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THANK YOU! A special shout out to thank **George Frost** for his exceptional leadership of the Long Island Coalition for Life. We appreciate his dedication and all he has done for our preborn. George has decided to step down as Chairman; however, he will still be involved in the LICL and in working for LIFE! The Board of Directors for the LICL for 2025 is: John (Jack) O'Brien, Chairman, Peter Bertran, Presiding Vice-Chair, Celeste Broyles, Nassau Vice-Chair, Gerry Crosson, Suffolk Vice-Chair, Frederick Peritore, Treasurer, George Frost, Immediate Past Chair. The secretary position is open at this time. If anyone is interested in being interviewed for this position, please contact the LICl at 631-243-1435 or email at info@prolifeli.org.

FACE THE TRUTH

Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth

Bundled up against the chilly temperatures and light snow, more than 60 pro-lifers participated in the LI Coalition for Life's **Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth** event on January 19, 2025. As Lila Rose of Live Action said at the 2025 March For Life, **showing up** is half the battle! From young children to older adults, we spread the pro-life message along Hempstead Tpke. in front of Nassau Univ.



Medical Center. The LICL thanks those who participated and continues to encourage your attendance at public outreach events to keep the plight of the preborn on the minds of our communities.

Face the Truth:

Why bother standing along a roadway with signs?

Good Friday Vigil on Behalf of Preborn Children April 18 from 10:30 AM to NOON

Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life adults, teens, and families are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event for the protection of human babies in the womb. Please join



the LI Coalition for Life and *be a visible reminder to the public that abortion is not healthcare.* We stand on the public sidewalk in front of the hospital. Your participation for even part of the time is important!

Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs). Please stand 5-10 feet apart for better messaging to the public. Information: Contact the LICL at 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

--- The hospital isn't going to stop doing abortions anyway. >>Even so, should pro-lifers give the healthcare workers a pass instead of showing them & the neighborhood that something terribly wrong is happening there (and all across LI)?

--- Protesting in public is too radical.

- >>Killing babies is radical! How many preborn babies need to be aborted before it's not radical to protest?
- --- Some drivers give us the middle finger and yell at us.

>>Shame on them, not us. Let those angry abortion supporters know that not everyone deems the preborn babies as just some inconvenient 'product of conception.'

--- Does this type of witness even matter?

>> We don't know when, where or how, or even if, our message will resonate and good come from it. But if we don't try, we know we didn't reach anyone.

"100% of the shots you don't take don't go in." [Wayne Gretzky, ice hockey star]

"The sanctity of life does not depend on poll results. It doesn't depend on which way the wind is blowing. It's an enduring truth, and it represents the foundation of our society." Florida Governor Ron DeSantis



The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next General Meeting will be **Monday, March 24** at **7:30 PM** at St. Joseph RCC in the gym, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma. **All are welcome - please join us!** For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust Pro-Life Oratory Contest for High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will be on **Saturday, March 1st** at **1 PM** at the **Joseph Barry K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville.** All are welcome to hear and support these students.

High School 2025 Scholarship Award

The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school juniors and seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its 2025 High School Scholarship Award. Applicants are to participate in and engage their peers in respect for human life activities. Students will be evaluated on their level of involvement, creative advocacy and dedication in supporting respect for human life. Deadline is 4/15/25. For more information and an application, please visit: https://prolifeed.org/events/

TAKE ACTION FOR PRO-LIFE PROGRESS

There are many ways pro-lifers can foster a pro-life mindset in their homes, schools, churches and communities. Rather than become overwhelmed with large projects, a smaller or a singular action is also an effective way to build a more pro-life future. The following idea(s) are offered for March.

<u>March</u>

Wear the 'Precious Feet' pin – the symbol of a baby's feet 10 weeks in the womb. Wear it on your shirt, coat, lapel, backpack, purse, etc. The pin may start a conversation where you can explain that by 10 weeks, the baby's heart is beating, brain waves can be detected and fingerprints are starting to form. [Pins available via coupon in *Life News* or other sources.]



WELCOME HOME John Hinshaw!

John was among the guests attending the January LICL meeting. John discussed his incarceration, his release and pardon - a very moving talk to all in attendance. John also gave thanks for all the prayers sent his way, and how he knows they helped him multiple times every day.



Legislative Advocacy bus trip to Albany: The Long Island Coalition for Life lobby trip on February 11

saw an earnest group of local pro-lifers visit many Assembly members and Senators to speak against the 'Medical Aid in Dying' (MAID) bills currently in the respective Health Committees. The LICL participants were able to speak with legislators, chiefs of staff, aides and/or interns. We left materials explaining our reasons to oppose the physician assisted suicide bills. One staff member told us that face-to-face meetings (whether in Albany or their local office) is the best way to communicate one's position on

legislation. Our lobbyists were treated with courtesy and respect.

The halls were busy with lobbyists for many different causes, including the pro-assisted suicide



advocates. So, while we think our issue is paramount, legislators are inundated with many people seeking action on hundreds of bills. To keep pro-life issues in the forefront, we need to keep communicating with our legislators. A recurrent comment from the legislators who support the pro-life position on assisted suicide was that they don't hear from our side often enough and they welcomed our presence that day. The LICL thanks all those who spent the long day on the bus and walking the halls of our state's political hub to educate on this important topic. Please contact the LICL if you would like to be notified of future legislative advocacy trips: 631.243.1435 or info@prolifeLI.org.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

With the 'new' Congress, many bills were reintroduced including: **HR.589/S.223** *FACE Act repeal* (Restoring the First Amendment Right to

Peaceful Civil Disobedience Act)

HR.699 - No US funding of UNFPA

HR.722 - *Life at Conception Act* - to implement equal protection under the 14th amendment for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S.250 - to codify the *Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance* policy [PLGHA] (Mexico City policy) **S.251**- to ban "medical expense" of abortion getting a tax break if paid via a Health Savings Account or similar fund

S.253 - to ban elective abortion as a medical deduction on tax returns

Ending Chemical Abortions Act of 2025 (no bill # yet) Pregnancy Center Defense Act (no bill # yet) Ensuring Justice for Victims of Partial-Birth Abortion Act (no bill # yet) Bill numbers will be listed at www.congress.gov when assigned.

All the above bills are in committee.

HR.21 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act passed in the House 1/23/25. Reps. Garbarino, LaLota - Yes Gillen, Suozzi - No

S.6 (Senate version of above bill) failed to get 60 votes needed to move to a final vote. A second try is possible. On 1/23/25, Trump **pardoned 23 pro-lifers** serving harsh sentences under the FACE act and (per the KKK act) 'violation of Rights'.

On the day of the annual March for Life, Trump signed executive orders reinstating the **Hyde Amendment**, halting federal taxpayer funding for abortions at home, and reinstating the PLGHA (**Mexico City Policy**), halting federal funds to overseas organizations providing or promoting abortions.

The US Dept of Justice said only cases of death, serious injury or serious property damage will be brought under FACE. Until further notice, all new abortion-related FACE actions must be approved by the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.

The *Daily Signal* reported the Biden Administration pushed Sierra Leone to ease pro-life laws or lose foreign-aid funding. The CDC is said to have used an anti-AIDS fund [PEPFAR] to pay for over 20 abortions in Mozambique. US servicewomen had their abortions/ abortion travel paid by the Pentagon. Vets and their beneficiaries got abortions at VA hospitals, and HHS paid for migrants' abortions. Trump's Executive Orders enforcing Hyde, and reminding the Pentagon, VA, HHS & USAID of PLFHA, address these abuses. The Secretary of State was told not to fund coercive abortion/sterilization efforts.

The Biden Administration's *Reproductiverights.gov* website has been shut down. It told minors how to covertly get, and pay for, an abortion. Trump's Executive Order regarding gender states: "Female...a person belonging, at conception..." and "Male...a person belonging, at conception..." - recognizing that human life begins at conception.

The Catholic Medical Assoc. & Alliance Defending Freedom filed suit in January against a Biden Admin ruling that the EMTALA law forces ER doctors to do abortions 'if needed.' The Supreme Court sent a similar Idaho case back to the 9th Circuit in June and let the Defense of Life law take effect. The 5th Circuit told Texas that EMTALA cannot force ER doctors to do abortions. The Supreme Court has not yet made a final ruling on the issue.

On 1/16/25, a federal judge ruled Missouri, Kansas, and Idaho can proceed with their suit against the FDA over *mifepristone* (abortion pill) safety and distribution.

AUL is asking pro-lifers to sign a petition urging the federal government to enforce the Comstock Act to prevent abortion pill trafficking. See www.aul.org

Ending a persecution Kamala Harris began 9 years ago, California will drop all charges against videographers David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt, who exposed Planned Parenthood's trade in aborted baby body parts. It is "a negotiated settlement with zero punishment," in exchange for a new "no contest" plea by the pair, on one video recording charge, which will then be dismissed and expunged.



NEW YORK STATE

A Louisiana grand jury issued a felony indictment for NY abortionist Margaret Carpenter, charging her with mailing abortion pills without a medical exam or interview. She mailed the pills to a Louisiana mom who requested them for her pregnant, minor daughter. The mom then allegedly coerced her daughter to take the pills. These are all violations of Louisiana law. The teen wanted to continue her pregnancy. She had to go to the ER, and her preborn child died. (Note: Texas has a noncriminal suit vs. Carpenter. A woman ended up in the ER there as well.)

Gov. Hochul signed a bill in early February allowing abortionists who prescribe the abortion pill to print their practice's name on the label instead of their own to 'protect health care professionals.' Hochul vowed to 'never back down from protecting NY doctors who provide basic health care,' and to keep NY a 'safe haven' for abortionists. NY Attorney General James said the indictment was "un-American" and "abortion care is health care...Medication abortion is safe, effective and necessary." This is the first such case since *Dobbs*. This, or a similar case, will likely reach the Supreme Court.

The first healthcare initiative listed in Gov. Hochul's proposed budget outline is to funnel millions to 'sustain the reproductive freedom and equity grant fund,' which, according to Kristen Curran of the NYSCC, is "little more than a slush fund for abortionists" in NYS. Hochul has already allocated \$35 million, which for the most part has benefited Planned Parenthood.

Efforts to legalize assisted suicide (AS) continue in NYS. AS is not medical care and is dangerous, especially for vulnerable people such as the elderly and the disabled. **ACTION ITEM**: Contact your NYS Senator and Assemblyperson and urge them to vote NO on any AS bill. For your representatives' contact info go to: www.prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

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HEALTH & SCIENCE PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE – MEDICAL AID IN DYING

Lenore Broughton, founder of the Vermont Institute for Human Flourishing, posted a commentary at *The Daily Signal* (1/17/25), entitled "*The Alarming Rise in Assisted Suicide.*" She noted that Canada's **Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)**, originally intended for the terminally ill, was expanded in 2021 to those with a "serious and incurable illness, disease, or disability; be in an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability; or have enduring and intolerable physical or psychological suffering that cannot be alleviated under conditions the person considers acceptable." She reported that the "**Dignity in Dying caucus is working hard in Delaware, New York, and Maryland to secure similar laws.**" The *Psychiatric Times* (6/6/24) warned of the "widening use of physician-assisted suicide in the U.S. and elsewhere." In Canada, Belgium, and the Netherlands, eligibility for "death by physician" is not just for the terminally ill, but also includes those with "chronic, nonterminal, or treatment-refractory illnesses (conditions that do not respond to treatment)." Requirements of written requests and 10-15-day waiting periods to confirm intent and a sound mind "have been eliminated for a one- or two-day wait and little regard for the mental state of the individual." In 2021, Vermont removed the requirement for an in-person request and the 48-hour waiting period before writing a prescription for the deadly drugs. In 2023 Vermont removed the residency requirement for Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS).

Maria Cheng and Angie Wang, reporting for the Associated Press (10/16/24) found that a "significant number" of MAID requests in Canada were from those "in despair, or homeless, or lonely after the death of a loved one." Broughton said, "the push to implement these laws comes at a time when people around the world [post-COVID-19] are continuing to experience extreme loneliness and isolation." Dr. Aaron Kheriaty said, "deaths of despair" (suicide, alcohol-related illnesses, and drug overdoses) have been rising steadily since 1999 and jumped "dramatically" during COVID-19. Former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy called it "a huge epidemic of loneliness." Broughton concluded, "During an epidemic of despair and loneliness, the last thing we should be doing is helping people take their own lives. Every country that has legalized physician-assisted suicide has eventually expanded it and set the important safeguards aside….Death is not the answer to life's problems."

The Squamish Chief published an article by Jennifer Thuncher on 12/19/24 entitled, "Demystifying medically assisted death in British Columbia." She referred to Alex Muir, chair of the Metro Vancouver chapter of Dying with Dignity Canada, who said, "It's a very peaceful death." He described the so-called "peaceful" process: first an IV line is put into the person's arm, and a sedative or calming drug is administered. Then lidocaine, a numbing agent is given, going "through your veins so that the person won't feel the other drugs going through." Next, anesthesia is administered, but at five times the dosage as is used in surgeries, putting the person in a deep coma. Lastly, a drug is administered to stop the lung and heart muscles from working. Muir noted that MAID is "tricky" for someone with dementia. The person must understand what they are agreeing to when they request it and when they are assessed. The person can't be "so far along that they've actually lost the capacity to make medical decisions for themselves." Muir is pushing for advance consent "so that people aren't caught in this."

Alicia Duncan wrote a letter (1/19/25) to the Squamish Chief in response to Muir's statements. She wrote that he "presents a sanitized view of [MAID]. While it aims to reassure readers of the process's safety and compassion, it overlooks systemic gaps, troubling evidence, and the experiences of families like mine. My mother, Diana Duncan, received MAID in October 2021 despite untreated depression and a suicide attempt 72 hours prior. Her death followed months of seeking answers for worsening symptoms...after a minor car accident. She believed she had central sensitivity syndrome, but her specialist appointment was scheduled 2 weeks after her death." The Duncan case is the "first MAID death in Canada to be investigated for criminal negligence but was closed after Fraser Health refused to release critical documentation." Duncan asks, "If even the police cannot verify compliance, how can the system claim transparency?" She noted the Alzheimer Society of Canada said "dementia often shifts a person's identity, meaning individuals who once feared the condition might later find joy or comfort. Allowing advance directives to override present wishes risks enforcing death against one's current consent. This mirrors broader systemic failures in MAID: assumptions about suffering and lack of oversight." Duncan wrote that "evidence contradicts" Muir's statement that it is "a very peaceful death." There is no national standardization for drug protocols. Organizations "do not have access to data verifying peacefulness...Alexander Raikin's A Pattern of Noncompliance uncovered over 400 negligence cases, including practitioners administering incorrect medications. Without independent oversight, such claims are unverifiable. Dr. Joel Zivot, an anesthesiologist, has raised significant concerns about MAID drugs. His research, supported by the British Medical Bulletin, highlights troubling gaps in understanding the drug's effects at MAID doses. The lack of peer-reviewed guidance means no single or combination of drugs is agreed upon as the most effective. Zivot warns these drugs may suppress outward signs of suffering while causing hidden distress, such as pulmonary edema - a buildup of fluid in the lungs...raising profound questions about hidden suffering in supposedly "peaceful" deaths. Targeting vulnerable populations are claimed as "unfounded." Yet evidence shows marginalized groups are disproportionately impacted. Dr. Ramona Coelho, a family physician and MAID expert, has documented numerous cases of patients seeking MAID due to systemic neglect."

Duncan concluded her mother "did not receive care to live but was offered death instead." (See: patientsrightsaction.org) Subm

IMPORTANT:

"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.

<u>Nassau County - Location</u>	Day/Time	Contact Phone
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	917-544-0121
" "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-220-8273
	(W) Sa 10 AM-Noon	516-220-8273
" "	(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon	516-359-1298
<u>Suffolk County - Location</u>	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe	
	We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM	813-3412
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
877 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	323-8001
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon	615-1735

Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Women First Pregnancy Options: (Four locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at East 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), Smithtown 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave., open Mo.-Fr. 8 AM-4 PM closed Saturdays.

Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

EWTN Pro-Life Weekly, Thurs. 10 PM, (Re-airs Sun, 10:30 AM and Tue. 1:30 PM) Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 **Live Stream: 7 PM Mondays** marchforlifeny.org/events/march-for-life-ny-livestream **Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog**: rickhinshaw.com

In Memoriam: Deacon Frank J. Gariboldi

Deacon Frank was married to Lorraine Gariboldi, former Executive Director of the Life Center of Long Island. He helped many women and men who experienced an abortion be reconciled with God and to encounter His love, mercy and forgiveness. He worked tirelessly for the preborn and their parents, as well as many other charitable deeds. We thank Deacon Frank for all he did. Rest in Peace.

New York Families Foundation Legislative Day 2025

Tus., March 18 9 AM- 4 PM Empire State Plaza Convention Center 279 Madison Ave, Albany Phone: 585-225-2220 Email: info@newyorkfamilies.org

Contenders: Making the Case for Life with Dr. Marc Newman Thurs., March 20 6-9 PM

Island Christian Church, 400 Elwood Rd E. Northport

Contenders teaches you to make the scientific, moral, and biblical case for life. Learn how abortion advocacy places everyone at risk, and what you can do about it. Seminar is free, but seating is limited. Please register at https://speakerforlife.com/events/

Defund Planned Parenthood

Sign the petition to stop our tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood. To sign, visit: priestsforlife.org/petition

Weekly Prayer Opportunities:

Rosary for Life every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom, Https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84180680547?
pwd=zK6raKuutIvKjOlR49NzhwtaRRanlY.1
Meeting ID: 841 8068 0547
Passcode: VPZAN4
Holy Hour for Life - St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church

St., Kings Park every Mon. at 7 PM. This is also livestreamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.

• **Right to Life Rosary** - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue every Thurs. at 7 PM. For info call 631-475-4739.

"The simplest framing of what is wrong with MAiD is that it leads to the government operating two competing suicide hotlines, and being, at best, indifferent about which one you call. On one line, people will tell you that every life is worthwhile and that your loved ones do not despise you for your frailties. On the other, a kind doctor will solicitously schedule you for a lethal cocktail or injection." (Leah Libresco Sargeant, *An Idol of Autonomy*, TheDispatch.com, 1/13/25)

"**Physician-assisted suicide** is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks." (2024 American Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics)

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



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Tuesday, March 25 Rally starts at Foley Sq., NYC at 11 AM Sponsored by PersonhoodEducationNY.com Register and info: 516-630-3947 Info@PersonhoodEducationNY.com

At the time of this publication going to print, we did not have information about:

March for Life NY. It will however, be on LI this year. More information will be in *Life News* as it becomes available. You can visit: marchforlifeny.org
 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, March 5 - April 13. For info on local sites, visit: https://

www.40daysforlife.com/en/spring for witnessing sites.

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The Hempstead 40 Days for Life Kick Off Mass will take place at Saint Ladislaus Catholic Church on March 1st at 10 AM. After Mass, you are welcome to participate in a Rosary procession to the Hempstead Planned Parenthood. The address of the Church is 18 Richardson Place in Hempstead. The main celebrant will be Father Liam McDonald. The 40 Days for Life Campaign takes place from March 5 to April 13. Please go to www. Hempstead 40 Days for Life for more details.

> The Bridge to Life 33rd Anniversary Gala

Saturday, April 5 12:30 PM Honoring Monsignor Alfred Lo Pinto Very Reverend Patrick Keating Mr. Robert Pape Mr. Anthony Ippolito Lenoard's Palazzo, 555 Northern Blvd. Great Neck RSVP by 3/22/25 events@thebridgetolife.org; 718-463-1810