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Long Island Coalition for Life Annual Oratory Contest

Gerasimos Copoulos, Kellenberg Memorial H.S., **Cynthia Billovits**, Our Lady of Mercy Academy and **Catherine Cherpolis**, Kellenberg Memorial H.S. were the first, second and third place winners respectively in the Fifteenth Annual Oratory Contest sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life.

Students in grades 11 and 12 were invited to research, write and deliver a 5-7 minute original speech on the life issues such as abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or cloning/stem cell research. Competition took place at Kellenberg Memorial H.S..

Prizes of \$500, \$300, \$200 were awarded to the top three speakers. Robert L. Dougherty Esq. is the generous supporter who provides the prize money and support for the contest. Finalist certificates were awarded to Bryanna McCarthy, St. Pius V School, Mia Sessa, Kellenberg Memorial H.S. and Jessica Riley-Weinberg, St. Anthony's H.S.

The judges all agreed that their task was a difficult one because of the excellent quality and fine presentations of the speeches.



Photo courtesy of T. Ambrosio

You're Invited!

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. **Barbara Samuells**, founder of Catholics for Freedom of Religion will present their latest Video **"Students of Faith"** depicting young people gaining awareness of their right to Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools and will share the origins of this vibrant group and how they are working to protect the rights of all Americans from 'Womb to Tomb" via community outreach and education. Join the Coalition in welcoming Barbara on **Monday, June 25 at 7:00 PM** at Joseph Barry K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. **All are welcome!** For info: 631-243-1435.



Dear Fellow Defender of Life,

As you can readily see by the cover of this issue, we are making our annual appeal for your support of **Life News**. Many of you are long-time supporters and we appreciate your continuing support. Please keep it up. Some of you are readers we have recently added to our mailing list due to past or current involvement in pro-life activities. We especially hope that those of you who have recently been added appreciate the wealth of pro-life information, especially that concerning activities here on Long Island, contained in **Life News**. Please give us a try for a year by subscribing so we can continue to keep you informed. Long Island Coalition for Life continues to be an all volunteer organization.

Life News is the most expensive continuing project of your Long Island Coalition for Life, bringing the pro-life message to thousands of Long Islanders each month. It is our vehicle for informing not only active pro-lifers but also those who have influence in our society and can use that influence to promote protection for innocent human life. Media persons, educators, clergy of all denominations, legislators and political figures at all levels of government receive free copies of **Life News**. We also distribute over nine hundred copies of **Life News** each month, upon request, to numerous groups and churches.

Thanks to our loyal advertisers and subscribers, much of the cost of **Life News** is offset but the remainder must be made up out of general funds. Those same general funds are also needed to pay for our bus trips to Albany where we lobby for the pro-life cause.



We are dependent on you, our loyal readers and contributors, to keep up our life-affirming work, key to which is **Life News**. But far more importantly, the defenseless innocent preborn babies in the womb are dependent on you. The fight for the unborn is the greatest human rights struggle of our time.

In the New York State Legislature, we are presently fighting physician-assisted suicide bills, and of course, although we have stopped the abortion expansion bill in the past (which would allow abortion through all 9-months of pregnancy and non-doctors to perform abortions), anti-life forces have not given up. They are back with an extreme abortion expansion bill. NYS is already the abortion capital of the Nation. What a horrific distinction for our State. Our continuing opposition is crucial. If we are to stop such barbaric anti-life laws as well as support pro-life laws, we need your support.

Please make the \$18.00 subscription donation. If possible, send a bit more to help us close the funding gap. If you are a business person or professional, please advertise in **Life News**. That way you can support pro-life activity on Long Island with a legitimately deductible business expense. If you've been thinking of subscribing or taking an ad, now's the time.....Please don't wait any longer.

Thank you for your support of pro-life work on Long Island and for your prayers which are just as important.

For His innocents,

George E. Frost, Chairman

Unmasking Planned Parenthood

May 4, 2018
Pro-lifers lined the entrances to the Milleridge Inn along Broadway, Jericho, where PP of Nassau County was holding it's annual dinner fundraising event.



Stand Up For Life 2017



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Rather than laws being passed by Congress, most of the ‘action’ currently consists of Executive Orders, bureaucratic regulations, or Judicial decisions.

The US Supreme Court will rule in June on two cases where conscience protection clashes with either government-compelled speech (*NIFLA v. Becerra*) or customer-compelled ‘expressive actions’ (*Masterpiece Cakeshop*). Both are being argued, at least in part, as violating the protections of the 1st Amendment Free Speech Clause. California’s FACT Act forces Pregnancy Help Centers (like NIFLA) to post signs telling women where they can get state-funded abortions, thus forcing NIFLA to advocate against its core mission.

Tom Ascik (*crisismagazine.com 3/19/18*) points to several pro-free speech SCOTUS decisions over the past 44 years, even on ‘controversial’ subjects, as reasons to be hopeful: *Wooley v. Maynard* (1974) said a Jehovah’s Witness could cover part of a state motto on their license plate. SCOTUS threw out a law against certain hate symbols due to ‘viewpoint discrimination’ in *RAV v. St. Paul* (1992). *Hurley v. GLIB* (1995) held that Boston’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade organizers had a 1st Amendment right of ‘what not to say’. *Reed v. Gilbert* (2015) said a law allowing churches to post only small, one-day-only directional signs was a ‘content based’ restriction. These four decisions were unanimous. A 6-2 decision (*Ag. Intl. Dev. v. Alliance*, 2013) ruled Congress can’t require groups receiving foreign aid grants to have a policy opposing prostitution and sex trafficking. However, Congress could say no federal monies for those two purposes.

Many ‘friends of the court’ briefs have been filed. The US Justice Dept. supported NIFLA. In addition, 144 Congressional members supported NIFLA (all but one GOP; none of the NY representatives signed on). The brief backing *Becerra* was signed by 101 Congressional Democrats including LI Rep. Rice.

US District Judge Tanya Chutkan ruled twice last year that four pregnant unadmitted minors in government shelters must be permitted to get abortions. The ACLU has been fighting the Office of Refugee Resettlement’s (ORR) pro-life policy regarding these Jane Doe teens. On 4/2/18, Judge Chutkan approved the ACLU’s petition for a class-action suit against ORR, even though none of the minors currently in government custody seeks to end her pregnancy via abortion. The suit names ACLU to represent “all pregnant, unaccompanied immigrant minor children who are or will be in the legal custody of the federal government.” On 4/3/18, Judge Chutkan issued a preliminary injunction against ORR’s pro-life policy, and on 4/17/18 ordered written notice be given to “all unaccompanied minors” (male/female, pregnant/not), explaining their ‘right to abortion’. This notice must include the contact information for the ACLU. The

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administration will appeal. Judge Karen Henderson dissented from the first Jane Doe case last fall, citing numerous rulings that these individuals do not have 5th Amendment Due Process rights, nor any others listed or unlisted in the US Constitution.

HR 4712, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act still awaits Senate action after passing the House in January. House action is still needed on the **Conscience Protection Act, HR 644**, which was introduced in 2017.

The 9th Circuit will allow Judge Wm. Orrick to continue presiding over the trial of videographer David Daleiden, despite Orrick’s close ties to Planned Parenthood. The US Dept. of Justice has been quietly probing PP’s alleged selling of aborted baby parts for the past several months.

The new White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative will give religious people and organizations a seat at the policymaking table. It will report on religious freedom exercise and protection, government/faith-based pairing, and government policy impact on religious organizations.

41 Senators, 153 Representatives, and 100 pro-life groups have asked HHS Sec. Alex Azar not to give any more money to Title X funds to organizations that perform abortions.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The following bills are currently in committees:

Bills generally considered pro-life:

S.7863 Tedisco / A.10013 Crespo – provides notice to mothers who naturally miscarry at any stage of gestation that they may bury their babies.

S.3830 Ritchie / A.3579 Cusick – Unborn Victims of Violence Act

S.2984-A Golden / A.2341-A Malliotakis – requires inspections of abortion and other health clinics.

S.2271 Hannon – respects religious beliefs in health care decision-making.

Bills generally considered anti-life:

S.3151-A Savino / A.2383-A Paulin – legalizes physician-assisted suicide.

A.1748 Glick / S.2796 Krueger – late-term abortion expansion.

A.1378 Cahill / S.3668 Bonacic – comprehensive contraceptive coverage, including ‘emergency contraception’.

S.3148-A Savino / A.2646-A Simotas – mandated insurance coverage for IVF procedures.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net.

To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

Abortion: A Calamity of the Greatest Magnitude by Gerasimos Copoulos
(2018 First Place LI Coalition for Life Oratory Contest Winner)

In the few seconds it took me to come up here to speak, on average about 12 unborn children were killed somewhere in the world. About two more suffer that same cruel fate with every passing second. I'm not sure it's possible for anybody to truly understand the depth of such a massacre. Every time a clock ticks, a unique life, one that could have had as much adventure, joy, and fulfillment as any of our own here today, is extinguished.

Make no mistake: what is happening over once per second around the world, or about three times a minute in the U.S. alone, is murder. No matter what your worldview, background, or creed is, that is the truth that anybody can derive from an honest examination of scientific and ethical facts - such as: From the very moment of conception, a new human is created. His or her DNA is distinct from that of his or her parents, and he or she fulfills all of the scientific biological requirements for life. At a fundamental level, it is simply inherently wrong to kill an innocent member of our own species, but many try to claim that an unborn child should not be afforded this right due to a lack of what they call "personhood."

What this objection fails to consider is that the main offense of the act of murder is the removal of one's future, the obliteration of experiences that a person could have very well wanted to live out. That's why the act of killing another person, even if that act is done painlessly and when the victim is temporarily unconscious, is inarguably wrong.

When one realizes this, one must also accept that the future of an unborn child has real and objective value, just like anyone else's. Hard-to-pin-down concepts like current "personhood" are totally irrelevant. Some may reply to this saying that an unborn child's future is merely theoretical, that because a fetus may only potentially become an adult one day, it has no value - but a fetus *will* become an adult, barring outside intervention or rare accidents. In that sense, an unborn child's future is only as theoretical as our own; nobody can truly guarantee that they will even live to see the sun rise tomorrow morning. Anyone's future is, by definition, only hypothetical.

Attempts to address this truth by citing a woman's bodily autonomy utterly fail to account for the fact that the only reason an unborn child exists is, in 99% of cases, due to a willful act on the part of the parents. Sex is an act that has natural consequences, and trying to lessen the probability of those consequences occurring doesn't excuse you if they still do.

When one speaks with someone who was nearly aborted, or survived an unsuccessful abortion, the argument that an unborn child is worthless seems patently absurd. If I may momentarily speak a bit more personally, my own mother is one such person. Her mother, my grandmother, was going to abort her due to financial concerns, but - thank God - she changed her mind at the last minute and backed out from her appointment. Had that last minute change of mind not occurred, my mother would never have been able to fully live. I would not be here to deliver this speech. For my mother and those like her, the idea that one could have been aborted is not a mere thought experiment which one can ponder academically without any sense of urgency or emotion. It's real, and it's terrifying. It is so easy for each of us to recognize that our own futures have value. Why then is it so hard to accept that the same is true for the unborn?

The sad answer is: it is inconvenient for many to admit that. A survey conducted by the Alan Guttmacher Institute (a pro-choice organization) in 2004 showed that over 75% of abortions were conducted because the mother felt she wasn't ready for a baby, had enough children already, or feared that having a child would be a financially risky decision. I do not mean to downplay the difficulty that mothers who seek an abortion face, but at the same time I cannot accept these as valid reasons to end a life. You cannot kill somebody simply because you feel that his or her existence impedes upon your happiness. It seems harsh, I know, to label these reasons for getting an abortion as being mere "convenience," but that terminology is not inaccurate. Those who get abortions for these reasons are prioritizing their own quality of life over the actual lives of their unborn children, and this cannot continue if we have any desire at all to be a morally upright society.

Those who support abortion claim that banning it would lead to a dystopian future in which women have no choice but to seek illegal abortions. I have a far more optimistic vision of the future. Through human love and support, and a real push to put in the hard work needed to solve this problem, not only can we save countless children from a cruel death in their mothers' wombs, but we can also work to help the lives of impoverished mothers who might turn to abortion when they feel that they have no other options. As long as we stand together and never cease arguing, discussing, and opposing abortion, we can defeat this moral abomination both in its practice and at its source. *We must*, for this is the most important moral issue of our lifetimes. Failure is not an option. Thank you.

"Whenever Two or More are Gathered in My Name"

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE. Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. **Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important.**

Note: Vigils & Witnesses are **NOT** sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

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540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead

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450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

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Day/Time

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(M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy

(W) Th 10:30-Noon

(W) Sa 10:30-Noon

Day/Time

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(W) We 10-10:30 AM

(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM

(W) We 2-4 PM

(W) Sa 7-9 AM

(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM

(W) Fr 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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IMPORTANT:

Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (FOUR locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 524 E. Main St., Ste. 200, open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4 PM

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Saturday, April 21, 2018

About 25 pro-lifers demonstrated across the street and outside of Book Revue in Huntington while Cecile Richards was inside speaking and signing her book.



Photo courtesy of C. Broyles

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Witnesses on #Protest PP day were in front of Planned Parenthood in Smithtown & Huntington. Below photo at Huntington where some traveled 30+ miles; 4 first time witnesses also joined demonstration.

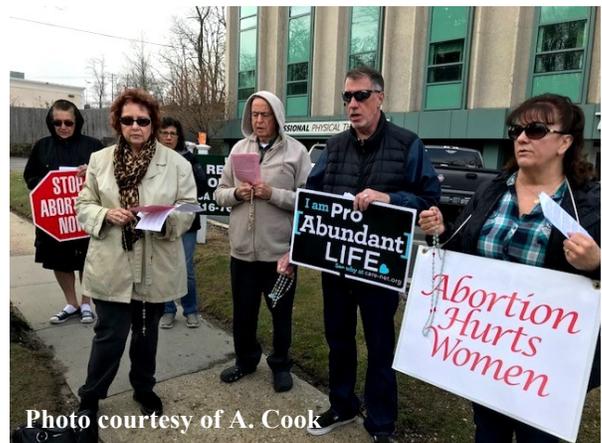
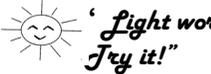


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LICL Lobby Day & March for Life NY Mon., June 4

The LICL will be sending a bus to lobby our legislators in Albany. While there, we will also be participating in the March for Life NY March & Rally at the Capital. To join us please reserve your seat on the bus by calling 516-220-6601 and leave a message. Please note that lobby people are seated first.

Rosary for Life Retreat

Sat., June 16 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Resurrection Church, 2325 Gerritsen Ave, Brooklyn
\$30/person, lunch included

Retreat Presenter: **Rev. Fr. Michael Panicali**

Registration deadline 6/13/18/ To register & for more info call: Wyn at 718-377-6920

Stand Up For Life Sun, Oct. 7 2-3:30 PM

Reminder: Organizations not meeting during summer may submit now to have name listed as a supporter on the SUFL poster/flier. Deadline is Aug. 6! If you did not receive a sponsorship form, you can obtain one by calling 631-243-1435 or go to ProLifeLI.org/Events/SUFL.

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Defend the Freedom to Be Born Face the Truth Event

Sat., July 7 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

LIE Exit 70S & County Route 111, Manorville
(along sidewalk southbound)

*Without the Right To Life
a person has no other rights!*

Pro-lifers are invited to join this peaceful outreach .
Signs provided (or bring your own). Rain or shine.

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**Time
Change**

Please note as of
July 23, 2018
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will begin at **7:30
PM** each month.

Father's Day Blessings!

