

# The Spark of Life ~ La Chispa de la Vida



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**Pope Francis: 'Abortion is more than a problem. Abortion is homicide.'**

## Pro-life Woman Conceived In Rape Explains Why She's Running For US Senate

([LifeSiteNews](#)) — Many candidates for political office like to tell voters that they're *different*, but when it comes to Kathy Barnette, there may actually be some truth to the statement. A Republican, Barnette is running for an open U.S. Senate seat in Pennsylvania in a race that's anticipated to be among the most competitive (and expensive) of the 2022 midterm elections. If she wins, she'll hold several notable distinctions: Pennsylvania's first ever female U.S. senator; only the 10th woman ever to have served in both the Military and in Congress; and the first black Republican female U.S. senator in American history. But Barnette doesn't allow any of these traits alone to define her. "The color of my skin is the least interesting thing about me," she told me during a recent one-on-one interview. "I have lived a very full life."

Born in rural Alabama and raised in a home without insulation or running water, young Kathy learned the harsh realities of poverty early on in life. "I grew up in dire poverty, and yet, by the grace of God, I was able to carve out a life for myself," she expressed with pride but also humility. "It is my lived experience."

Her mother, Mamie Jo, who was only eleven years old when she became pregnant, was a victim of rape, the gravity of which Barnette did not fully grasp until later on in life when she sought out her birth certificate to register for the Army Reserves, where she served for ten years.

Nonetheless, the circumstances surrounding her conception have played a monumental role in the development of Barnette's own sense of personhood. "I did not become ardently pro-life because I inherited it from my grandparents," she explained, "I arrived at this point of being very strong in my support of life because it's a part of my own personal journey, and to deny that life in the womb would be in large part to deny myself, to have self-hate."

"I think that sometimes, as pro-lifers, we believe we have to convert people right on the spot, but life is more complicated than that," Barnette told me. "By the power of telling our stories and my story, specifically — because that's the kind of culture in which we live in now, one that responds to stories that are told convincingly

— people begin to reprioritize.

## March for Life 2022 Theme: Equality Begins in the Womb

March for Life President Jeanne Mancini announced the theme at a press conference on Wednesday at the Heritage Foundation's headquarters on Capitol Hill. She explained the new theme, by arguing that the notion of equality originates from the principle of the inherent dignity of every human being, which was recognized by America's founding fathers and is still recognized everywhere in America today. "Everywhere, that is, except in the womb," she wrote.

Will you join with the Knights of Columbus in defying this evil which has swept our nation? Join our bus trip to the Washington March for Life. The bus will leave from the Immaculate Conception parking lot in Forest City after midnight on the 21<sup>st</sup> and return early Saturday morning the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 55 seats and if we fill them all the roundtrip cost will be about \$85.00. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

500,000+ Marchers in the 2019 March for Life in 1 minute time lapse video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80fs4MCIWC4>

Why it's called the Spark of Life <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUFzWB9511A>



FROM: THE JUSTICE FOUNDATION 10/29/21. This is an extremely critical time at the U.S. Supreme Court. This weekend and this month the Supreme Court will be reading many briefs that deal with the Texas Heartbeat law and

whether or not that law should be stopped from continuing in effect until there is a full decision on the merits. Right now, the Texas law has been in effect 59 days and it has saved countless babies' lives and has saved many women from the "devastating psychological consequences" of abortion, as the Supreme Court itself has admitted in its *Casey* decision.

**The Supreme Court will be hearing Oral Argument in this case this coming Monday, November 1st, at 10:00am Eastern Standard Time.** You may be able to watch the Oral Argument live on C-SPAN or you can hear the audio live on the Supreme Court website at 10:00am Eastern Standard Time. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUPREME COURT THIS WEEKEND, INCLUDING HALLOWEEN. PRAY ON THE DAY OF ORAL ARGUMENT AND THE FOLLOWING MONTH UNTIL THE DECISION IS OUT.**

Here is the information that is on the Supreme Court website:

"The Court will convene for an argument session in the Courtroom at 10 a.m. The Justices will hear two oral arguments. As a public health precaution, the Courtroom will be closed to the public, but an audio feed will be live-streamed and the audio will be available on the Court's website later in the day. The cases to be heard that day:

Oral Arguments: Monday, November 1

Whole Woman's Health v. Jackson (21-463)

United States v. Texas (21-588)"

**THE JUSTICE FOUNDATION NEW CLIENTS**

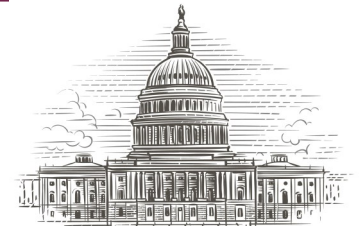
**410 TEXAS WOMEN INJURED BY ABORTION, MELISSA OHDEN AND ABORTION SURVIVORS NETWORK, AND CREATED EQUAL**

The Justice Foundation has filed a new, expedited (short notice-shorter deadlines) brief on behalf of its new clients in the Texas Heartbeat case, which was prepared in five days on an emergency basis and filed October 27th, just before 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Please pray for our clients. We represent **410 Texas Women Injured By Abortion**. We represent Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor and the Founder of the Abortion Survivors Network. This is the first time that abortion survivors have filed a brief in any court, much less the U.S. Supreme Court. We also represent Created Equal which shows graphic images of aborted children to expose the truth of what abortion really is.

**Thus, the brief represents, for the first time in American history,** women injured by abortion uniting with children who providentially survived an abortion, and pictures of the aborted children who did not survive abortion. **WARNING: I urge you to read the brief, but there is a warning in the brief; that graphic pictures will be shown on page 19, 20 and 21.** If you would like to read the brief, a copy can be emailed to you. Contact: Penny Watkins at [pjwlmg@gmail.com](mailto:pjwlmg@gmail.com).

**December 1:** Supreme Court case *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which will rule on the constitutionality of the Mississippi heartbeat law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Though to be first heard on December 1st, the decision will not be

**FYI:** In a desperate attempt to keep raking in taxpayer dollars, Planned Parenthood is spreading lies to mask its life-ending business as "healthcare." For example, Planned Parenthood publicly claims to provide prenatal care. But when a pregnant woman investigated this claim, ninety-four of the ninety-seven facilities she called refused to help her. "Planned Parenthood offers abortions so they don't offer prenatal care," admitted one employee from Tempe, Arizona. Another employee from Merrillville, Indiana confessed, "No, we don't do prenatal service. I mean, it's called 'Planned Parenthood.' I know it's kind of deceiving."



**From the Capitol**

On September 29, 2021, MR 3755, the Womens' Health Protection Act was passed by Congress. The bill was passed up to the Senate and is on the Senate Calendar to be discussed in the near future.

**If the bill ever**

**became law, CatholicVote reports that, "Catholic hospitals, which in some states provide nearly 40 percent of all hospital beds, would be forced to sell or close."**

We MUST contact our Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Burr immediately to tell them not to vote for this bill.

**Pray! Pray! Pray!**

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