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Babies Made to Order

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It's getting harder to tell the difference between satire and legitimate news. A generation ago, Francis Schaeffer wrote a prophetic book called *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?* that helped launch the pro-life movement. The accompanying documentary series included a skit that warned of what could lie down the road: a couple grocery shopping decides, between the chicken soup and cleaning supplies, to pick up a kid with the right hair and eyes.

Well, as Britain's *Mirror* puts it, "Science fiction is about to match up with reality as the world's first 'artificial womb facility' has been announced—where you'll be able to choose your baby's characteristics from a menu." As a colleague quipped, the next step will be two-day delivery via UPS.

We've slipped down a slope from Schaeffer's satirical warning to a chilling reality because ideas have consequences. When absolute autonomy is the only rule, and children are lifestyle choices, then we can't be shocked when human beings can be added to our shopping carts.

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1 Pray

Regardless of our beginnings, we know that God formed each of us, calls us by name, and makes us in His image. Pray with Psalm 139 this month, reflecting on the personal nature of our creation, and glorifying God for His goodness. As our state continues to debate in the legislature whether every human being deserves to live, pray for hearts to be opened to the truth of the priceless nature of every human life—no matter his or her size, ability, or age.

2 Take Action

Even though *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, ethics questions regarding life are far from settled in the culture and in our state. Over the next few weeks, have at least one pro-life conversation with a friend or family member. If you need a few practical tips or reference statistics, our friends at [HeartbeatInternational.org](https://www.heartbeatinternational.org) and [FocusOnTheFamily.com](https://www.FocusOnTheFamily.com) have a variety of great resources for talking about pro-life issues.

3 Join Us

Join us for *Prayer at the Statehouse* on January 19! This is a uniquely Christian, nonpartisan experience in the heart of our Ohio government. Pastors, ministry leaders, and lay Christians from around the state come together for praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship. Learn more and register for this complimentary event at [CCV.ORG/Pray](https://www.CCV.ORG/Pray).



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