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Long Island's Pro-Life Newsletter

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*"I have set before you life and death; choose life."*

Deuteronomy 30:19

## Case for Life



Scott Klusendorf, president of Life Training Institute, wowed pro-lifers during his "Case For Life" pro-life apologetics presentations on March 28 and 29. Mr. Klusendorf explained how to articulately, compassionately and "winsomely" put forth the pro-life position. He helped us focus on critical elements to answer the arguments of abortion advocates. The LICL Educational Trust appreciated the support of all those who attended and worked to make this a successful event.



Those unable to attend may view several 4-5 minute videos by going on-line to Life Training Institute at [www.prolifetraining.com](http://www.prolifetraining.com). A two-session, two-hour, training DVD, prepared by Life Training Institute is recommended for groups and can be obtained (while they last) from the LICL Educational Trust for a donation of \$10. Make checks payable to: LICL Educational Trust and mail to: LICL, Training Video, P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

**Action Needed:** LICL's 2014 petition drive to Oppose Abortion Expansion in New York State is ongoing. Petitions will be delivered to Senators. Please plan a petition drive as early in May as possible. A second reason to host a petition drive is to raise awareness of this attempt to make abortion legal in NYS through all nine months. Find further information on Page 3. Obtain the 2014 petition at [www.ProLifeLI.org](http://www.ProLifeLI.org) or call LICL at 631-243-1435 and return petitions as collected.

## You're Invited!

The Long Island Coalition for Life will hold our general meeting on **Mon., May 19, at 7:45 PM.** Several LICL member groups will be invited to speak. The meeting will take place at the St. Regis K of C Council Hall, Pond Rd., & Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma 11779. For further information call 631-243-1435 (between 9 AM-7 PM).

**All welcome!**

Join the Long Island Coalition for Life

at a **Long Island Ducks** game  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014**  
**For Military Appreciation Night & Post-Game Fireworks Extravaganza**



**Game Time: 7:05PM**  
Bethpage Ballpark, Central Islip  
**Tickets only \$14.00 each**

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# tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail payment to: LICL, Box 247, Old Bethpage NY 11804 (to be received by 6/25/14). Tickets limited. You will be contacted about ticket distribution. 631-243-1435.

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**Attention:** Please note the following motion passed at the LICL General Meeting of 3/24/14.

**“Any materials distributed at LICL environment controlled events must be approved by LICL Board in advance and this be posted in our Newsletter and on our website.”**

**Vanishing Abortionists:** Number of Abortion Doctors Has Dropped 40%. Following *Roe v. Wade*, the number of abortionists in America rose, peaking at 2,908 in 1982. By 2011 there were just 1,720. One reason is those willing to train are scarce. Abortion training is mostly conducted in freestanding facilities, such as Planned Parenthood (the largest chain of abortion mills in the nation). In some cases abortion training backfires. As students come face-to-face with the gruesome reality many decide this isn't for them. Visit the website of Medical Students for Life, etc. for additional information.

Adapted from www.LifeNews.com 3/28/2014.

### Five things you can do to save unborn babies:

1. Pray for change of minds and hearts.
2. Volunteer at a local pro-life pregnancy center, men and women needed.
3. Educate yourself on pro-life issues.
4. Write a letter to your local newspaper.
5. Display a pro-life bumper sticker.

### Senior Living Referral Service Promotes Assisted Suicide

“A Place for Mom,” which bills itself as “the nation’s largest senior living referral service,” is using its official blog to promote a suicide advocacy group that provides “Client Support Volunteers [who] are present at the time of death for their clients who elect to self-administer [lethal] medication.” Full story at <http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/02/senior-living-referral-service-promotes-assisting-suicide/#more-32314>

Source: NRTL 2/28/14



Deanery 8 Ave Maria Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood, Smithtown on March 25, 2014. Approximately 45 participants braved the cold to pray for an end to abortion. Thank you to Sharon & William for leading the group in song.



## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

None of the pro-Life or anti-Life bills in Congress have made any significant progress since last month.

### HHS Mandate - the Federal

government, on 2/12/14 announced its intention to appeal Judge Cogan's ruling of 12/16/13, in the case *Catholic Archdiocese of New York v. Sebelius*, which gave Catholic Health Services of LI, and other NYC area Catholic organizations, temporary protection from the HHS Contraceptive/Sterilization/Abortifacient Mandate. As of 3/31/14, the Federal appeal has not been filed. On 3/25/14 the U.S. Supreme Court heard the cases of *Hobby Lobby & Conestoga Wood v. the HHS Mandate*. Decision expected in late June. **Both plaintiffs say some of the mandated products may cause early abortions.**

**NOTE:** *The LICL opposes the anti-Life parts of Obama Care, but takes no position on the Bill as a whole.*

To discuss federal legislation contact Charles Feldman at [cdefeldman@optonline.net](mailto:cdefeldman@optonline.net).



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

**Long Island Is Key-** According to a 3/31/14 *Newsday* article, Long Island is key to controlling the State Senate, as several seats are up for grabs and some "safe" seats have now become competitive. It is our responsibility to be vigilant and supportive of candidates who share our views. It requires activity on our part, to stay informed; social media is a great way to do this. You can follow on Facebook, NYS4Life, or nyscatholicconference. Let those who stand with us in Albany know you stand with them! They need your support and encouragement more than ever, as the enemy has become more aggressive these past few years.

**Oppose Abortion Expansion-** Despite a great victory in 2013, the pro-life community in New York must remain vigilant and continue to educate and mobilize against abortion expansion. In 2013, a hostile amendment to bring the Abortion Expansion Act to the Senate floor for a vote was defeated by only one vote!

A 4/7/14 E-Mail from NYSRTL Committee cautioned: Unlike last year, the battle is being conducted quietly. It appears Gov. Cuomo does not want a lot of attention to this issue because this is an election year--but just as the Women's Equality Act was brought up very late in the session last year, (6/23/13), the same thing may happen this year and we have to be ready.

**ACTION:** Visit or contact your Senator (contact information below). Urge he/she oppose abortion expansion in NYS as part of the 10-point "Women's Equality Act" or as standalone legislation. Distribute the "Oppose Abortion Expansion" petitions (see pg. 1).

**Support the Sex Selection Abortion Ban** (S.2286/A.2533)

**ACTION:** Contact your Senator and Assembly Member to co-sponsor **the Sex Selection Abortion Ban**. Sex selection kits are sold at some drug stores Check yours and take a picture to show your legislators--and point out that this is the real "war on women" since most sex selection abortions kill girls.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Bldg., Albany, NY 12247  
Senate Switchboard 518-455-2800

via [nyssenate.gov](http://nyssenate.gov) – send message/find bill status  
Assembly Member \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Bldg., Albany, NY 12248

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via [nysassembly.gov](http://nysassembly.gov) - send message/find bill status.

Senate/Assembly Bill Status Hotline 800-342-9860.  
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To discuss state legislation contact Jim Miller at [jimmiller9@aol.com](mailto:jimmiller9@aol.com).

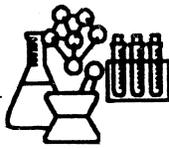
### **Election Corner:**

**Tues. June 24** is Primary Day for all Congressional Candidates. Call B.O.E. Ask if there is a Primary in which you are eligible to vote. Ask candidates their position on Life Issues. Pass on this information.

### **ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

Mail-in voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are available at all Post Offices and Libraries.

Call Nassau Board of Elections 516-571-2411  
Suffolk Board of Elections 631-852-4500



## HEALTH & SCIENCE

### POLST Warning

POLST stands for 'Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment'. A publication distributed by the Pro-life Healthcare Alliance (PHA) entitled "Informed, A guide for critical medical decisions," warns of the dangers of a POLST. It contains the following comment by E. Christian Brugger, PhD, "The POLST is a living will on steroids...The real danger is that people who sign a POLST often don't understand how powerful this instrument can be."

The publication states that "Trained 'facilitators' - usually not physicians - ask patients questions about their treatment wishes and check boxes on POLST forms that correspond to patient responses. POLST protocols or laws require a healthcare professional's signature, but the patient's signature and witnesses often are not required or sought, which is quite the opposite of Living Will requirements. Without the patient's signature or impartial witnesses, how can anyone be certain that the POLST expresses the actual wishes of the patient and that he or she was not coerced or manipulated, or was even competent to make medical decisions when the form was filled out? After filling out a patient's POLST form, the facilitator presents it to be signed by a physician or other designated healthcare professional - someone who may never have seen or talked with a patient. Once signed, the brightly colored POLST form becomes the very visible first page of medical orders in the patient's chart. It indicates whether to withhold or administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), antibiotics, and/or assisted nutrition and hydration, and also whether the patient should receive 'comfort measures only,' 'limited additional interventions,' or 'full treatment.' POLST restrictions apply the instant the order is signed, whether or not the treatment is associated with an end of life condition. POLST medical orders travel with a patient from one healthcare setting to the next and even home to be followed by EMTs in an emergency. The first order in many POLST forms is 'FIRST follow these orders, THEN contact Physician.' It is always best to make medical decisions 'in the moment,' that is, based on the patient's current situation. Using medical orders that were written weeks, months or years earlier is not sound medical practice."

The publication goes on to warn that a POLST form "may render the agent you appointed in your Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPAHC) powerless to protect your rights. If a POLST form and an advance directive conflict, the latest (usually POLST) often prevails, even if you (or your agent) did not sign the POLST...POLST is not needed for treatment to be provided. A typical POLST form states, 'Any section not completed implies full treatment for that section.'

Therefore, filling out a POLST form if you want full treatment is unnecessary...The PHA advises you to refuse to answer POLST questions and to warn your loved ones, as well. No matter how many times you are approached by POLST facilitators, firmly state, "I have a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care which will go into effect if ever I need my agent to make decisions for me. Until such time, I want to discuss my current and future medical conditions and applicable treatment and care options with my attending physician and no one else. Please respect my wishes."

The publication also warns that Living Wills can be dangerous: "In a Living Will, you request or refuse life-sustaining treatment for some future illness or injury based on pure guesswork. Also, when hospitalized, your attending physician may be a stranger who does a poor job of interpreting your wishes, particularly if they do not share your values. Worse yet, a physician can be disciplined for failing to comply with your Living Will's refusal of treatment unless the physician attempts to transfer you to a physician who will comply. Therefore, a Living Will may tie the hands of a physician who values your life and whose skills could restore you to health."

The Pro-life Healthcare Alliance recommends a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. You appoint an agent (a family member or friend) - someone you trust to make decisions for you when you are unable. "Your agent will endeavor to honor your values while basing decisions on current information (your condition, treatment options, likely outcomes, etc.) provided by medical professionals...It is wise to choose someone who (1) genuinely respects human life and is capable of making morally sound medical decisions for you, (2) will ask questions in order to base decisions on the best medical information and advice available, (3) will not be easily intimidated by medical professionals or terminology, and (4) will obtain a second opinion or legal advice if necessary. Discuss your wishes with your agent when you sign your DPAHC and periodically thereafter, as your circumstances and perspective may change over time. A DPAHC is essential for anyone who is 18 years or older. To be certain that a person you trust will make medical decisions for you if you become incapacitated, you must specifically name that person in a legal document."

For more information, or to obtain a copy of the publication described in paragraph one, contact the Human Life Alliance, 651-484-1040; [www.humanlife.org](http://www.humanlife.org)

To obtain a Protective Medical Decisions Document packet specific to your state, contact the Patients Rights Council, PO Box 760, Steubenville OH 43952.

Phone: 1-800-958-5678.

Written by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435.

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

PRO-LIFE WITNESSING SITES PLEASE STAND WITH US. BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!

Prayer vigil schedules 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. each month, is important. Signs provided.**

**Note: Prayer vigils 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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**Day/Time**

(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon 741-3405  
(M) 1st Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy 741-3405

**Contact Phone (516)**

**Suffolk County - Location**

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown  
" " "

**Day/Time**

(W) Wed & Sa 7:30-10:30AM 979-7017  
(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy 979-7017

**Contact Phone (631)**

42 First Ave, Brentwood  
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge

(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM 665-3630  
(W) Sa 9:45-11:15 AM 265-2736

540 E. Main St, Riverhead

(W) We 2-4 PM 722-3111

498 Rt. 111, Smithtown

(W) Sa 7-9 AM 751-7894

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM 472-0033

**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. (three locations): Massapequa** 516-798-9100, 35 Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon; **Hempstead** 516-408-6300, 507 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mn,Tu,We,Th,Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9 AM-1PM; **Deer Park** 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mn 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-3 PM. (Closed Sa).*

**Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk, Smithtown**, call for hours 631-360-7707.

**Pro-Life Viewing:**

Life Issues Cable V NWSuf Ch 20 Tu 5 PM, CSuf Ch 20 Tu 9 PM, Rvhd Ch 20 Tu 9 PM, Verizon Ch 40 Th 9 PM

Life Talk Cable V NWSuf Ch 115 We 8 PM, CSuf Ch 20 We 3:30 PM, Rvhd Ch 20 We 10 PM.

American Family Assn CableV NWSuf Ch 20 Sa 8 PM, CSuf Ch 20 Mo 8 pm, Rvhd Ch 20 Sa 8 PM Verizon Ch 40 Mo 8PM

**EVENTS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE IN LIFE NEWS**

Sa 5/24 **HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS pray at abortion site** following 7:30 AM Mass at Queen of Martyrs 110-06 Queens Blvd, Forest Hills. 718-853-2789 helpersny.org.

Sa 5/31 & 7/19 **POST- ABORTION HEALING FOR WOMEN**, Bronx. 866-575-0075, lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Fr & Sa 6/6 & 6/7 **UNIVERSITY FACULTY FOR LIFE CONFERENCE**, Fordham. 516-379-5409, Janehg1@verizon.net

**In Memoriam Henry King**

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**Catholics for Freedom of Religion Event:**  
**Su 5/4 1:30 PM**, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 27905 Main Rd., Cutchogue 11935. Update by speaker: Thomas Renker Esq.  
**Th 5/22 7 PM**, Infant Jesus Church, Port Jefferson. Thomas Renker, Esq. will speak on attacks on freedom of religion posed by the HHS mandate. 631-896-8331, CatholicsforFreedomofReligion.org.  
**Religious Freedom must be maintained to protect conscience rights of all health care providers.**  
**All welcome.**

**Total US Abortions since 1973 as of 4/15 /14:**

**56,721,520**

Source: usabortionclock.org

**Students**

**6/26-8/1** - National Right to Life Academy, 5-wk. training for pro-life college students. For more information please email academy@nrlc.org or call 202-626-8809.

**Fri.-Sun, 8/1-3 Camp Esther**, weekend boot camp to train pro-life youth advocates at Good News Ctr., Utica, NY. Sponsors: NYS Right to Life, Good News Found. of Central NY & NYSAOH - 518-434-1293 or e-mail youthoutreach@nysrighttolife.org.

**New CD :** “A Voice for the Unborn” with Lila Rose, founder of “Live Action.” Lila Rose has been an effective leader in undercover pro-life work, exposing Planned Parenthood many times. For info contact Lighthouse Media at 631-848- 7612; e-mail tpiekut@me.com.



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Love Them Both Prayer Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood in Massapequa on February 15, 2014. Sponsored by LICL. **VISIBILITY MATTERS!**

### **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat**

**Fri., 6/27 - Sun., 6/29 - Huntington 11743**

To register: Deacon Joe at 516-445-3927;  
or e-mail [rvr@lifecenterli.org](mailto:rvr@lifecenterli.org)

A Psychological and Spiritual Journey for  
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### **Prayer Service at the Memorial of the Unborn Child**

**Sat., May 10 - 10 AM**

Service by Msgr. Joseph Curley  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Corner of Rte.  
112 & Granny Rd., Coram

Sponsor: Sacred Heart Council Knights of Columbus  
Centereach 631-235-2662. **All Welcome!**



**School Board Elections:** Ask candidates their views on life and on Planned Parenthood in class.

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**Drop in Abortion Rate:** A study released in March of 2014 shows the number of abortions in the U.S. fell 13% in recent years, down from 1.21 million in 2008 to 1.06 million in 2011. Many speculate as to why. Surely the constant pro-life activity, on Long Island and across the U.S., - educational efforts to raise awareness of the development of the pre-born, pregnancy care centers, the pro-life presence enduring cold or heat at abortion sites, the silent public witnesses displaying pro-life signs which beg for a change of minds and hearts - make a difference.