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Following a terrorist attack on a satirical magazine, religious leaders condemn the atrocity. World, page 4



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Meet the Catholics on Capitol Hill 2015

How Do They Fare on Pro-Life Issues?

BY REGISTER STAFF

WASHINGTON — Catholics made up about 31% of the members of Congress, as the 114th Congress began. According to the Pew Research Center, 142 members of the House of Representatives (32.6%) and 26 senators (26%) identify themselves as Eastern or Latin-rite Catholic; 83 are Republicans, and 85 are Democrats.

Listed is the percentage of the occasions, measured by the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), on which the lawmaker was present for a roll call on a pro-life issue during the 113th Congress and voted in accord with NRLC's position. Absences do not affect a lawmaker's score.

*Congressional freshman
** Eastern-rite Catholic
***Announced his resignation, effective Jan. 5
Speaker of the House (usually does not vote)



House of Representatives (142)

Table listing 142 House members with their names, states, and pro-life scores (e.g., Justin Amash, R-Mich. (100%), Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C. (100%), John Delaney, D-Md. (0%).)

Senate (26)

Table listing 26 Senate members with their names, states, and pro-life scores (e.g., Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H. (100%), Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. (0%), John Hoeven, R-N.D. (100%), Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D. (0%).)

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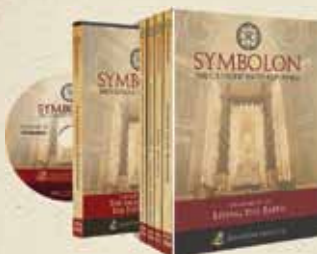
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Official Song for WYD 2016 Makes Its Debut in Krakow

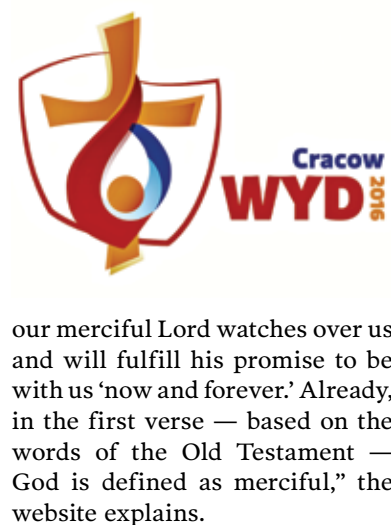
The official song for World Youth Day Krakow 2016, inspired by the theme "Blessed Are the Merciful," was premiered in the city on Jan. 6.

The official debut of the song took place at the conclusion of the traditional procession of the Magi to mark the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

According to the WYD 2016 website, the song was composed by Jakub Blycharz, "a lawyer by education, a musician by passion." He is the author of several other liturgical compositions, including Dobry Jest Pan (Good Is the Lord), Bonum Est Praestolari (It Is Good to Wait) and Uczta Baranka (The Feast of the Lamb).

Scheduled for July 25-Aug. 1, 2016, the upcoming World Youth Day is expected to attract swarms of pilgrims from around the globe.

The song for the gathering begins with words from Psalm 121, which convey "the certainty that



our merciful Lord watches over us and will fulfill his promise to be with us 'now and forever.' Already, in the first verse — based on the words of the Old Testament — God is defined as merciful," the website explains.

The second verse refers to the Parable of the Lost Sheep in the Gospel of Luke, "giving us the hope that God does not tire of seeking to bring man to the fullness of life. In this parable, Jesus assures us that a sinner's conversion brings great joy to heaven."

Reflecting the fifth beatitude, the chorus picks up the theme of

World Youth Day 2016: "Blessed Are the Merciful, for They Will Receive Mercy." This is the message of World Youth Day in Krakow, the city from which St. Faustina Kowalska spread the Divine Mercy devotion.

The third verse is inspired by Psalm 130: "If you should mark our sins, Lord, who could stand? But in you is found forgiveness, that you may be revered."

The fourth verse speaks about salvation in Christ and the need to accept him as Redeemer and Lord, and the bridge is an invitation to have faith and trust in the Lord, who has truly risen.

Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow was present for the performance, along with Blycharz. The initial version of the song is sung by Katarzyna Bogusz, Alexandra Maciejewska and Przemek Kleczkowski, with a 50-voice choir and an orchestra led by Hubert Kowalski.

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States for Life

WASHINGTON — On Jan. 13, Americans United for Life (AUL) released its "2015 Life List" after analyzing pro-life progress made legislatively or in litigation in 2014. The list takes into account the 50 states' overall advances since Roe v. Wade toward rebuilding a cul-

ture of life, AUL reported.

No. 1 for the sixth year in a row is Louisiana, followed by Mississippi, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Said Charmaine Yost, AUL's president and CEO, "In the last four years, states have enacted more than 200 pro-life laws protecting women and girls from abortion-industry abuses. ... Legislators and pro-life Americans worked together at the state level nationwide to protect women and girls from an abortion industry that puts



profits over people."

The worst states on life issues, according to AUL, are: Washington, for the sixth year, followed by Vermont (which legalized assisted suicide in 2014), Oregon, California and New Jersey.



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