



Your Catholic Week in Review (Scandal at St. Jude's Edition!)

NOTE: Next Thursday evening at 6:30 Eastern US Time, I will be publishing an interview I recently did with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. regarding his commentary on the Book of Isaiah. This interview REALLY was an absolute treat, and you most certainly won't want to miss it! [This is the link to watch the interview](#), and if you have a YouTube account, you can click the "notify me" bell at the bottom of the interview, and it will alert you when the interview goes live. The bell will say "notification on" when you click it.

What does celebrating, promoting, and supporting the open practice of sodomy have to do with helping kids fight childhood cancer? That's the question donors need to be asking St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

As you know, we are constantly investigating organizations at your request to help you determine whether they are acting in line with Church teaching or not. Recently, someone asked about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and I'm sad to say, this organization is going to be posted as "Not Safe" on our charity reports list next week. I've got a ton of information that will be going into the report, so keep an eye out for it, but I want you to have a look at some of what we

discovered. The full report will have embedded images, but if you click the links to the evidence throughout the article below, you'll see very quickly what we discovered.

St. Jude was founded in 1962 by the famous actor and comedian, Danny Thomas. A Maronite Catholic, Thomas had a great devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus and made a promise that if he became successful as an entertainer, he would erect a shrine to St. Jude. In the 1950's, his wife began raising funds for the establishment of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to make good on that promise.

Unfortunately, despite its original mandate to help kids survive catastrophic illnesses, St. Jude has strayed into the promotion of gravely immoral ideologies by fighting anti-LGBT laws, sponsoring LGBT pride events, openly promoting homosexuality, and even marching – with children – in LGBT Pride Parades.

On June 1, 2024, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was heavily represented at the Memphis Pride parade. Wearing "St. Jude Supports Pride" t-shirts, carrying a banner with the same moniker, and waving rainbow flags, over 100 people representing the research hospital – **and their young children** – showed up about 40 minutes into the parade.

<https://youtu.be/qzmUDplxFzQ>

On the [Mid-South Pride website](#), three different aspects of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital were listed as "venders" which provided their own statements of support for "Pride Fest": St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital / ALSAC, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. On the [Mid-South Pride page for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#), the organization provided the following statement:

The St. Jude PRIDE employee resource group (ERG), launched in 2018, is a safe place for discussion, professional networking and support for members of the St. Jude, GMP, and Graduate School LGBTQ+ community and allies. We welcome employee participation and look forward to meeting you! We will have talent acquisition representatives on site with QR codes that link to our current job opportunities.

Our Mission Statement: People Respecting Individuality Diversity and Equity: To serve, educate and support the St. Jude LGBTQ+ community and our allies to promote the St. Jude mission.

Community building among St. Jude LGBTQ+ employees
Education about LGBTQ+ issues and healthcare
Service to the St. Jude and Memphis LGBTQ+ community
Support for LGBTQ+ employee well-being

The [page for ALSAC](#) just provides a brief description of the organization, but the page for the [Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences](#) – after explaining what it is – closes with this statement:

“We are thrilled to be part of this year’s Memphis Pride Fest, celebrating diversity, inclusion, and the power of community in driving scientific progress and healing.”

On a page of the Mid-South Pride’s website dedicated to St. Jude’s “[Pride Employee Resource Group](#),” provides a series of photos showing St. Jude’s promoting LGBT “pride” before stating the following:

St. Jude PRIDE is People Respecting Individuality Diversity and Equality: To serve, educate and support the St. Jude LGBTQ+ community and our allies to promote the St. Jude mission.

At St. Jude, no patient is discriminated against on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity or expression. St. Jude treats individuals consistent with their identity and strives to provide an affirming environment in which all patients can thrive.

The St. Jude PRIDE Employee Resource Group is open to the LGBTQ+ community and allies who are St. Jude, GMP and Graduate School employees. The ERG’s mission is to serve, educate and support the St. Jude LGBTQ+ community and allies in order to promote the St. Jude mission. As top priorities, St. Jude PRIDE members focus on:

- Community building among St. Jude LGBTQ+ employees & allies
- Education about LGBTQ+ issues and healthcare
- Service to the St. Jude and Memphis LGBTQ+ communities
- Support for LGBTQ+ employee & ally well-being

The page also features a video slideshow of St. Jude’s open support for and participation in LGBT Pride in 2019.

<https://youtu.be/-9hD8mZoXQo?si=45d81a5O6zJyIOx>

More after the jump...

On social media, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has been very open about its support for homosexuality and transgenderism. On [June 13, 2023](#), one of St. Jude's Facebook pages posted a blurb on the manager of Together by St. Jude, a free online resource of information and education about childhood and adolescent cancer. Along with the blurb, St. Jude's included a photo of the manager wearing a "St. Jude Supports Pride" t-shirt while participating in the 2023 LGBT Pride march.

On [June 30, 2021](#), St. Jude's expressed its "commitment" to "inclusivity, diversity, equality and support" as Pride Month comes to a close. Along with this statement of commitment, St. Jude's included a photo collage of its people celebrating sodomy in various venues.

Just a few weeks before this, on [June 5, 2021](#), St. Jude's made its commitment to intrinsic evil quite clear by writing:

"During #PrideMonth and all year, we're dedicated to recognizing the long road toward equality for LGBTQ+ individuals. Across St. Jude, we celebrate love in all its forms and honor the commitment of advocates and allies who strive to create a more inclusive workplace and world."

As shocking and horrible as all of this is, it pales in comparison to St. Jude's involvement in fighting "anti-LGBT laws." Once again, we are forced to ask – what does ANY of this have to do with fighting life-threatening illnesses in children, and why is donor money being used to spread this kind of grave moral evil, even to the point of scandalizing children?

In [December of 2016](#), News Channel 5 in Nashville reported that a coalition of Tennessee businesses had banded together to "fight anti-LGBT laws." [Stating that members of the coalition](#) "believe our workplaces and communities must be diverse and welcoming for all people, regardless of ... sexual orientation or gender identity," the [stated goal of the coalition](#) is "to stand together in demanding fair and equal treatment for all."

There's even more that we've discovered that will go into the report, so keep your eyes on our charity reports list at www.lepantoin.org/wp/charity-reports for the details once they're published.

Some other headlines you may have missed:

- CNA: [House lawmakers probe HHS on its backing of sex changes for kids](#)
- LifeSiteNews: [Vatican uses secular 'BCE' instead of 'BC' in English version of papal text, prompting outrage](#)
- NCRegister: [African Archbishops: 'They Are Sending Us Missionaries of Evil'](#)
- NCRegister: [St. Teresa of Ávila's Body Remains Incorrupt After Almost 5 Centuries](#)

As always, please pray for the Church, for our bishops, priests, deacons, and for Lepanto's mission as we continue to unearth the truth and "restore all things to Christ." (Col. 1:20)

Christus Vincit!

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