosed by US at Barnes 3/27.
 - 2. Referred to Hope Clinic and planned for termination, but then wanted a second opinion.
 - Counseled today on poor prognosis and that we will support her in whatever she decides (termination vs proceeding to term with pregnancy).
 - 4. Patient and FOB planning to proceed with termination and will call Hope Clinic. Per notes in Care Everywhere, patient has caseworker from Barnes who is helping her set up with Hope Clinic and with funding assistance.
 - Discussed high dose folic acid supplementation starting 3 months prior to conception in any future pregnancies.
 - 6. Declined genetic screening.
- 3. Asthma
- 1. Stable on Pulmicort BID and Albuterol PRN.
- 4. Questionable h/o heart disease/heart failure
 - 1. Patient reports h/o heart disease since childhood.
 - Per Care Everywhere at Barnes, patient reports that she was born with a "hole in her heart", unsure of any further details. S/p hospitalization when her heart stopped 4x from age 1-4. States she has not seen a cardiologist, no prior procedures.
 - Records from Jackson General Hospital in Jackson, TN obtained by Barnes clinic: chart history of congestive heart failure with no work-up. Per notes mother reported that patient was resuscitated multiple times prior to age 1 for unknown causes.
 - TTE 4/11/19 at Barnes: Normal LV and RV size and systolic and diastolic function, LVEF 65%, with normal est. LV filling pressure. Normal LA, RA, aorta, and IVC. Trace MR. Mild TR and PR. Est. PASP 20-25 mm Hg. No ASD or VSD detected.
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. Treated 2/14, TOC negative 4/4

- 6. H/o IUFD
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2. Per Care Everywhere, records were requested from Jackson, TN and did not receive any OB records. Barrees clinic spoke with hospital and unable to confirm obstetric care.

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Below are some of the claims (including those by SSM) that at first, may seem plausible but are factually and demonstrably untrue. The evidence for the latter is included for each claim.

CLAIM #1: SSM VP McCruden reported to the State Officers of the Knights of Columbus the findings of his one man "investigation" into allegations of referrals that they cannot share any actual "evidence" of their in-house investigation of child abuse of unborn developmentally disabled children because of Federal privacy laws.

As the State Knights of Columbus reported about their meeting with that same SSM employee when reporting to them on the findings of his investigation. "Although he was open and candid with us, he was also obligated to maintain patient confidentiality. Therefore, he could not provide extensive details of the investigation."

FACT: This is factually and demonstrably wrong.

HHS has an entire section on its web page regarding federal privacy rules (HIPPA) devoted to how to redact identifying information from a patient file in order to disclose other information in that file.

De-identification and its Rationale (<u>https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-</u>professionals/privacy/special-topics/de-identification/index.html)

The increasing adoption of health information technologies in the United States accelerates their potential to facilitate beneficial studies that combine large, complex data sets from multiple sources. The process of de-identification, by which identifiers are removed from the health information, mitigates privacy risks to individuals and thereby supports the secondary use of data for comparative effectiveness studies, policy assessment, life sciences research, and other endeavors...

Regardless of the method by which de-identification is achieved, the Privacy Rule does not restrict the use or disclosure of de-identified health information, as it is no longer considered protected health information.

Anyone who works in the health care field, as I have for over 35 years, is required to annually recertify regarding these rules. How is it possible the SSM VP continues to misrepresent those rules?

CLAIM #2: Catholic hospitals are legally mandated to give all "options".

Below is part of an e-mail from an individual who identified herself as a former chaplain for Cardinal Glennon making this oft repeated claim by SSM.

"The truth about the whole issue regarding Cardinal Glennon and abortion has been misconstrued. If you're going to publish something like this, get your facts straight. I was a Catholic chaplain at Glennon for 15 years full time and 10 years part time. Glennon is NOT REFERRING PEOPLE FOR ABORTIONS. Legally, when people come for help you have to give them options, to inform people of their options is not referring people for abortions.

To insinuate that Glennon is doing this is a complete twisting of truth ... to want to withdraw funding from an institution that treats poor children and families is actually shortsighted at best, and actually mean and malicious. Your organization is participating in this way in a form of systematic evil; and quite frankly totally disrespectful of the holy body of God and his people."

It is noteworthy that SSM has claimed this since our first interaction with them about this scandal in 2019. They seek cover in "the law" mandating participation in abortion referrals/options.

FACT: This is factually and demonstrably wrong.

In fact, it is the direct opposite. The law (both federal and state - see below) specifically forbids "hospitals" and 'medical personnel" from being forced to go against his/her/its belief and become involved in abortion in any manner.

HERE IS THE LAW: The federal law in effect since the 1970's as well as current state law providing these protections for hospitals like SSM (as well as their medical personnel) includes that they not be required to even "advise" regarding abortion

Missouri Law_ Title XII PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE 197.032, http://www.revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=197.032)

197.032. Hospitals and medical personnel may refuse abortions — no denial of public benefits for such refusal — civil action, when. — 1. No physician or surgeon, registered nurse, practical nurse, midwife or hospital, public or private, shall be required to treat or admit for treatment any woman for the purpose of abortion if such treatment or admission for treatment is contrary to the established policy of, or the moral, ethical or religious beliefs of, such physician, surgeon, registered nurse, midwife, practical nurse or hospital. No cause of action shall accrue against any such physician, surgeon, registered nurse, midwife, practical nurse, midwife, practical nurse or hospital nurse or hospital on account of such refusal to treat or admit for treatment any woman for abortion purposes.

Federal Law: Interestingly the federal conscience protections (which include protection from being expected to even "accommodate" abortions) have been in effect since the 1970's (42 U.S.C & 300a-7)!

CLAIM #3: The Archdiocese issued a statement the week before the Glennon Sunday Cardinal Glennon collection endorsing the SSM "investigation".

This is an excerpt from the email the Archdiocese sent to all Priests and Deacons in the week leading up to the Glennon Sunday collection. Pay attention to what it actually says about the "investigation". You will see it simply acknowledges that SSM "assures Archbishop Rozanski" that there is no problem. Again, relying upon their own internal "investigation". Nothing else. No ringing endorsement of that "investigation" just that they, like the rest of us, were assured by SSM that nothing happened. There is a reason for the use of such language.

FACT: Here's the part of that weekly message to clergy that includes that statement:

Archbishop Rozanski encourages all to support SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has received concerns regarding some of the medical practices at SSM institutions. **SSM has conducted investigations and assures Archbishop Rozanski that medical care given at SSM institutions is aligned with Church teaching.**

For more than a generation—and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic—SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital has continued to provide exceptional healthcare and reveal the healing presence of God for all of its children and young patients, regardless of their families' ability to pay.

As the new Chairman of the Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation Board of Governors, Archbishop Rozanski wholeheartedly encourages all of the faithful to contribute to the good work that is saving lives through the annual Glennon Sunday campaign.

Please encourage parishioners to give at <u>Glennon.org</u>.

CLAIM #4: These accusations (see EVIDENCE section of this report) do not involve child abuse so the Church requirements for investigating credible reports of child abuse do not apply because the state does not consider abortion to be child abuse.

FACT: Abortion is an objectively violent act (not an idea) that involves the premeditated cold-blooded killing of an innocent unborn child. Because of the advanced age of these victims the act is even more gruesome as these children were all dismembered, decapitated and crushed until dead, their pain receptors long since present and functioning. The allegations (see EVIDENCE section of this report) by more than 16 witnesses (usually couples that the Maternal and Fetal Care Department in at least four different SSM hospitals, including Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children identified their unborn children as developmentally disabled and referred them to the Hopeless abortion mill to be killed. If THAT is not child abuse, nothing is.

By now many have reviewed the report (see EVIDENCE section of this report) and concluded the accusations are at least "credible" the standard for all identified child abuse allegations which require the accused (in this case the Maternal and Fetal Care department) to be relieved of duties pending an INDEPENDENT, comprehensive and transparent investigation. Under no circumstance is the accused allowed to do their own hidden "investigation."

A brother Knight brought to his pastor's attention the extensive evidence that area Catholic hospitals, mostly SSM Hospitals Maternal and Fetal Health Departments and most recently SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children have been directly referring parents of identified developmentally disabled unborn children to Hopeless abortion mill in Granite City to be killed! His pastor agreed to review the extensive report (see EVIDENCE section of this report) substantiating these allegations. The pastor spoke to his parishioner the next day and told him he was so appalled and convicted by the evidence presented that he immediately contacted other pastors and shared that same file and that their conclusions ranged from the evidence was plausible (credible) to definite.

That pastor identified this as child abuse of the highest order and noted that as such the same standard of response applied by the church to credible reports of child abuse be applied here. That standard requires that the accused (in this case the SSM Maternal and Fetal Care Departments, particularly SSM Cardinal Glennon, be shuttered pending the results of an independent and comprehensive investigation. In the meantime, he said he also contacted Cardinal Glennon and advised them his parish would not participate in the Glennon Sunday collection until and unless these steps are taken and the scandal resolved.

The dark days of the Church abuse history of the past, utilizing in-house "investigations" of such child abuse accusations, is supposed to be long over. It is reasonable to ask, why does SSM repeatedly resort to the long-discredited process of in house "investigations" (secrecy, which you will recall actually helped perpetuate the abuse scandal in the Church for decades)? None of us wants to think about Catholic hospitals being involved in abortion referrals. It is so contrary to our sense of the Church. Of course, most of us were likewise shocked decades ago by the previous abuse scandal in the Church when it came to our attention. It seemed unthinkable. By the time we finally opened our eyes to that child abuse scandal it was decades old. We have no idea how long this child abuse has been happening but it's well past time to find out. And put an end to the unthinkable: Catholic hospitals involved in the abortion referrals.

CLAIM #5: It is not believable that Catholic Hospitals are referring developmentally disabled unborn children to an abortion mill because none of the witnesses or other facts are available.

FACT: First, keep in mind, SSM responded to the 17 different reports (see EVIDENCE section of this report) by at least 16 different witnesses of abortion referrals by the Maternal and Fetal Care department of SSM in at least four of its hospitals with SSM VP McCruden's report to the Knights and the Archdiocese claiming to have cleared ALL the accusations (gave SSM a clean bill of health). It was those 16+ different witnesses whose individual reports over the past three years uncovered this scandal which led to this moment. It was their eyewitness reports that specifically implicated SSM in abortion referrals for developmentally disabled unborn children who were sent there by SSM Maternal and Fetal Care department to be killed. It is their eyewitness reports -- every one of them -- that SSM insists we are to discount. Every one of them are lying but SSM VP McCruden is telling the truth?

Second, Aberayana Moore, one of those eyewitnesses (Baby Kaliyah, #2 in the original report) when approached confirmed that SSM VP McCruden did not interview her for his investigation. Aberayana, the one readily available witness is completely ignored. How is that possible? This is the same witness who has now added a sworn affidavit to her original report (see attached). Will those who discount this mother likewise swear an affidavit?

We are therefore asked to ignore the available eyewitness and discount the unavailable eyewitnesses? What kind of "investigation" does that?

Third, Aberayana made public her actual patient file from the day SSM doctors attempted to coerce her into aborting her baby for all to see. She insisted that she wanted her name left on the document to honor her child, who SSM doctors repeatedly tried to get her to change her mind and instead go back to the Hopeless abortion mill to have killed. Keep in mind that patient file is still publicly available for all to see (see that section of this document). In that file you will read SSM doctors, in their own words:

- refer to the violent act of abortion as a "treatment option"
- consistently use the language of abortionists referring to abortion as "termination"
- confirm they "reviewed" abortion with "the patient"
- that they "support" her "IN" the decision to have her baby killed
- and then add in that report that the couple, who were referred to them **because they had changed their mind** about abortion, says nothing of that, but claim she now wanted to abort the baby they had since named (Kaliyah). Aberayana swears that is a bold face lie.

Aberayana's affidavit, contained later in this report, corroborates it was the SSM doctors' mission that day after confirming that Baby Kaliyah was developmentally disabled, to convert them back to aborting Kaliyah. It is that "lie" to use Aberayana's word that motivated her to persist for over two years in seeking "justice for baby Kaliyah".

The affidavit Aberayana swore detailing the whole shocking affair in great detail provides details that further show this claim is false: How she swears she was harassed repeatedly by both SSM doctors because she wouldn't agree to abort baby Kaliyah. That they insisted repeatedly that abortion was "the best option", "the best decision". That they double-teamed her to try to get her to change her mind. That they continued that harassment right down the hallway as they retreated from that nightmare. Aberayana's SSM nightmare gives us a look behind the curtain SSM uses to hide what actually goes on inside its Maternal and Fetal Care department.

Fourth, another glimpse behind that curtain is the recording of the conversation between SSM Maternal and Fetal Care department counselor Katie and John Ryan in which the former, when asked if her doctors are directly referring mothers to abortion mills falls strangely silent, never does answer that question, and instead says she will first need to check with her doctors before she can answer that question. Seriously? How is it possible that ANY Catholic hospital employee cannot easily and readily answer that question? Unless of course the answer is "yes," and that employee is too honest to lie but wants to keep her job. Listen for yourself: <u>https://recordings.tapeacall.com/t/kpVQ95vFEUZk_NOTE</u>: The audio has 19-second silent section at the beginning – please wait for the call to start.

Then of course there is Katie's failure to call back with the answer as she promised in that call, and the recording of the call when John Ryan calls back for that information and the SSM Maternal and Fetal Care department clerk when she realizes who it is talking over him in midsentence and hanging up on him.

Finally, is the decision of SSM to "investigate" itself and hide all the "evidence" behind the factually wrong claim that federal law prohibits them from sharing that "evidence" seeming to take shelter in the concept of plausible deniability. How many files look just like Aberayana Moore's and how far back does this scandal actually go? We will never know until an independent, outside, comprehensive and transparent investigation is completed and steps taken to ensure what happened to these 16 babies (and how many more?) never happens again. And similar investigations are completed of all Catholic hospitals involved in the practice of testing unborn children for developmental disabilities.

This is the response SSM is STILL sending out to those who inquire about the scandal. Pay attention to the SSM VP "investigator" basing SSM's refusal to provide even one shred of actual evidence on his complete misrepresentation of Federal privacy laws.

One might ask, so who is lying?

From: McCruden, Patrick < Patrick.McCruden@ssmhealth.com> **Subject:** Allegations against SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

Please allow me to begin by saying how very much we appreciate your support – financial and otherwise – of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Because of you, we are able to provide healing to tens of thousands of children each year. Our clinicians and other dedicated employees simply could not do what they do, without you in their corner.

I understand you've recently encountered allegations that Cardinal Glennon providers have advised women they should terminate pregnancies. That is the sort of accusation we take very seriously. We have thoroughly investigated these claims and found them baseless. It's important to underscore one fundamental point: <u>Neither abortion nor referral for abortion is permitted at SSM Health</u>. It is prohibited within the Ethical and Religious Directives for Health Care Services and is antithetical to who we are as an organization.

I won't speculate on the motives of a person or group who spread untruths about our Catholic children's hospital, or why this same person has similarly attacked other Catholic hospitals in the past. Federal privacy laws, which provide important safeguards for our patients' personal information, prevent us from providing evidence that would refute these false accusations. I can say, however, that these allegations could undermine the legacy and integrity of Cardinal Glennon's Catholic Mission of healing. When that legacy is damaged, one potential outcome is reduction of donor funding. In that sense, you could say these false allegations threaten the sustainability of Catholic pediatric care in our community, which I consider unconscionable. That is why your continued support is so vital to our continued service.

SSM Health will continue to educate our physicians and staff about the Ethical and Religious Directives to ensure care in accordance with our Mission and Catholic heritage and principles. Thank you for doing your part to preserve that care. If there is anything I can do to be of further help, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Peace,

Patrick

COMMUNICATIONS

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LETTER TO BROTHER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION APRIL 23, 2021

My name is John Ryan. I am a 4th Degree Knight, Eureka Council 03511. I am also the Council Pro-Life Chair. I have been involved in pro-life work since shortly after the Supreme Courts infamous Roe and Doe companion decisions in January of 1973. Since 1980 my focus has been at the abortion mills, directly intervening with abortion bound parents.

A little over a month ago, on March 5th, 2021, a mom and dad arrived at the Hopeless abortion mill in Granite City IL, reporting that they were sent there by SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children to abort their developmentally disabled child. Yet the latest in a long series of reported abortion referrals by SSM hospitals (and other Catholic hospitals) extending back to 2018 (see below).

When I first encountered this (Catholic Hospitals referring for abortions- the unthinkable), I was horrified. And hopeful it was the action of a renegade doctor. I can assure you after well over 2 years of frustrating encounters with various levels of SSM management all the way to the level of VP, this is a pattern of behavior for SSM that has now extended to SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children. Until now SSM has successfully managed to obfuscate and otherwise hide in the shadows while continuing its involvement in this assault on the disabled. If you doubt that please listen to the recording of a recent conversation with Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Maternal and Fetal Department counselor, Katie and you will better understand the extent of the problem:

<u>https://recordings.tapeacall.com/t/kpVQ95vFEUZk</u> NOTE: The audio has 19-second silent section at the beginning – please wait for the call to start.

I also have three video clips of parents at the Hopeless abortion mill who reported they were sent by SSM hospitals.

Because we are a Catholic fraternal organization, to say nothing of our commitment to promoting the Culture of Life and serving developmentally disabled children like those abandoned to abortionists by such Catholic Hospitals, we Knights have a special responsibility to confront this scandal. In addition, because of the Knights of Columbus' unique relationship with SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children in our Developmental Center, the Knights actually have leverage to force SSM to end to this scandal, where this individual Knight could not.

As Knights we owe it to these 14 victims identified by eyewitnesses as victims, and their peers in danger today, to confront this scandal. I stand ready to serve this mission in whatever way needed and look forward to a robust and full-throated commitment by the Knights to this work.

Edited for clarity

REGISTERED LETTER TO SSM PRESIDENT

6/22/2021

President/CEO Laura S Kaiser,

My name is John Ryan, I spend my Friday and Saturday mornings at the Hopeless abortion mill in Granite City, IL attempting to rescue unborn children from the unthinkable. In that capacity, over the past three plus years I and two other "sidewalk counselors" have encountered no less than 17 parents who reported they were sent there for abortions by SSM's Maternal and Fetal Care department at several of your hospitals. I am saddened and extremely disappointed that a great Catholic Health Care institution like SSM, when confronted with extensive reports of abortion referrals in at least 4 of its hospitals, continues to hide behind a closed in-house investigation by one of its own VP's. The result is that that scandal continues to spin out of control. I have forwarded all the appropriate information regarding these credible reports of child abuse to SSM administration for over three years. I am hopeful that perhaps you were not aware of this scandal and that upon learning of the included details will do the right thing and insist that the expected standard for credible child abuse accusations be followed: the accused (in this case the Maternal and Fetal Care department at at least 4 of your hospitals), be relieved of duties pending an independent, comprehensive and transparent investigation of that department as well as an investigation of SSM leadership's mishandling of this scandal. I have included a good deal of background information including the sworn affidavit and supporting passed polygraph of one of the moms involved in this scandal: Aberayana Moore'.

I am shocked that SSM was allowed to use a complete fabrication (the VP's repeated claim that federal law precluded SSM from providing "any evidence" to support their findings) to leave everyone in the dark. Much less that SSM was allowed to do an exclusively in-house "investigation" of these allegations of their involvement in child abuse of the highest order. There is a good reason that that in-house investigations of credible reports of child abuse are no longer permitted. It is noteworthy that the SSM VP, who conducted this closed in-house "investigation" of the 17 incidents of developmentally disabled unborn children being sent by its doctors to the Hopeless abortion mill in Granite City to be dismembered, crushed and decapitated until dead, also repeatedly claimed to have cleared **ALL** the accusations.

That would include Aberayana Moore, the one mom who from the beginning, over 2 years ago, came forward and exposed the coercion she experienced at the hands of SSM doctors in SSM's Maternal and Fetal Care department at St. Mary's. Included you will find a copy of her sworn affidavit detailing her nightmarish experience with SSM doctors. As well as the results of her polygraph which directly contradicts the SSM VP's claim that *"To be explicitly clear: SSM Health care providers, including those at Cardinal Glennon, do not recommend or refer for abortion."* (Letter from Missouri Knights of Columbus after meeting with the SSM VP).

Clearly there needs to be an independent, outside and completely transparent investigation of these allegations with the accused to be relieved of duty pending the results. I am once again calling for that. As well as an independent investigation into the way SSM leadership, and others mis-handled these credible accusations of child abuse for at least the past few years. So this never happens again.

Please take the time to review the information in the attached files. Aberayana is ready, willing and able to meet with you, although I believe her sworn affidavit and polygraph results (which confirm SSM tried to direct refer them to abort Kaliyah at the Hope abortion mill by name), and her file (I also have a release she signed so the Archdiocese can directly obtain her file from that day from St. Mary's) are more than enough actual evidence of the practices of SSM. Add to that the audio tape of SSM Maternal and Fetal Health department counselor Katie's response to my question as to whether her doctors are referring mothers to abortion mills on top of well over 16 witnesses that have already weighed in and I think you will agree there is more than enough information to satisfy the criterion for "credible" reports of child abuse.

Additional correspondence included with this letter: Aberayana's Polygraph Results; her Sworn Affidavit; and important Background information, as well as an additional extensive file included in an e-mail sent to you this day, 6/22/21 including all of the documents as well as the extensive Knights of Columbus Audio/video of Cardinal Glennon abortion referral and details of 14 victims.

Perhaps the most discouraging and disturbing part of this scandal has been the response of those in authority to these credible reports. SSM, my dear Knights of Columbus and even our Archdiocese immediately assumed a defensive posture. Published their collective opinions before so much as a return call/e-mail to me, the person who collected and reported evidence that Catholic hospitals, mostly SSM hospitals, were identifying developmentally disabled unborn children and then direct referring those parents (coercing Aberayana and we don't know how many more) to the Hope abortion mill for their child to be dismembered, decapitated and crushed until dead! Rallying around an in-house investigation by an SSM VP (employee) who fraudulently claimed federal law prohibited him from providing even one shred of evidence to those organizations to support his findings. None. Just his word that nothing happened.

I am confident that had instead, even common courtesy been extended and my original calls/emails answered before anyone sat down with the SSM VP, we would not be in the position we are in now. But all is not lost. I hope and pray that THIS information will move SSM to do the right thing. Insist on an independent, outside, comprehensive and transparent investigation of the practices of the Maternal and Fetal Care department of all SSM hospitals as well as into the response of SSM (from corporate down to the Maternal and Fetal Care department) to these reports. And as in all instances of credible reports of such child abuse, the staff of the Maternal and Fetal Care department be relieved of duty pending the outcome of that investigation. Anything less would dishonor Aberayana, baby Kaliyah and all the unborn children and parents who were involved in this horror.

As previously noted, I remain ready to "meet" in person (I've long since had all my covid shots) via tele-conference, on the phone- whatever works best for you, to work together to finally appropriately address this matter and end this scandal.

God bless,

John P. Ryan (636-448-6113)

REGISTERED LETTER TO ARCHBISHOP ROZANSKI

6/22/2021

Your Excellency,

I am saddened and extremely disappointed that my repeated requests to meet with you (in person, zoom, phone) to discuss the Catholic hospital abortion referral scandal went unanswered. Particularly since there have been additional reports of abortion referrals by Catholic hospitals since you were installed in our Archdiocese. The result is that the scandal continues to spin out of control. I am again requesting an opportunity to meet together to discuss what needs to be done. In the meantime, I put together this update in hopes of clarifying the absurd amount of misinformation that has been put forth by SSM in an attempt to cover up, instead of address this scandal.

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Please take the time to review the information in the attached files. Aberayana is ready, willing and able to meet with you, although I believe her sworn affidavit and polygraph results (which confirm SSM tried to direct refer them to abort Kaliyah at the Hope abortion mill by name), and her file (I also have a release she signed so the Archdiocese can directly obtain her file from that day from St. Mary's) are more than enough actual evidence of the practices of SSM. Add to that the audio tape of SSM Maternal and Fetal Health department counselor Katie's response to my question as to whether her doctors are referring mothers to abortion mills on top of over 16 witnesses that have already weighed in and I think you will agree there is more than enough information to satisfy the criterion for "credible" reports of child abuse.

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As previously noted, I remain ready to "meet" in person (I've long since had all my covid shots) via tele-conference, on the phone- whatever works best for you, to work together to finally appropriately address this matter.

God bless,

John P. Ryan

REGISTERED LETTER TO MISSOURI STATE DEPUTY

6/22/2021

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God bless,

John P. Ryan (636-448-6113)

EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY UNDER OATH

SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF EYEWITNESS ABERAYANA MOORE

AFFIDAVIT

State of Missouri

SS.

County of ST. CHARLES)

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in and for the state of Missouri, on this day, personally appeared, Aberayana Moore, to me known to be, and who, after being duly sworn, on her oath stated the following facts to be true and accurate:

My name is Aberayana Moore.

On Friday morning 5/10/2019 my boyfriend Ron and I went to Hope (Clinic for Women) in Granite City IL upon referral for an abortion there from Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Barnes even provided us a ride.

Barnes did an ultrasound and told us my baby would not live and recommended abortion.

Before entering Hope Clinic, John Ryan, a sidewalk counselor, asked that we reconsider aborting our baby, and after talking to him, we agreed. He was able to connect us with Dr. Dixon's office immediately in order that we could save our baby.

Dr. Michael Dixon's office scheduled an appointment 3 days later (5/13/2019) with St. Mary's Maternal and Fetal Care department in St. Louis for an ultrasound to learn more about our baby.

We were told by Hope's security guard that Barnes would cancel our ride home (in St. Louis) because we changed our minds about the abortion. Defenders of the Unborn took care of our ride home.

The next Monday, 5/13/2019, we went to SSM St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis for the scheduled ultrasound. We had already decided against abortion and came expecting to learn more about our baby and begin our care with Dr. Dixon.

We were shocked when, after the ultrasound, the St. Mary's doctors told us that abortion "is the best option" and tried to refer us right back to Hope to kill my baby. They always used the word "termination" but we knew it meant abortion. We met with a woman and a man, first separately. The man was medium height, fat, with greyish hair, and he had a Jewish skull cap on with Bobbie pins. The woman wore glasses, had dark hair, medium height, with a mole on the left side of her cheek. Her name is Dr. Sruti Surugucchi.

When I met with the Dr. Surugucchi alone, she right away kept saying over and over again, that abortion was "the best option." She wouldn't take no for an answer. The man waited until we all met together to start saying that abortion was "the best option." When they met with us together, they each insisted that abortion was the "best option." They each said it over and over again. When we wouldn't agree, the man said 'I'm going to give you guys time to make a decision, time to think about it, and they left us in the room for a while, and then came back in. We came to St. Mary's after changing our minds about abortion. I was actually looking forward to getting to know more about my baby. We had even already named her: Kaliyah. What St. Mary's doctors were doing made me mad. I thought it was a Catholic hospital. Why did John Ryan send us to these people I thought? At no time in the meeting did Ron or I say we were even thinking about abortion. It was all their idea. We came to St. Mary's after changing our minds about abortion and they were trying to send us back there. Saying it was "the best option". I was so upset.

When he came back in, he said that abortion was the "best decision" for me to make. And she started pushing it again. They started with the same pressure, both insisting that abortion was "the best option." I was so angry I just shut down. I was mad. There was no decision to make. Finally, the man said that he would just get the paperwork together and said no more. She kept pushing abortion, even when we left, as we walked down the hall, she kept telling me that abortion "was best." She was still trying to talk me into it. I just wanted to get out of there. I was hurt and confused that the doctors would recommend we abort Kaliyah who by then was 19 weeks and 4 days old. We were glad to get out of there.

We later learned that John Ryan called SSM St. Mary's and spoke with the Director of that department, Sarah Vickhoff (314-768-8951), and he told her that my doctors had tried to pressure us into abortion and even tried to refer us back to Hope. He said she didn't sound at all surprised or shocked and immediately told him he would have to talk to Valerie Dicus, the Risk Officer for St. Mary's. She also, did not sound surprised or shocked.

We heard nothing back from SSM St. Mary's so the following Friday, 5/17/2019 Ron, John Ryan and I returned to SSM St. Mary's to get a copy of my record and ask to speak with them about what happened to us. We got a copy of my file, but they said they didn't have the ultrasounds pictures. When we got the file, we sat in the Hospital lobby. The file said we "desired" abortion. Both of us were immediately angry. They lied. We never said that.

We were shocked and angry that my record included lies. It didn't include all the efforts they made to try to get me to agree to go back to Hope for an abortion. I was really angry when I read they wrote that we "desire" abortion. Why would they lie like that? I kept saying no, and she kept telling me it was the best. Neither Ron nor I could believe that they would put lies in my record. Nothing could be further from the truth. It was SSM St. Mary's doctors who desired and recommended abortion, not us. They harassed and intimidated us.

We immediately went to the hospital clerk and asked to meet with the Hospital President since the people we were dealing with were not believable. We were being lied to, and he needed to know. We wanted to show him my file and tell him what really happened. We assumed he didn't know and would want to know and could help us. We were asked to wait which we did.

Within a few minutes a man who said he was the acting nursing supervisor approached us. We told him the same story and that we wanted to meet with the Hospital President. He asked us to wait and sometime later Valerie Dicus approached. She said she was with Risk Management and we had to go through the whole story yet again. She said nothing about her previous conversation on the phone with John Ryan. We gave her a lot of detail about what happened in the Maternal and Fetal Care department the previous Friday. She also showed no shock or surprise. She only reacted when John described in detail how they abort babies the age of my Kaliyah. Her face got all twisted. We made it clear to her that at no time did we even talk about abortion as an "option", and we were offended when two of her doctor's promoted it.

John Ryan pointed out to Valerie that my file repeatedly indicated that her doctors would "support" abortion. Worse, they told us to return to Hope to abort Kaliyah. He told her that goes against Catholic teaching. She said nothing.

I did not feel listened to by Valerie. She was just taking notes. When John Ryan again informed her that we wanted to meet with the President, she told us, "That would have to go through me." and refused our request. I felt hurt, ignored, and angry, so we left. To this day, we have not heard back from SSM.

We also filed a complaint with the Board of Healing Arts asking that they investigate the lies in my record by the SSM doctors as well as the way we were treated by them. We did not hear back on that either.

My concerns from the beginning were not only the way I was being treated, but more importantly the way my daughter Kaliyah was treated by this hospital from the beginning. It reminded me of how Barnes treated us. That mistreatment goes all the way to the top of SSM.

I have not given up on honoring my baby girl by finally having her story heard by SSM management, and I worry how many other mothers have been harassed as we were by the Maternal and Fetal Care department since then, especially when our attempts to warn SSM of what was happening have been completely ignored to this day.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of , 2021.



Notary Pub

My Commission Expires:

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF EYEWITNESS ABERAYANA MOORE

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PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

June 15, 2021

RE: Aberayana Moore

On June 15, 2021 at approximately 8:55 a.m., Aberayana Moore arrived at our office, located at 16024 Manchester Road, Ellisville, Missouri (St. Louis County), to voluntarily submit to a polygraph examination.

I presented Ms. Moore with a Polygraph Examination Interview, Consent and Release form which she read and signed.

Prior to the polygraph, Ms. Moore and I discussed the polygraph operation and examination procedure.

During the question review, I addressed the following questions with Ms. Moore, and she indicated she would have no problems with these questions.

- 1. In 2019, did a male doctor at St. Mary's Hospital recommend an abortion stating "termination is the best option"?
- 2. In 2019, did a female doctor at St. Mary's Hospital recommend an abortion stating "termination is the best option" and then "termination is the best decision"?
- 3. In 2019, did a female doctor at St. Mary's Hospital name Hope Clinic as the place to go for "the termination"?

During the polygraph examination, **The Limestone Technologies computerized software program** was utilized to obtain four (4) charts with three (3) relevant questions and three (3) suitable control / comparison questions in an **AFMGQT (DLC) Technique**. It shall be noted that the polygraph instrument simultaneously monitors and records cardio responses, thoracic and abdominal respiration patterns, and electro dermal activity within the human body. Page 2

The three (3) relevant questions, and Ms. Moore's responses to each question, are as follows:

R4. In 2019, did a male doctor at St. Mary's Hospital recommend an abortion stating "termination is the best option"?

Response: YES

R6. In 2019, did a female doctor at St. Mary's Hospital recommend an abortion stating "termination is the best option" and then "termination is the best decision"?

Response: YES

R8. In 2019, did a female doctor at St. Mary's Hospital name Hope Clinic as the place to go for "the termination"? **Response: YES**

Examination Results:

After the polygraph examination was completed the four (4) charts were scored with the OSS© Computerized Objective Scoring System – Version 3 and the Probability

Analysis scoring algorithm. The analysis of the four (4) charts obtained was "No Significant Reactions". Based upon the results of the computerized scoring, the final determination is No Deception Indicated. **Ms. Moore did pass her polygraph examination.**

Sincerely,

Tim Hora

Tim Flora Certified / Licensed Polygraph Examiner

CONCLUSION

In the end this scandal is clearly not the act of a renegade doctor. There are too many hospitals and actors involved over an extended period of time for that to be a feasible explanation.

The common elements include:

- the accused as members of the Maternal and Fetal Care departments of the respective Catholic hospitals
- the targeting of developmentally disabled human beings for a most horrific death
- a complete failure of leadership (inside and outside those hospitals) to oversee the offending department and to respond once the evidence was presented
- and a response, by SSM in particular, that can only be described as a shameful selfserving cover-up. A cover-up that continues even as you read this report.

Because of the failure of leadership, this scandal will only be fixed by a grass roots effort. Which means you the reader are what will make this happen.

- By educating yourself regarding the facts, which presumably you have now done.
- By spreading this information far and wide and encouraging all to do likewise.
- And by contacting the leadership involved (the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Knights of Columbus, SSM -- in particular Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children on behalf of the developmentally disabled victims of this scandal) and insisting they fulfill their basic responsibility as leaders.

Fundamentally we must expect leadership to use their respective authority and leverage (bully pulpit at the very least) to insist upon an independent, outside, comprehensive, and genuinely transparent investigation, while standing down the members of the accused Maternal and Fetal Care departments, pending the outcome of that investigation. And to insist upon an additional outside investigation of the cover-up which sustained this scandal for over three years and counting.

Should you get discouraged, or sense your efforts are making no difference, think of the known (and unknown) victims of this abhorrent practice and remember it is on their behalf and in their memory (as well as for their peers who remain in danger today) that we act. May God continue to bless our efforts on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves: the images of God in our midst.

EPILOGUE

Council Letter to State Knights

Catholic Hospital Abortion Referrals Continue

A Call for More Evidence

COUNCIL LETTER TO STATE KNIGHTS

For over three years, a battle has been waged on the sidewalks of the Granite City abortion mill. This battle is over the scandal of area Catholic hospitals, particularly SSM and including SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children, direct referring developmentally disabled unborn children to be killed. Information about that scandal has been suppressed, which has only made it grow worse.

Please sign and submit the following petition to our State Officers calling for an independent and transparent investigation of this scandal, & once submitted e-mail <u>jptryan@hotmail.coml</u> with council # and date submitted.

In re: the reports of Catholic hospital abortion referrals, the Knights of Columbus Council:

- Having reviewed the evidence of Catholic hospital abortion referrals, including at least three such referrals by SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children;
- Aware that the evidence involving multiple witnesses has been gathered and presented by a brother Knight in good standing who comes highly recommended by brother Knight Bishop Joseph Coffey;
- With full knowledge that each of these victims were targeted for abortion **because** of their identified developmental disability;
- Aware that what abortionists did (and do) to such victims is clearly child abuse of the highest order, and finding the evidence provided in that report at least credible evidence of such child abuse;
- Aware of our own unique commitment to the Developmentally Disabled- including fundraising on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center located at SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children- one of the accused hospitals;
- Having reviewed the report from our Worthy State Deputy that an SSM VP told the Knights that he "personally" investigated the accusations against SSM (17 documented to date), and cleared SSM of any wrongdoing, but declined to provide **any** "evidence" to substantiate his findings;
- Aware that claim by that SSM VP that he could not provide evidence is demonstrably false as per the U.S. Health and Human Services website which gives specific procedures for providing evidence;
- We therefore have no confidence is such an in-house "investigation" including demonstrably false information to hide the evidence;
- Conclude that it is necessary now more than ever that SSM follow the identified procedures for investigating such credible reports of child abuse: the accused (the Maternal and Fetal Care departments) to be relieved of duties pending the results of an independent, outside, comprehensive and transparent investigation;

Do hereby call upon the Missouri State Knights of Columbus to:

- Spearhead an immediate effort to confront SSM (particularly Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children) insisting they follow established standards for investigating credible reports of child abuse by submitting to an independent, outside, comprehensive and transparent investigation of credible reports of child abuse and make the findings of that investigation publicly available.
- Take the necessary steps to ensure that the report "Evidence of SSM Catholic Hospital Abortion Referrals, Including SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children be forwarded to all members of the State Knights of Columbus for review.

That this could ever happen at Catholic Hospitals is shocking and reason enough for action. That the targets are developmentally disabled human beings is a particular affront to everything we believe as Catholic Knights. And the coverup destroys all credibility for the accused. We await a swift and decisive response from our state officers.

CATHOLIC HOSPITAL ABORTION REFERRALS CONTINUE

On June 29th, 2021, the 21st reported developmentally disabled unborn child referred to the Granite City abortion mill by a Catholic Hospital (Mercy Maternal and Fetal Care department) succumbed to "her" wounds.

A CALL FOR MORE EVIDENCE

Whether you are the parents, family, friends, medical staff/employees, if you have information regarding the cases reported here or others (current or past), please e-mail <u>jptryan@hotmail.com</u> (subject: SCANDAL) as soon as possible. If you prefer, call Defenders of the Unborn: 314-346-9052. Your report could be the one that finally breaks the back of this cover-up. Protect our developmentally disabled who remain in grave danger.

Please follow Aberayana's courageous example.