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Long Island's Monthly Pro-Life Newsletter

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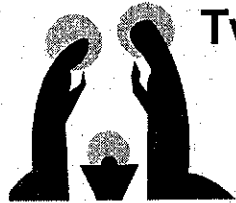
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"I believe, when statesmen forsake their own private consciences for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos."

St. Thomas More



Twelfth Annual National Night of Prayer for Life & America Eucharistic Adoration and Intercession for the Unborn

Saturday, December 8th, 2001 – Please attend your nearest location.

The hour of National Unity is from 12-1AM Sunday, December 9th, EST.

Nassau County

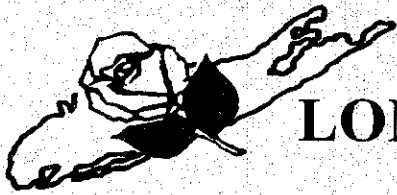
Holy Family, Hicksville, 9PM-1AM
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 9PM-1AM
 St. Patrick's, Glen Cove, Perpetual Adoration
 will process to church, 9PM-1AM
 St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh, 9PM-1AM
 St. William the Abbot, Seaford, 9PM-1AM
 St. Raymond's, E. Rockaway, 9PM-1AM
 St. Raphael, East Meadow, call for time
 Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout, 11AM-Noon
 St. Kilian, Farmingdale, 9PM-Midnight
 Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, 9PM-Midnight
 St. Boniface, Elmont, after 8PM Mass
 St. Aiden's, Williston Park, 8:30-10PM
 St. Rose of Lima, Massap., after 5:15 Mass-8:15PM
 Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park, 8-10PM
 Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park, after 5PM Mass-6:45PM
 St. Christopher, Baldwin, 8-10PM
 St. Joseph, Garden City, 6:30-9PM
 Holy Name of Mary and Blessed Sacrament at
 Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream,
 after 7:30PM Mass-11PM

These are the parishes who, at printing time, have registered. If your parish is not listed, please contact them. Queens & Brooklyn-Please call Parish for time. For further information contact Anne Murphy at 631-234-6921.

Suffolk County

St. Patrick's, Huntington, 9PM-1AM
 St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, 9PM-1AM
 Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Bridgehampton, 9PM-1AM
 St. Isidore, Riverhead, 9PM-1AM
 St. James, Setauket, 9PM-1AM
 St. Elizabeth, Melville, 9PM-1AM
 Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson, 9PM-1AM
 Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point, 9PM-1AM
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue, 9PM-1AM
 St. Patrick's, Smithtown, 9PM-1AM
 St. Luke, Brentwood, 9PM-1AM
 St. Joseph, Babylon, 9PM-1AM
 Sts. Philip & James, St. James, 9PM-1AM
 St. Matthews, Dix Hills, after 7:30PM Mass-1AM
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mattituck,
 after 7:30PM Mass-10PM
 St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 6PM-7PM
 St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia, 6:30-10:30PM
 Our Lady of Grace, W. Babylon, 9PM-Midnight
 Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, after 8PM Mass-11PM
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, 9PM-Midnight
 St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Sta.,
 after 8PM Mass-10PM
 Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague, 8-10PM
 Our Lady of Lourdes, W. Islip, 9PM-Midnight
 St. Jude, Mastic Beach, 8:30-10PM
 Christ the King, Commack, call for time
 Ss. Mark, Shoreham, FRIDAY, Dec. 7, Noon-4PM

A Blessed Christmas And Holy Days



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Dear Defender of Life,

Karen Pearl, president and chief executive of Planned Parenthood (PP) of Nassau County, responding to a prayer vigil outside Massapequa PP, was quoted in the November 11th *Newsday* as saying "With Americans on edge after the attacks [of September 11th], we feel that it is egregious to do anything further to harass women." This coming from a spokesperson for a branch of the organization whose Manhattan affiliate offered **free abortions** as its way of recognizing the World Trade Center disaster. I can't find words to adequately describe the callousness and duplicity in PP's words and actions. **Abortion itself is an egregious harassment of women** and PP is the main aborter of American women.

While sensible and sensitive people tread very lightly when comparing the tragedies of September 11th with other threats to humanity, PP and its ilk have jumped right in, attempting to equate the horrors of September 11th with the trivial inconveniences posed by peaceful, prayerful pro-life witness outside their killing establishments. Again, words escape me.

If any lesson is to be learned from September 11th it is that life is fragile and irreplaceable. It must be cherished, nurtured, protected. We have gone to war to protect us from further terrorism. We must also continue, with greater vigor than ever, our home-front battle of protecting innocent human life in the womb. The signs seem to be pointing to a change in direction for our country. There seems to be more caring and concern for others and less emphasis on self. I would like to believe that the time is ripe for a corresponding increase in protectiveness for pre-born human life and a concomitant desire to help mothers keep and nurture their babies.

Each of us is living in a new reality. We continue about our daily lives which may appear the same but really are not, because the images and losses of September 11th will linger for as long as we live. But a reality which is unchanged is that pre-born babies continue to die by the thousands each day. Hence our work must also continue, hoping that it will be successful in the changed atmosphere of caring. So, another unchanged reality is that we need your continued help to keep the defense of innocent human life in the forefront. Though I'm sure that you have donated to one of the many relief funds established to help families of victims of the terrorism of September 11th, please don't forget to send an end-of-year contribution to your Long Island Coalition for Life. With your help, another new reality—growing out of tragedy—may be that pre-born babies will cease to be victims.

Thank you for your generosity in 2001 which allowed us to accomplish the work detailed on page 8. With your continued support we will persevere and hope to do even more in 2002. Please keep our work in your prayers.

For His innocents,


Jerome B. Higgins, D.V.M.
Chairman

P.S. Please use the coupon on page 11 and the enclosed envelope to send your gift. Please also keep in your prayers the members of our pro-life family who were lost or left behind on September 11th.

LEGISLATIVE PAGE

NEW YORK STATE



During the next few weeks Governor Pataki will decide what issues he will include in his January 2nd State of the State Address. Since the Governor will be up for reelection in November 2002 this is a good time to call or write. Form letters have less impact than letters which are individually created. Instead of copying the long sample letter below I suggest that you use parts of it and send a letter which is not identical to it. If time permits please send a similar letter to Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and your own State Senator. Calls are also important.

Action--Write or Call:

Dear Governor Pataki:

As you decide what issues should take priority in the year 2002 we urge you to include on your agenda the passage of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (S.57-B/A.6681-A), the Family Protection Act (S. 4836) and similar legislation. We also ask you to enforce New York State Social Service Law 365A which states that only "medically necessary" abortions qualify for Medicaid reimbursement. The State's unsupervised reimbursement policy illegally forces State and County taxpayers to fund the full cost of 38.2% of the abortions in our state, since our "abortion on demand" policy makes our state ineligible for federal funds. Why are we cutting so many programs needed by the poor while using so many millions of Medicaid dollars to kill the unborn?

Considering how successful organizations such as the National Abortion Rights Action League and Planned Parenthood are in opposing any restriction on abortion we realize that it will take courage and persistence for you to come out in favor of such legislation. However, in doing so you will be supporting the wishes of over 60% of the voters who believe:

--that to make a real choice women need to be provided information as to the nature of the

choice, the alternatives and possibly short and long term effects of an abortion;

--that a teenager should not be brought to an abortion clinic without the knowledge of her parents;

-- that their taxes should not fund abortion.

In spite of this young teenagers in our State are often issued a Medicaid card specifically for an abortion without the knowledge of the parent. In fact half of the 10,345 abortions performed on teenagers under 18 years old are Medicaid funded.

There is an urgent need for your support. The last bill restricting abortion, a parental consent bill, was passed by the state legislature 25 years ago. (Even that bill did not become law because of a Governor's veto.) Passage of such laws in other states have resulted in a large decrease in the number of abortions. **The rate of abortion in New York State is higher than that of any other state except for California.** Will you help change this? Please respond. Thank you.

Addresses and phone numbers:

Governor George E. Pataki
Executive Chamber, The State Capitol
Albany, N.Y 12224
518-474-8390

Senator Joseph L. Bruno Majority Leader Room 909 LOB Albany, N.Y. 12247 518-455-3191	your NYS Senator Legislative Bldg. Albany, NY 12247 Senate switchboard 518-455-2800
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For information on N.Y.S. legislation call Mary Arden Smith at 516-825-4852 and on Federal legislation call John Healy at 631-598-0430.



Plan to attend the 29th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE, Tues. Jan. 22ND, 2002 in Washington, D.C. For bus information call the LICL at 631-243-1435.



HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

PTSD, PAS AND PASS

After many years of legalized abortion (Supreme Court decisions in 1973), "the Pandora's box is now opened, and all the myths regarding 'health', 'freedom' and 'choice' are flying out. Abortion continues to take violently the lives of countless unborn children, and now more and more people are seeing how it has sucked the life out of the child's parents, grandparents and siblings; in fact the entire family unit can be affected." Fr. John J. Dillon, author of "A Path to Hope" and spokesperson for Project Rachel (healing and reconciling ministry) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Long Island, NY, goes on to say, "Abortion is no longer seen as liberation; rather it has become a major source of inner enslavement for vast numbers of women and men who so often suffer, for years, in silence."

Drs. Philip G. Ney and Marie Peeters-Ney write, "There are approximately 60 million abortions each year worldwide. In some Eastern European countries 90% of women have had abortions, often 7 or 8 per woman. In China...all pregnancies save one are terminated...In the US approximately 70% of women have had an abortion by the time they are 45, and another 10 - 15% have contemplated abortion...approximately 1 in 3 North American pregnancies end in abortion."

In the past we have listed the physical complications a woman may encounter following an abortion. Later in this article we will list some of the emotional symptoms suffered by not only the woman, but also the baby's father, and in some cases the abortion victim's siblings. These symptoms are recognized as being closely related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) occurs "when a person undergoes a traumatic experience which is beyond their normal ability to 'cope' and results in intense fear, feelings of helplessness or being trapped, or loss of control," explains David Reardon, PhD. Many women experience these same symptoms after having an abortion. This trauma is called Post-Abortion Syndrome (PAS). Wanda Franz, PhD states: "Every woman who has an abortion must deal with the death of her unborn child as a social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual reality." There is a tremendous list of post-abortion symptoms. Fr. John J. Dillon and The Life Center of Deer Park, NY have written about the following: anxiety, grief, depression, low self-esteem, shame, flashbacks, guilt, suicidal thoughts, anger, nightmares or sleep anxiety, feelings of helplessness and betrayal, rejection, hatred, failure, fear, phobias and compulsive disorders, fear of other children, fixating on another child, abuse of another child, alienation and loss of trust in others, sexual promiscuity, impatience and relational instability. There are also physical illnesses of a psychosomatic nature: high blood pressure, ulcers, panic attacks, violent behavior, insomnia, substance abuse and sexual dysfunction. The repercussions often arise as a delayed reaction occurring about 5 years after the abortion.

Dr. Vincent Rue, PhD writes, "We've only begun to recognize the profound price paid in the aftermath of abortion, and its lasting impact on the women, their families and on society. In the act and aftermath of abortion, it behooves us to finally recognize the profound price paid."

A Los Angeles Times poll among 1,050 men showed 7% of the men acknowledged having been the father of an aborted child. Guilt was felt by almost 2/3 of the men and regret by more than 1/3. When the father or siblings experience the aforementioned symptoms, it is referred to as Post-Abortion Survivor Syndrome (PASS).

Dr. Vincent Rue, PhD refers to an article written by Arthur Shostak, Sociologist for The Family Coordinator, that 3 out of 4 males involved in an abortion study said "they had a difficult time with the abortion experience and that a sizable minority reported persistent day and night dreams about the child that never was, and considerable guilt, remorse and sadness." He explains the double standard regarding abortion: "While the right to abdicate future motherhood is guaranteed, the right to insist on future fatherhood is not. If women choose motherhood, men are obligated in paternity action, while women may choose an abortion over the males' objection..."

Drs. Philip G. Ney and Marie Peeters-Ney have spent many years researching, giving talks, teaching and writing on "Abortion Survivors" (the title of one of their books). They describe Post-Abortion Survivor Syndrome (PASS) symptoms, those suffered by people when they know they could have been terminated. The doctors describe in detail at least 10 different types of abortion survivors: "Their situations and conflicts are different, but they have in common deep questions about whether they should be alive, whether they are worth anything to anybody, and whether they should develop their abilities..."

Space will not allow us to summarize all 10 types, but we would like to mention a few: Statistical Survivors are those who survived in countries or cities where there is a statistically higher probability they could have been aborted (check again the statistics in the beginning of this article and consider the following—approximately 1.6 million abortions annually in our country—4,356 daily—about one abortion ever 20 seconds). Threatened Survivors are those who may have been told in anger, "I could have aborted you!" Ambivalent Survivors are those whose parents' contemplated abortion and are told at a later time. It seems impossible to believe this occurs, but a frustrated mother did say to her teenage daughter in front of one of us, "I would have aborted her if it was legal when I was pregnant!" Imagine the suffering following such a statement. It was a devastating experience! A Twin Survivor is the child who survives when the abortionist misses locating and aborting a twin. The surviving twin often grieves and feels a great deal of anger. There is always "It could have been me!" Consider the number of late term "pregnancy reductions" following fertility treatments. Disabled Survivors are close to our hearts. These children are born with birth defects that were not identified in utero. Many lawsuits have been filed against doctors for not identifying diseases/defects before birth. We recall what a Down Syndrome patient said following Dr. Jerome Lejeune's death, "Who will protect us now?"

Dr. Philip Ney told us, "There is no scientific basis for the practice of abortion, not therapeutically or for safety. 95% of abortions are done for mental health reasons. Abortions are contraindicated psychologically. Some day there will be a class action suit. Abortionists will be sued as women are being hurt."

Fr. Dillon presents a charitable challenge to all of us to understand and open our hearts: "Every human being no matter what the manner of conception, is a dwelling place for God's Spirit of life. From conception that human being is unique, irreplaceable and sacred. Project Rachel, and programs like it, go beyond this basic pro-life premise and state that the sacredness of the lives of those who aborted must also be maintained. They, too, are precious and irreplaceable in the Lord's eyes even though they might not believe it...Clearly, the traumatic impact of abortion is wide and deep... Tragically, the unborn child was not the only one to die on the abortionist's table."

(For Rachel assistance call Office of Family Ministry 516-678-5800 ext. 234)

Dolores Andreski 516-781-5274 Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568

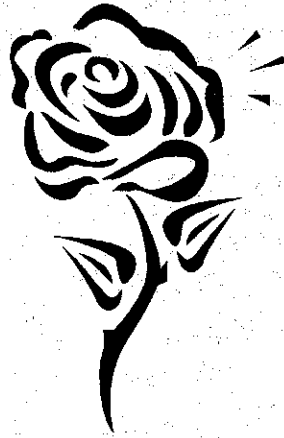
PROCESSION FOR LIFE

**Saturday,
December 8, 2001
Mass: 9:00 a.m.**

**Presider: Rev. Msgr. John A. Alesandro
Episcopal Vicar**

**Our Lady of Loretto R.C. Church
104 Greenwich Street, Hempstead**

*Sponsored by:
Office of Family Ministry
Diocese of Rockville Centre*



Rosary Procession:

Planned Parenthood
Fulton St., Hempstead
*(Bus available to & from site for those un-
able to process or please remain in church
to pray during procession.)*

Benediction:

Following Rosary Procession
~ Refreshments Served ~

ALL WELCOME!!

Special Invitation To Young Adults and Teens To Join Us!

Direction from Southern State Parkway: Take Exit 19 North onto Peninsula Boulevard into Hempstead. Make a right onto Greenwich Street. Church is about 2 blocks on the left.

Directions from Northern State Parkway to Exit 31 South— or—L.I. Expressway to Exit 39 South:

Both routes will exit onto Glen Cove Road. Road becomes Clinton Street when you pass through Garden City. Stay on Clinton Street to the end and then turn right onto Peninsula Blvd. At second light, make a left onto Greenwich Street. Church is about 2 blocks on the left.

COMING NEXT MONTH: *January 5, 2002-Mass & Procession for Life, St. James R.C. Church, 80 Hicksville Road, Seaford.*

Knights of Columbus Councils of New York's Eighth District 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner to CELEBRATE LIFE

Sunday, January 6th 2002

To be held at

**Daniel A. Tobin Council #564
1341 Fifth Ave., Bay Shore, NY**

2-6PM

**Please call
631-209-0080**

\$10 per person

**Includes Dinner, Beer,
Wine & Soda**

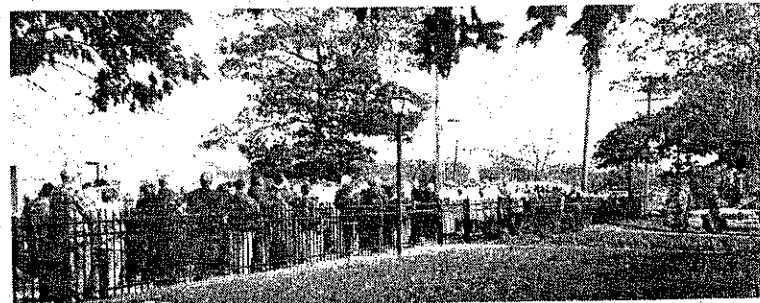
**To benefit the Long
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Bishop William Murphy of the Diocese of Rockville Centre lead the 11/10/01 Procession for Life which brought 400 people to pray with him at the Massapequa Planned Parenthood site.



Located across the street, top left, and under renovation is the newest Life Center office which will offer pro-life alternatives.

DECEMBER 2001 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Whenever Two or More
Are Gathered in My Name..."

PRAYER VIGIL AT ABORTION PROVIDER/REFERRAL SITES

IMPORTANT: Call your local contact person before going to site. Come ONLY at "DATES & TIMES" Prescribed By Your Contact Person and NEVER REMAIN AT SITE ALONE. PLEASE JOIN US! PRAYER & WITNESS ARE IMPORTANT!
(M) - This event held monthly. (W) - This event held weekly on dates noted.

NASSAU

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) MINEOLA	516-354-6749	156 Mineola Blvd.	Tu, Fr 10:30-11:30AM
(W) GARDEN CITY	516-354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	Tu, W, F 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	516-741-3405	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	516-798-2151	35 Carmans Rd.	Sat 10:30AM-NOON
(W) MASSAPEQUA	516-781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM-NOON
(W) SYOSSET	516-334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke.	Sat. 8-11AM, Mn 8-11AM, Tu 8-11AM, Th. 8-11AM & 3:30-7PM, Fr.3:30-7PM.

Note: Volunteers need to fill expanded vigil at Syosset site.
Call 516-334-2569 to offer your hour or two weekly or monthly. Babies have been saved by quiet prayer. Please help.

(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	516-887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	*Time subject to change, please call ahead.
New MANHASSET	516-741-3405	444 Community Dr.	*Time subject to change, please call ahead.

NOTE: Peaceful assembly & prayer on public property near abortion site is LEGAL.

SUFFOLK

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	631-979-7017	70 Maple Ave.	Fri NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(M) STONY BROOK	631-751-8217	2500 Nesconset Hwy.	1 ST & 3 RD Sat, 8-10AM
(W) SOUTHAMPTON	631-283-6829	595 Hampton Rd.	11:30AM every Friday
(W) BRENTWOOD	631-234-0933	42 First Ave.	8AM-10:00AM every Saturday

December

♥ M 12/10 10PM-Ch70; Riverhead and W 12/12 9PM-Ch71; Nassau & Western Suffolk: *Casting a Morally Sound Vote*. Tu 12/11 10PM-Ch70; Haup/Bkhvn: *Important Issues Facing NY Voters*. M 12/17 10PM-Ch70; Riverhead: *Planned Parenthood-Untold Story*. Tu 12/18 10PM-Ch70; Haup/Bkhvn: *The Truth About Sex*. W 12/19 9PM-Ch71; Nassau & Western Suffolk & M 12/24 10PM-Ch70; Riverhead: *It Ain't Worth It*. M 12/31 10PM-Ch70; Riverhead: *After the Choice*. American Family Association cable programming. Call Frank Russo: 516-944-3544. Website: www.afany.org

Mark Crutcher's **LIFE DYNAMICS** tapes are shown as follows: Queens Ch. 67 & Brooklyn Ch. 34 Mondays 10:00AM & 6:00PM; Riverhead Ch. 70 Fridays 1:30PM; Hauppauge Ch 70 Wednesdays 8PM; Woodbury Ch 71 2nd & 4th Saturdays 8:30PM; Brookhaven Ch 71 Tuesdays 8PM-

Sa 12/1 1/5

(M) 6PM **RIGHT TO LIFE ROSARY** St. Margaret of Scotland RCC, 81 College Rd., Selden, NY. An outdoor Rosary at the statue of Our Lady. Call Dennis Borro 631-738-2380.

Su 12/2 1/6

(W) 8-9PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst.

Su 12/2 1/6

(M) 11:15AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-347-6070.

Mn 12/3

♥ 7PM **NORTHPORT CARE CENTER 1ST ANNUAL BANQUET** Celebrating Life, Swan Club, Roslyn Harbor, NY. Special Guest-Julie Woodley. Call 631-266-3220. (see back cover)

Mn 12/3 1/7

(M) 10AM-4PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)

Mn 12/3 1/7

(W) 7PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.

Mn 12/3 1/7

♥NEW (M) 8PM **MASS FOR LIFE** St. Joseph's-Rectory Chapel, Garden City, NY. All Welcome.

Tu 12/4 1/1

(M) 10:00AM-3PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor, NY. 631-725-5915.

Th 12/6

(M) 7:30PM **DEANERY 6 PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** St. Joachim's RCC, 614 Center Ave., Cedarhurst, NY. Call Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458.

Th 12/6 1/3

(W) 7-8PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)

Th 12/6 1/3

(W) After 7PM Mass **ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE** St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY 516-694-2938.

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- Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 9:30PM-8AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE** St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520.
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 9PM-5AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 8PM-9PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (W) 1:00PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540.
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 8-12PM **ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY.
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 3-7AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Mn 11/12- 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770.
 Sa 12/8 ♥ 9AM **MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Loretto RCC, Hempstead, NY. (see page 5) Call 516-678-5800 x509. For transportation from Suffolk call 631-588-0168.
 Sa 12/8 ♥ 12th **ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER** Call Anne Murphy 631-234-6921 (front cover)
 Su 12/9 1/13 (M) 1-4PM **SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at "Bridge to Life" 41-23 Bell Blvd., 2nd Flr, Bayside, 718-225-2211. Queens pro-lifers may obtain the "Bridge to Life" newsletter- Call 718-225-2211.
 Su 12/9 1/13 (M) 1PM **PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
 M 12/10 1/14 (M) 7:30PM **EASTERN LONG ISLAND CATHOLICS FOR LIFE MEETING** New members welcome! St. Rosalie K of C Council, Hampton Bays, NY. Call 1-800-253-5218 or 631-728-2311.
 Tu 12/11 1/8 (M) 9AM **MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON** - Rosary; Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
 Fr 12/14 1/11 ♥ **NEW** (M) 9AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY. Call Ruth 631-369-7142.
 Mn 12/17 (M) 7:45PM - **L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING** at Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville, NY. Call -631-243-1435.
 Tu 12/18 1/15 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
 W 12/19 1/16 ♥ **New** (M) 7:30PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE** Maria Regina RCC, Chapel Pastoral Center, Seaford, NY. Call 516-781-5274.
 Fr 12/21 1/18 (M) 9PM-6AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC - Chapel Massapequa Park. For details please call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921. PLEASE CALL FOR MASS SCHEDULE.
 Th 12/27 9AM-Noon - Donate an hour or two & help prepare the January **LIFE NEWS** for mailing, St. Joseph's Old School Gym! 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma. Call: 631-588-4437. Confirmation service candidates welcome!
 Fr 12/28 1/25 ♥ (M) 8-9PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY. 516-541-3270

- Th 12/27 ♥ **THE MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** ♥ at the following locations:
 ♥ 8PM St. Joseph's, Babylon-Hymns performed by the Hibernian Singers. All are invited after Mass to the AOH Hall, 27 Locust Ave., Babylon for coffee & cake. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift. Call 631-587-1308.
 Fr 12/28 ♥ 8PM Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach, NY. Refreshments to follow. Call 631-585-8760.
 ♥ 8PM St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh-Intentions for stillborn infants and those lost to miscarriages and abortion.

Saturdays ♥ 10:30PM "DEFEND LIFE" television series on Channels 25 & 64 from **Priests for Life** - Fr. Frank Pavone. **Priests For Life Website: www.priestsforlife.com - AN EXCELLENT PRO-LIFE RESOURCE!**

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2002

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LONG ISLAND CHAPTER OF UNIVERSITY FACULTY FOR LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT:
 Joseph Varacalli, Director of the Nassau Community College Center for Catholic Studies, recently interviewed Jane Gilroy, President of the Long Island Chapter of University Faculty for Life, for an upcoming radio show. The program will be aired on *The Catholic Alternative Radio Show*, a project of the Center, on **December 3rd at 6PM on WHPC 90.3FM**. The interview focuses on the overall purpose and general goals of University Faculty for Life and the L.I. Chapter. Inquires welcome 516-678-5000 x6139.

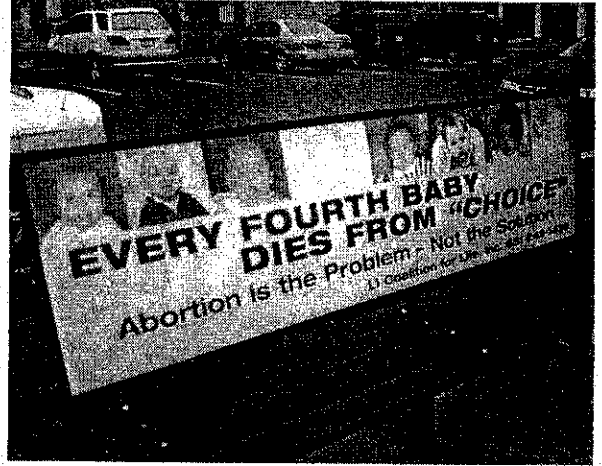
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Long Island Coalition for Life in Review — 2001

The Long Island Coalition for Life (LICL), through its member groups and supporters, worked throughout 2001 to affirm the sanctity of human life. Education, lobbying, and public witness are key elements in the LICL's mission to advance the Culture of Life. Highlights of LICL activities for 2001 include:

- Placed ads in bus stop shelters in Nassau County
- Placed ads on bus stop benches in Nassau County (pictured here)
- Paid for buses for lobbying trips to Albany
- Spoke to numerous high school and college classes
- Published and mailed nearly 11,000 copies of *Life News* each month
- Organized Stand Up For Life on Respect Life Sunday in October
- Participated in Suffolk County Women's Health Awareness Day and Bellmore Street Fair
- Wrote to tenants of a medical building about abortionists moving in there
- Hosted speakers at our general meetings, discussing topics such as post-abortion programs, abortion in Jewish law, and starting a pro-life group in public school. These meetings are open to the public.



Despite decades of work by the LICL and other pro-life groups, there is still very much education that needs to be done. The LICL **cannot do it without the your help**. We can provide the tools to battle the "pro-choice" mentality, but it is really up to you to take the baton and run with it. As a new year unfolds, please consider ways that you can make an ongoing commitment to spread the respect life message throughout Long Island.

- ✓ Participate in peaceful legal pro-life public witness at abortionists' offices. This is one of the most important actions you can take because it offers one last moment of hope for mother and baby and it keeps the pro-life message before the public.
- ✓ Subscribe to *Life News* for a college student or relocated Long Islander.
- ✓ Write to elected officials about pro-life legislation. No matter their pro-life record, don't let them say they didn't hear from us.
- ✓ Write to local businesses that support Planned Parenthood. It is imperative that they know you don't want your money going to anti-life causes. Don't be discouraged—large and small businesses have stopped giving to PP. Contact the LICL for a list of local supporters of PP.
- ✓ Contact Rotary about its collaboration with the pro-abortion UN Family Planning Association. If you forego an event sponsored by Rotary, let the local chapter know why! The LICL can provide you with information on the Rotary-UNFPA connection.
- ✓ Ask all candidates for public office their stand on Roe v. Wade. Become involved in the legislative process. There is a constant flow of laws that impact the pro-life position in such areas as euthanasia, assisted suicide, health care proxy, embryonic cell research, and mandatory insurance coverage for abortifacient contraceptives.
- ✓ Participate in events listed in the *Life News* Calendar of Events


The LICL thanks all those who have supported pro-life efforts in any way. A special thank you is extended to those who witness at abortion mills, to our committee chairs and members who keep our programs going and to the multitude of volunteers who work to get *Life News* out each month. Together we must keep focused on our respect life mission—rebuilding our neighborhoods, one by one, into a nation where children are not unwanted, where the disabled are accepted without condition, where the elderly are not a burden, and where truly there is *liberty and justice for all—born and unborn*.

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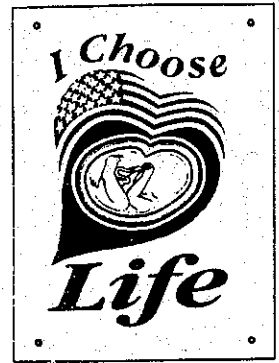
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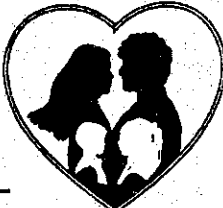
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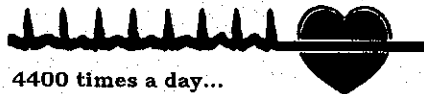
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QUESTION: *"The unborn is an embryo or a fetus-just a simple blob of tissue, a product of conception-not a baby. Abortion is terminating a pregnancy, not killing a child."*

ANSWER: Like toddler and adolescent, the terms *embryo* and *fetus* do not refer to nonhumans, but to humans at particular stages of development.

The word *embryo* is used of any living creature at an early stage of development. *Fetus* is a Latin word meaning "young one" or "little child."

It is scientifically inaccurate to say an embryo or a fetus is not a human being simply because he is at an earlier stage of development than a born infant. This is like saying that a toddler is not a human being-or is less of a human being-because he is not yet an adolescent. Or, that an adolescent is not a human being because he is not yet an adult.

*~ Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Question
by Randy Alcorn*