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*"Give us the grace... When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life."* St. Pope John Paul II

## WE NEED YOU

### To Renew Your *LIFE NEWS* (mailed) Subscription and your *LIFE NEWS* (E-mailed) Subscription!

Long Island Coalition for Life, entering our 47th year, remains committed to action, service and information. Our primary tool, *LIFE NEWS*, available by mail, e-mail or for all to read on our LICL website [ProLifeLI.org](http://ProLifeLI.org), relies on your support with your renewal. Our annual subscription has been \$18.00 for a number of years and remains at \$18.00.

As you know the Long Island Coalition for Life is the largest pro-life organization on Long Island. Please view our Mission Statement and consider joining us in our efforts to save lives.

Long Island Coalition for Life remains an all volunteer organization. Please use the coupon on Page 7 to renew your *LIFE NEWS* subscription.

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### Long Island Coalition for Life 16th Annual Oratory Contest

Gemma Pohalski, St. Pius V School, Nicole Kilada, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, and Kristijan Barnjak, Chaminade High School were the first, second and third place winners respectively in the Sixteenth Annual Oratory Contest Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust.

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 High School.

Prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 were awarded to the top three speakers. Robert L. Dougherty Esq. is the generous supporter who provided the prize money and support for the contest. Finalists certificates were awarded to Thomas Cipolla, and Grace Cooper both from Kellenberg Memorial High School, Brendan Fantz, St. Pius V School, Erin McCrossen, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, and Marina Milacek, St. Pius V School.

The judges praised the excellent quality and fine presentations of the speeches.



**You're Invited!**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next General Meeting is **June 24 at 7:30 PM** at the Joseph Barry K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville.

**All are welcome - please join us!** For further info, call LICL at 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 (PAS) bills. Remember the slippery slope we have gone down with abortion legislation. At first we were told abortion would only be necessary for the hard cases when a mother's health and life was at serious risk. However, abortion is now legal for any reason through all nine-months of pregnancy. The same outcome will likely occur with PAS. At first the law will apply only to the terminally ill which will be defined by some arbitrary time-limit like six months, but as time goes on PAS will eventually be expanded to include the mentally ill, physically disabled and the elderly. Once you declare the purpose of PAS is to end suffering, there is no limiting principle because suffering is part of the human condition and comes in many different forms and degrees. This outcome is exactly what has happened in Belgium, the Netherlands and Canada.

Will depressed patients feel they have a real choice given the emotional and financial costs they are imposing on their families? They will feel they have a duty to die and are being selfish by choosing to live. We need your support to stop such anti-life laws.

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



Stand Up for Life, Huntington 2018

### Unmasking Planned Parenthood

pro-life event outside Planned Parenthood of Nassau County gala, 5/3/2019. Though small in number, the pro-lifers who held signs outside the PPNC fundraiser caught the eye of hundreds of abortion supporters as they walked toward the restaurant or drove into the valet parking area.





## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

As of May 8, there have been 37 failed requests for a House vote on **HR.962/S.311**, the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act*, and two failed tries in the Senate. The Discharge Petition, to force a vote on **HR.962**, despite Speaker Pelosi's objection, needs 19 more signatories to pass. Reps. King & Zeldin signed.

The House is expected to vote on the so-called *Equality Act*, **HR.5**, in May. This bill would degrade the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the ability of citizens or organizations to claim a violation of their Right to Free Exercise of Religion. (See LN, May 2019, p.3)

The *Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act* **HR.2266/S.1150** has been reintroduced and is now in committee. It would allow pregnant women to claim the Child Tax Credit for their pre-born child. Rep. Zeldin cosponsor.

### Supreme Court:

In February, the Supreme Court 'stayed' a Louisiana law requiring abortionists to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of their facility. (See LN, April 2019, p.3) Three abortionists from the State have now filed an appeal with SCOTUS, asking them to rule the Louisiana law unconstitutional. Accepted cases are announced in June. If accepted, oral arguments would be heard in the fall with a ruling in the spring of 2020. The petitioners are *Hope Medical Group* and two others.

### Federal Administration

Roger Severino, head of HHS's Office of Civil Rights reported that the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division received 343 complaints of religious or moral discrimination in 2018. Complaints include: medical providers forced to train for, assist at, or perform abortions; states forcing individuals or entities to include coverage for, refer for, or pay for abortions; doctors concerned they'll be forced to prescribe suicide drugs; parents opposed to vaccines allegedly made with aborted baby parts.

As of April 29, two federal judges have put nationwide injunctions on the new *Title X* rules requiring financial and physical separation of facilities that provide 'family planning' and facilities that do abortions. PP is to get \$44 million less Title X funds than last year.

HHS announced that the Obria Group will receive \$5.1 million over the course of three years in Title X Family Planning funding to expand services to low income families in four California counties. According to the Obria website, their clinics do not provide contraceptives or perform abortions. However, some pro-lifers have questioned whether Obria will refer clients to 'partners' for these 'services.'

### Other States:

\***NC:** At least 5 Democrats will join GOP legislators to try to over-ride Gov. Roy Cooper's recent veto of a State "Born Alive" bill.

\***NJ:** Governor Phil Murphy has signed a Doctor Assisted Suicide bill. It will take effect 8/1/19.

\***SC:** Governor Henry McMaster will sign a 'Heartbeat' abortion law.

\***OK:** A law was passed forcing facilities that sell the abortion pill to tell clients the process can be stopped before taking the second pill. (ACLU is likely to sue). Since 2007, approximately 600 pre-born lives have been saved by the Abortion Pill Reversal technique. [lifeneews.com 4/26/19]

\***KS:** Governor Laura Kelly vetoed a bill similar to Oklahoma's. Kansas' Supreme Court rejected a law banning dismemberment abortion, saying the right of personal autonomy is "firmly embedded" in the State's Constitution and it includes the choice to keep or end a pregnancy.

\***CA:** On April 19, lawyers for David Daleiden's assistant, Sandra Merritt, petitioned the California Supreme Court to review the case against David & Sandra. They face 15 felony counts for covert video recording. Later that day, the Chief Justice issued a Stay to "permit consideration." This prompted the judge in the case to 'suspend all further proceedings' against the pair indefinitely.

California's Dept. of Managed HealthCare, urged on by PP, is still trying to force three churches to cover abortion in their employee medical plans. Hartford, CT passed a law forcing Caring Families CPC to tell clients they are not qualified to offer their provided services (ADF is suing).

\***Twenty-one State Attorneys General** (including NY's) filed an *amicus* brief versus Mississippi's 'Heartbeat' abortion law (an injunction is already in place).

**ACTION ITEM:** Please urge your House members to bring up a vote on the *Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act* **HR.2266/ S.1150**.



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

A 9-year-old boy, with help from his Dad, has launched *ConvertCuomo.com* to pray and fast for the Governor's reform.

**Doctor-Prescribed Suicide: A02694/S03947** are currently in the Assembly and Senate Health Committees. This legislation is a lethal threat to the terminally ill, elderly, and the disabled.

**Pregnancy Center Disclosure Act: Bill S.2264-Hoylman/A.2352-Glick:** Not being content with passing the most liberal abortion policy in the country, our legislature now wants to impose restrictions on Crisis Pregnancy Centers, demanding that upon first contact with any potential client, they make clear that they do NOT provide abortion services, or referrals for the same. Obviously, this law would not apply to PP or similar facilities. The inherent danger of **Bill S.2264-Hoylman/A.2352** is that any complaints by a "client" that they were not informed at first contact would trigger an investigation by the Health Department, with possible fines imposed. This law could be exploited by unscrupulous persons to harass and hinder the mission of CPC's.

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*Federal Legislation continued in next column...*

**Euthanasia** by Gemma Pohalski, St. Pius V School  
(2019 First Place LI Coalition for Life Oratory Contest Winner)

In most countries killing another person is considered murder, even if the intention is to “ease the pain,” even if the person has a terminal illness. Accepting euthanasia means accepting that some lives, such as elderly or people with disabilities, are worth less than others. Legalizing euthanasia would send a clear message: it is better to be dead than sick or disabled. What most people don’t take into consideration is, the right to die implies the duty to kill! Meaning, the so called “right to die,” for the patient, implies the duty to kill for someone else, in this case the doctor. Unfortunately, In the United States alone, euthanasia is legal in eight jurisdictions: California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, Vermont and Washington. Who are these people who have fought hard enough to pass a law that goes so much against the human spirit of hope, as well as, fighting for survival? I will tell you, they are people who are unaware of the true value, importance, and essence of life. Each and every one of us were born into this world to give glory to God, through the preservation of our souls. Those who do not possess the use of reason give glory to God merely through their existence, so why is it that these are the most commonly euthanized patients? Not viewing euthanasia from a religious standpoint is challenging for all members of the Catholic Faith, to which I belong. With that said, even if I were to take into consideration the argument that a terminally ill patient should have the choice to relieve him or herself from suffering each and every day, I would still condemn euthanasia, because in some cases a patient doesn’t have to be terminally ill to qualify for euthanasia.

One of the most controversial cases was the death of 64-year-old Godelieva De Troyer, who was suffering from severe depression. Godelieva obtained psychiatric care for a number of years for her depression that she dealt with a majority of her life. Her depression was portrayed to be caused by a lost relationship with a partner and a distant relationship with her children. De Troyer was first refused her request to be euthanized by her own physician, because she refused to address the main cause of her depression, which was the distant relationship with her children. Godelieva’s depression was treatable, as all depression is, however she was uncooperative and refusing treatment. Distelmans, an oncologist chosen by Godelieva, facilitated De Troyer’s death under Belgium’s euthanasia law after determining she had “untreatable depression.” Belgium’s euthanasia law states that one qualifies for euthanasia if they are experiencing “constant and unbearable physical or mental suffering that cannot be alleviated.” However, depression is not a terminal illness, it can be alleviated when the patient cooperates with the terms to treat their mental state. It seems as though De Troyer had given up, which is exactly what euthanasia is. Euthanasia encourages us to give up, to abandon our hope and end our lives. Even terminally ill patients who desire death are depressed and depression is treatable in those with terminal illness. In one study, of the 24 percent of terminally ill patients who desired death, all had clinical depression.

In conclusion, a request for assisted suicide is generally a cry for help!

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*"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.

**Nassau County - Location**

540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead

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35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa

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540 E. Main St, Riverhead

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(W) Sa 10:30-Noon

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(W) We 10-10:30 AM

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(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

**Contact Phone**

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516-270-3845

516-541-8056

**Contact Phone (631)**

979-8541

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665-3630

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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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**Good Friday Face the Truth**



A strong pro-life presence stood along Hempstead Tpke. in front of Nassau University Medical Center on Good Friday. The Face the Truth vigil was attended by more than 120 pro-lifers, including families, teens and octogenarians. We appreciate all those who gave of their time, whether for half an hour or an hour and a half, to remind the public that abortion is not healthcare and preborn lives matter.

**Protest PP Candlelight Vigil**



As part of a National Protest PP Candlelight Vigil on Sat. 4/13/19, about 50 pro-lifers gathered outside of the Massapequa Planned Parenthood facility. With signs and prayers, advocating to restore the right to life to preborn babies. There is a weekly vigil at this abortion site on Sat. at 10:30 AM. Your presence is needed to witness against the killing at PP and other abortion sites. See the list of pro-life vigils above.

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July, August & early September events to be considered for publication in the July/August issue of *Life News*  
**MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 5.**  
 Send to: Life News, LICL, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 or email: LICoalition4Life@outlook.com.

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To protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death through education, legislative action, prayer and peaceful presence.

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### **March for Life NY**

**Mon., June 3- Albany, NY**

11:00 AM - Opening Prayer at Children's Memorial  
Empire State Plaza

11:30 AM -March to the State Capitol Bldg.

12:30 PM - Rally NYS Capitol Bldg.

For more info contact Pastor Joni

March4lifeny@gmail.com; 631-681-7275

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The LICL will sponsor a bus to Albany. For pickup times and stops and to reserve a seat call 631-243-1435. The bus will leave Albany at 2:00 PM with arrival home expected between 5-6:00 PM. A free-will donation will be accepted to help defray the cost.

### **Stand Up For Life Sun., Oct. 6 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. 5! 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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**CHANGE  
OF  
VENUE**

### **Defend the Freedom to Be Born**

### **Face the Truth Event**

**Sat., July 6 - 10:30 AM-noon**  
Along Route 347/Nesconset Hwy  
in Lake Grove (near the mall).

More details to follow ([www.prolifeli.org](http://www.prolifeli.org);

Facebook: Long Island Coalition for Life;

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### **Life Center of LI**

**Sun., June 2**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Annual

Dinner Dance

Fri., Sept. 27

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