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"No matter what the motive, love of ease, or a desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed. It will burden her conscience in life, it will burden her soul in death; But oh, thrice guilty is he who drove her to the desperation which impelled her to the crime."

~Susan B. Anthony, Suffragette, 1869

**Pro-lifers from Montauk to Buffalo, from Ogdensburg to Brooklyn...
this is your day. Mark your calendars and plan to attend:**

The New York State Right To Life



Convention 2006

Sat., Sept. 16.

Royal Regency Hotel

165 Tuckahoe Rd., Yonkers, NY

Speakers: Wesley J. Smith, Attorney and Author, topic-Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide; Johanna Cervellino, LICL Education Committee Chair, topic-Planned Parenthood-title of talk "Intrusion of the Planned Parenthood organizations in to Schools and How Parents Can Counteract"; Theresa Bonopartis, topic-Post-Abortion; Julie Makimaa, topic-Product of Rape; Dr. Paul Byrne, etc. Additional topics include: Political Action 2006, Human Cloning, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Brain Death, and Organ Donation. Visit www.nysrighttolife.org for additions as confirmed.

Registration fee includes full day of great pro-life speakers, exhibits, and sit-down hot lunch.

Registration: \$47 adult (early) or \$52 after 9/1, \$25 student/clergy (early) or \$30 after 9/1. \$250 to sponsor a student table. **Registration includes lunch.** Make checks to: NYSRTL Committee Educational Fund. Mail to: NYSRTL 41 State St., Suite M-100, Albany NY 12207.

All registrations must be received by 9/11. **Booths:** \$125 includes one adult registration.

Location: Royal Regency Hotel 165 Tuckahoe Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710.

Lodging: Convention rate available at Royal Regency-914-476-6200 RoyalRegencyHotelNY.com

Directions: Located at the bottom of the ramp at Exit 6W, 1-87 (New York Thruway & Major Deegan). Just 16 miles N of midtown Manhattan and 8 miles S of the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Sponsor: NYSRTL Committee, Inc. Suite M-100, 41 State St., Albany, NY 12207
phone 518-434-1293 FAX 518-426-1200 www.nysrighttolife.org

YOU'RE INVITED

Thomas Dennelly, a very successful "Writer for Life," (see column below) will be the speaker at the Monday, August 28th, meeting of Long Island Coalition for Life. Tom will be speaking about his success in having letters to the editor published in many publications and will give tips and pointers so others can be equally successful in getting pro-life letters published.

The meeting will begin at 7:45 PM and will be held at the Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus Hall located at 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. For directions call 631-243-1435. **All are welcome.**



This month's clear letter-writing winner, with three published letters to the editor *Newsday*, the *New York Daily News* and *The Long Island Catholic*, is **Thomas E. Dennelly** (see above). Additionally we are pleased to congratulate **Marie Mawn** and **Leticia C. Velasquez** in *The Long Island Catholic*, and **Alice Lemos** in the *New York Post* for their letters promoting the pro-life viewpoint.

It's so important to take every opportunity to counteract and correct the anti-life bias of the media with your pro-life letters. Please keep writing them and please continue to send us any that are published.

TV AD PROJECT HALF WAY TO GOAL

Our Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust, recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the IRS, is half way to achieving our goal of raising \$50,000 to fund an area-wide cable television ad campaign produced by Vitae Caring Foundation. (These ads can be seen online at www.vitaecaringfoundation.org.) **Vitae Caring will match, dollar for dollar, our contributions to this program.** If you have already contributed we thank you. If you haven't, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to help us complete this ambitious public education project. You may use the coupon on page 11 and make out your check to LICL Educational Trust. If we reach our goal we will be able to spend \$100,000 to very effectively promote the pro-life message. **Please help us reach our goal.**

BEWARE THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

It's time to act—The Planned Parenthood organizations aggressively target teens. Their Teenwire Website is reaching 800,000 monthly.

While relentless in seeking opportunities to introduce their services to teens, Planned Parenthood organizations fight every parental involvement law put forth in states across the U.S. Most people are unaware that Planned Parenthood clinics in the U.S. abort 200,000 babies each year.

Locally, as reported in *Newsday* 6/28/06, "Planned Parenthood of Nassau County unveiled a 27-foot van yesterday, in conjunction with the 12th National HIV Testing Day. The vehicle offers a private room for testing and counseling and space where teens, trained by Planned Parenthood, will educate their peers on sexuality, abstinence and teen issues." **Johanna Cervellino, Education Chair for Long Island Coalition for Life offered this comment on the article,** "It is unfortunate that the Planned Parenthood organizations through sex education programs, peer counseling, etc. usually portraying teen sexual activity

as acceptable, have contributed to a lifestyle which often results in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Chlamydia and Gonorrhea are two STDs which, although they can be treated with antibiotics, may cause infertility. The unfortunate victims of these diseases are left with a compromised immune system and therefore more vulnerable to contracting HIV."

If you become aware of Planned Parenthood activity in your community please contact Long Island Coalition for Life at 631-243-1435. Persons seeking help in opposing a local Planned Parenthood outreach to teens may call us for background information and assistance in approaching concerned families, pro-family groups, church groups, etc. Your actions will serve to expose the community to the true agenda of Planned Parenthood.

Johanna Cervellino will speak on this topic at the Sat., 9/16/06 NYSRTL Convention 2006. (See Page 1.). This is the perfect opportunity for you and your teens to learn the pro-life response.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

RESEARCH THAT DESTROYS HUMAN EMBRYOS



A poll released 5/31/06 shows 48% of Americans oppose federal funding of stem cell research that requires destroying human embryos, while only 39% support such funding.

This poll also shows overwhelming opposition to human cloning, whether to provide infertile couples (83% against) or to produce embryos that would be destroyed in medical research (81% against). The strong opposition to cloning human embryos for research, often misleadingly referred to as "therapeutic" cloning, is the highest it has been in three years of polling on the question.

Source: NYS Pro-Life Reporter, 6/2006, conducted by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops which surveyed over 1000 Americans by phone 5/19-5/23/06.

ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH

On 6/20/06, Sen. Sam Brownback (R. KS.) assembled a group of patients who had been treated successfully with adult or umbilical cord blood stem cells on Capitol Hill to show-case the benefits of ethical stem cell research.

ACTION—Continue to urge Congress to pass these major pro-life bills:

1. The Child Custody Protection Act S.403 already passed in the House and remains to be passed in the Senate. See 4/06 Life News.
2. The Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act S.51/H.R.356--needs to be passed in both Houses. See 1/06 Life News.
3. The Human Cloning Prohibition Act S.658 /H.R.1357--needs to be passed in both Houses.

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 Clinton 212-688-6262 202-224-4451/228-0282

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 McCarthy 516-489-7066 202-225-5516/225-5758
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 Call Washington, D.C. toll free at 877-762-8762.
 Ask for your representative.

To discuss Federal legislation call John Healy at 631-598-0430.

NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION



The 2006 NYS Legislative Session recessed on 6/23. To my surprise and delight efforts to authorize and finance embryonic stem cell research/human cloning failed and no attempts were made by the Senate to pass dangerous legislation that had already passed the Assembly such as the non-prescription "emergency contraception" bill or the so called "Healthy Teen Act", which is nothing more than another tax-payer funded program for Planned Parenthood. Thank your State Senators for holding back these anti-life bills.

Although we are pleased that the bills cited above did not become law we know that the anti-life lobbyists will continue their relentless campaign for passage of the bills cited above. Also we must continue to educate or legislators on end of life issues. (The Family Health Care Decision Act, which passed the Assembly, does not adequately protect our citizens against involuntary euthanasia.) The legislature is expected to come back in session in late August or in September. It is possible that bills mentioned above will once again become a threat.

As you know, New York has a higher rate of abortion than any other state and a rate nearly double that of the United States. This is not surprising considering our state has no restrictions on abortion. Numerous recent polls indicate that the public favors parental consent for minors, informed consent for women, and a ban on partial-birth abortions. However, during recent legislative sessions these bills and all other bills restricting abortion die in committee and are not subject to debate and a vote by the full house in either the Senate or the Assembly. Ask your representatives why all bills which restrict abortion die in committee.

This year candidates for all the 212 seats in the NYS Senate and Assembly will be on the November ballot. It is critical that you express your concerns to the incumbents and their challengers and find out where they stand on the issues important to you. The Long Island Coalition for Life mails questionnaires to candidates seeking election as NYS Governor, and to candidates from Nassau and Suffolk running for US Congress, NYS Senate, and NYS Assembly. Please help by mailing any documentation you may find on a candidate's stand on "Life Issues" to: Long Island Coalition for Life at P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

Use past legislative columns for specific information on the legislation mentioned. Previous columns can be accessed on our website www.ProLifeLI.org
 To discuss NYS legislation call Mary Arden Smith 516-825-4852

HEALTH & SCIENCE

CLONING - WHAT'S THE RUSH?



Neville Cobbe wrote an article entitled "Why the apparent haste to clone humans?" (*Journal of Medical Ethics* 2006;32:298-302). On May 28, 2006, Dianne N. Irving posted a review of this article on Lifeissues.net. Dr. Cobbe begins by stating, "The recent desperation to clone human embryos may be seriously undermining accepted ethical principles of medical research, with potentially profound wider circumstances." The principles he refers to are the Nuremberg Code and the Declaration of Helsinki. Irving states, "He understands that the very first ethical principle involving the use of human subjects in research includes the use of accurate science, by those with the proper academic degrees and experience, solid previous animal studies, and legitimate 'informed consent.'"

Cobbe commented that if we fail to reach agreement on human cloning at the UN, "we can probably expect dire consequences for the future of biomedical research and its impact on society at large." He also warned of the dangers of 'therapeutic cloning'. In particular, he criticized the current Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) policy in Great Britain. According to Irving, he questions, "would not the use of vulnerable human patients in clinical trials be premature, dangerous, and unethical given the already acquired knowledge in the research community that such supposed 'patient-specific' stem cells would most probably cause serious immune rejection reactions in these patients?" He questions whether embryonic stem cells created through nuclear transfer (cloning) have been proven to be 'superior'. He also asks if adequate non-human animal studies have been done. He argues that the push to human cloning is based on only two papers, and also criticizes the findings of these papers.

The Rideout et al study encountered immune rejection problems in the host mice. As for the Barberi et al study, Cobbe states, "Since the embryonic stem cells derived by nuclear transfer appeared no more effective therapeutically than other embryonic stem cells, and the derivation of the few embryonic stem cell lines by nuclear transfer that proved to be suitable for use in this study was itself highly inefficient, the support for cloning provided by this paper appears questionable." The Rideout study lasted only six weeks and used only 6 mice for each of the 2 cell lines. This is not enough time to "eliminate recognizable risks of teratoma formation or carcinogenesis". He questions "why anyone would want to propose using stem cells from cloned embryos" when adult human stem cells have been more 'efficient'.

Supporters have argued that 'research cloning' avoids

invasive procedures on patients and possible dangerous reactions to drug therapy. However Cobbe states that there is "significant variation in gene expression between clones". Irving writes that even Ian Wilmut (creator of Dolly the Sheep) "asserted that 'there is no currently available or foreseeable way to reliably predict the developmental performance of cloned embryos or determine beforehand how their gene expression patterns might be altered.'"

Cobbe continues, "As I am presently unaware of any animal studies that demonstrate the feasibility of such research with human embryos, I am therefore left wondering what the real rationale behind such work might be." He asks how "epigenetic defects might only present problems for reproductive cloning but not therapeutic cloning." Cobbe also asks why more animal studies are not done before moving to humans. "It is therefore vital that significant risks should be properly eliminated in studies from other species before any therapeutic use of human embryonic stem cells can be considered...Both the Nuremberg Code and the Declaration of Helsinki stipulate that any allowed experimentation involving human subjects should be capable of being supported by the relevant research literature and preceded by corresponding humane work in animals if necessary."

He also questions how effective informed consent is "...if women are expected to provide eggs for research on the assumption that such work is potentially life saving when the requisite evidence for this from animal studies is still sorely lacking and the risks to a woman's health can be potentially grave." Cobbe raises the point that the wealthy will be the first to benefit. Irving writes that some have proposed acquiring eggs by "subsidizing fertility treatments in developing countries." Cobbe argues that this "will appear highly suspicious wherever more pressing health issues than infertility predominate...Regardless of any potential therapeutic benefits of research using stem cells from embryos otherwise destined for destruction, if we should choose to permit both the creation and destruction of human life and potential experimentation of patients simply for the express purpose of pursuing currently unsubstantiated and questionable research with no obvious or immediate clinical applications, then we should recognize how this risks the crossing of an ethical boundary that was originally drawn to prevent further abuses of human rights previously associated with Nazi doctors...do we really know where we are going? Perhaps we would be wise to ask ourselves not so much whether the question of human cloning has deserved so much debate, but rather whether the seemingly biased nature of the debate so far has blinded us to its possible wider implications for the practice of medical research and its true beneficiaries."

"PRAY.....PRAY.....PRAY" ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

Celebration Rain or Shine! Car Caravan in Case of Rain

To those who love our Blessed Mother and hold all life sacred: Please join us in a peaceful witness of our faith commitment to protect life from the moment of conception to natural death. Prayer is our most powerful weapon to rid our world of evil, especially abortion! Every prayer will be a plea that our nation will develop a greater respect for all life.

Please publicize this event & encourage participation!

Cars needed to shuttle walkers back to Maria Regina.



- 7:00 PM** Parish Mass at Maria Regina Church, 3945 Jerusalem Ave., Seaford.
(Jerusalem Ave. & Hicksville Rd.)
- 8:00 PM** Rosary Walk approx. 1½ miles. For any person unable to walk, there will be cars/vans willing to provide transportation.
- 8:30 PM** Benediction & Closing at St. William the Abbot R.C. Church, 2000 Jackson Ave., Seaford.

All Welcome

For Information Call: (516) 799-0190 or (516) 541-8056

DON'T LET THEM KISS YOUR BABIES



Prevent "photo op's" and "speaker op's" by pro-abortion politicians, or candidates. Ask that they not address or appear at your church or organization—**regardless of their issue.** Photos taken at such events are often used in campaign literature and the public may be fooled into believing you have endorsed the candidate.

Political Action Committees

(PACs)- raise and donate money to, or use the money in support of, candidates.

Pro-Life PACs include Susan B. Anthony, RNC/LIFE PAC chaired by Phyllis Schlafly, The National Right to Life Political Action Committee, and N.Y.S. Right to Life Committee P.A.C.

Pro-Abortion PACs include EMILY's List and Americans Coming Together (ACT).

Where U.S. teens stand on abortion

- 47% identify themselves as pro-life.
- 67% believe abortion is usually or always morally wrong.
- 66% believe the law should require women under 18 to have parental consent before obtaining an abortion.
- 43% know someone who has had an abortion.
- 12% believe abortion should be legal in all cases.
- 40 % believe abortion should be legal in most cases.
- 88% believe a woman should have a right to an abortion if pregnancy seriously threatens her health.

Source: 2005 survey of 1,000 high school seniors conducted by Hamilton College and Zogby International Polling Company.

Stand Up For Life

Sunday, October 1, 2006

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Rtes. 110 & 25, Huntington



COME, AFFIRM THE SANCTITY OF LIFE!

Come - bring your family, friends, & co-workers.
Come - join us, as we **STAND UP FOR LIFE!**

For further information,
call Ann Cook at 631-754-9141.

For an assigned location,
call Ken Reilly at 516-367-3724.

SEE YOU THEN!!

ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

Are you registered? Will anyone in your household need an absentee ballot to vote in the Tues. 9/12/06 Primary or in the General Election on Tues. 11/7. To register or to request an absentee ballot pick up the mail-in Voter Registration Form at your Post Office. Questions: call the Board of Elections

Nassau 516-571-2411 or
Suffolk 631-852-4500.

Wanted:

1 hr. weekly/monthly. Person to hold pro-life sign at an abortion site from list on Page 6. No salary. Expenses not reimbursed. Potential for advancement.

AUGUST 2006 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS (M)=monthly (W)=weekly**Pro-Life Witnessing Sites**

Prayer vigil schedules at Long Island abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer call the contact number or visit site at the appointed time. Never witness alone. Please join this pro-life effort. Your sign will raise awareness and could save a life.

NASSAU COUNTY

Locations	Day/Time of Prayer Vigil	Contact Phone Number (516)
540 Hempstead-Fulton Ave, Hempstead	(W) Sa 7:30 AM-1 PM	741-3405
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056
244A Old Country Rd, Hicksville	(W) Sa 9-10:30 AM	741-3405
444 Community Dr, Manhasset	(W) Sa 8-9:30 AM	546-0290

New Site Listing (Volunteers Needed):

64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead-at this time a witness at this site is in the planning stages. Volunteers needed. Please call Jack Eschmann, 516-781-8699, to say you are available to give one or two hours per week or month to help.

IMPORTANT:

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

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Locations	Day/Time of Prayer Vigil	Contact Phone Numbers (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017
498 Rt 111, Smithtown (New location)	(W) Sa 8-10 AM	751-8217
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(M) 1 st Sa 10:30 AM-Noon	586-3807

**PRAYER & WITNESS
SAVE LIVES!**

Pro-Life Counseling Centers open on Saturday Mornings: (W) Sa 9 AM-Noon 516-798-9100. Life Center of L.I. (located at 35 E Willow St (E of Carmans Rd & W of Sunrise Hwy, on the E side of Sunrise Mall in Massapequa.)

Pro-Life Viewing:

- **American Family Assn of NY** (516-944-3544 www.afany.org) Ch 20. Nassau/Western Suffolk & Central Suffolk (W) Tu 8 PM
- **Mark Crutcher's LIFE DYNAMICS-'Life Talk'** Brooklyn & Queens-Ch 34 (Time Warner) or 67 (Cablevision) (W) Mn 10 AM. Woodbury Ch 20 - (W) Fr 8:30 AM. Riverhead - Ch 20 - (W) Mn 3:30 PM & 7 PM & Sa 12 AM www.lifedynamics.org
- **EWTN "Defending Life"** with Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life, www.priestsforlife.org (W) Sa 2:30 AM & Fr 10 PM. "Healing the Culture: A Pro-Life Philosophy" (W) Mn 3:30 AM & Fr 5:30 PM.
- **SKY ANGEL-Angel 1 Satellite TV:** *(W) Priests for Life-The Gospel of Life Mn 3:30 AM, Tu 2 AM, Th 8:30 AM, Sa 7:30 PM (EST)
- *(W) Faces of Abortion, Su 6 PM, Mn 10 PM, Tu 3:30 AM and Fr 7 AM (all CST)
- (W) **700 Club**, Mn-Fr 9 AM and 11 PM Ch 49 (Cablevision), an excellent source of up-to-the-minute pro-life news.
- (M) Rev. Duane Motley, Open Mike Program, www.nyfrf.org Riverhead 90.7 - 3rd Fr 8 PM
- (W) Family Life Radio Network, We 7:30 AM, Duane Motley-a 15 minute up-to-date report on NYS government. For local station check www.nyfc.info/FLN-stations
- (W) **VOICES OF ABORTION** - call-in, sharing abortion experience Mn-Th 1PM, Sa 12 Noon (all CST) at www.crusaderadio.com
- (W) **Life on the Line**, WMCA (570 AM) radio, 12:15 PM Su www.lifeontheline.com

- Mn-Sa 8/1-8/31 Daily **ROSARY FOR LIFE** following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381
- Mn-Sa 8/1-8/31 Daily 9:30 AM **ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN & UNBORN** St Martin of Tours RCC, Bethpage, 516-938-1391
- Tu 8/1 9/5 (M) 9 AM-12:30 **MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENEDICTION** Sacred Heart, Cutchogue 631-728-2311
- Th 8/3 9/7 (W) After 7 PM **Mass ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE** St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**, St Joseph, Kings Park.
- Note on each First Friday service is from 9:30 AM to Noon. Sponsor Respect for Life.**
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd, Farmingville
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 9 AM **MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** and 4 PM Benediction, St Marks, Shoreham
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) Noon-3 PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St Boniface RCC, Elmont
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 7:30 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** at Holy Name of Jesus RCC, Woodbury, 516-364-7119
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 3-7 AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Sa 8/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 8-10 PM **MASS** followed by **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** St Matthew, Dix Hills 631-586-3807
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 9 PM-5 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** St Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (M) 8 PM-9 PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
- Fr 8/4 9/1 (W) 1:00 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540
- Su 8/6 9/3 (W) 8-9 PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
- Su 8/6 9/3 (W) 3 PM **ROSARY TO END ABORTION, EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION** St Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
- Mn 8/7 (M) 10 AM-1 PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** St Rose of Lima, Massapequa (Fr Graham Chapel)

Mn 8/7 9/4 (W) 7 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St Catherine, Franklin Square
Mn 8/7 9/4 (W) After 12:05 Mass **HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE** Notre Dame Church, New Hyde Park
Mn 8/7 9/4 (W) 7:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, 516-889-5318
Th 8/10 9/14 (M) 7-8 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration)
Fr 8/11 9/8 (M) 9 AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483
Su 8/13 9/10 (M) 11:15 AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park
Mn 8/14 9/11 (M) 8-9 PM **CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR** Molloy College, Sacred Heart Chapel, 516-678-5000 x6304
Tu 8/15 9/19 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** St Patrick's Church, Smithtown
Th 8/17 9/21 (M) 12:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408
Fr 8/18 9/15 (M) 9 PM-6 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa Park, 631-234-6921
Fri 8/18-Th 8/24 ♥ **SEMINARIAN PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE**, Amarillo, Texas, www.priestsforlife.org
Tu 8/22 ♥ 7 PM **ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE**, Seaford. Page 5.
We 8/23 9/27 (M) 3 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE**, St Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 631-744-1676
Fr 8/25 9/22 (M) 8-9 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, 516-541-3270
Sa 8/26 10 AM-Noon **MOMS' GROUP**, sponsored by Grace Baptist Church and Boro Pregnancy Counseling Center, meet in Richmond Hill, Queens. For additional dates and to register call Boro 718-961-4357.
Mn 8/28 7:45 PM **LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE GENERAL MEETING**, Hicksville. See Page 2.

LOOKING AHEAD – 2006

*Mo 9/11 7:30 - 9:30 PM **RACHEL'S HELPERS-Forgiven and Set Free**, a program for women who have had an abortion and are seeking a spiritual healing. Program is affiliated with Helpers of God's Precious Infants and takes place in a small group setting from 7:30-9:30 PM for eleven weeks. No fees. Light refreshments. Please bring your own bible. Call 718-939-6646. All calls confidential.
Sa 9/16 **NYS RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE, INC, CONVENTION 2006**, in Yonkers. See Page 1.
*Sa 9/16 **BRONX POST-ABORTION RETREATS-The Entering Canaan Ministry** Post-abortion retreats and follow up gatherings drawing both women and men from the New York area are offered by the Sisters of Life in collaboration with Theresa Bonopartis, Bronx, NY. Schedule includes: Day of Prayer & Healing, Sa 9/16/06; Weekend of Prayer & Healing, Fr-Su 10/20-22/06; and Men's Day of Prayer & Healing, Sa 11/04/06. For information call Theresa and co-workers at 877-586-4621 Limuna@postabortionhelp.org.
*Mn 9/18 **RESTORING THE HEART MINISTRIES GOLF OUTING AND DINNER**, Port Jefferson. See Page 12.
Su 10/1 2-3:30 PM **STAND UP FOR LIFE, HUNTINGTON**. See Page 5.
Su 10/1 **ST. PATRICK PRO-LIFE FAMILY ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST**, Smithtown. 631-265-1081
Sa 10/7 9 AM –1 PM **WALK FOR LIFE** to benefit Birthright of Peconic, Indian Island, Riverhead. 631-728-8900.
*Su 10/8- **POST ABORTIVE HEALING JOURNEY TO POLAND** Reservations confidential. Call sponsor: Lumina, 877-586-4621 or e-mail Lumina@postabortionhelp.org
We 10/18 11:30 AM **DR. ALVEDA KING** to speak on the intimate relationship between the civil rights and pro-life movements. NC College, Uniondale. Florence Scarinci, 516-572-7408 or 516-328-8134, scarinci@ncc.edu
Tu 10/10 **REGINA MATERNITY SERVICES BENEFIT DINNER** at Milleridge Inn Cottage House, Jericho. Call Jodi Taggart at Catholic Charities 516-733-7082.
We 10/25 7 PM **LI CHAPTER OF UNIVERSITY FACULTY FOR LIFE** hosts speakers: Fr. John Hemsworth, O.P., "Blessed Margaret of Castello" and Timothy Barcomb of Medical Students for Life, SBU, "Threats to the Disabled" at Molloy College. Jane Gilroy, 516-678-5000X6139, jgilroy@molloy.edu
*Fr 10/27- **RACHEL VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND FOR MEN AND WOMEN** at Kellenberg Retreat House, Uniondale. Call Frank Gariboldi 516-523-0586 www.rachelvineyard.org
Su 10/29 10 AM **PRO-LIFE ACTIVIST DENIS DILLON** Topic: "Obligations of the Catholic Politician," NC College, Uniondale. Contact University Faculty for Life Jane Gilroy 516-678-5000 x 6139 jgilroy@molloy.edu
Sa 10/28 7 PM-Midnight **LIFE CENTER DINNER DANCE** honoring Life Center Champion Laurie Mangano at Coral House, Baldwin. Call Irene Cassillo 516-541-8056.
Fr 11/10

***POST ABORTION HEALING EVENTS ARE LISTED ABOVE AS 9/11, 9/16, 9/18, 10/8, and 10/27.**
Many of the dates are the first day of a series. Descriptions may include additional events offered at future dates.
All need publicity. Please reprint information in bulletins or organization newsletters. Thank you.

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Student “Back to School” Kit



American universities are supposed to be ideal places for debating and exchanging ideas. However, open and honest debate is lacking on many campuses, especially when it comes to the pro-life point of view. If you're not already a college student, you will soon find this out. Many campuses are filled with students and faculty pushing a radical, pro-abortion agenda (among other things).

At the college I went to, I found that expressing a pro-life point-of-view usually made me a target for insults and personal attacks. After a while, I stopped speaking up as much, and learned to just nod my head and go with the flow. It seemed pointless to disagree anymore. This is not to say that I was going against the entire student population, or that I had no friends with whom I could have a friendly disagreement. But the majority of students were very hostile to anything pro-life.

Not every college is like this – it's just that certain schools become havens for like-minded people, and sometimes you can end up at a school where you're the odd-man out. But, if you happen to end up at a school where this is the situation, then take heart. **There are plenty of things a pro-life college student can and should do.**

The first thing that any pro-life student should do is to be armed with knowledge. You need to know all the facts before you immerse yourself in debates. It is a horrible feeling to be sitting at a table with six people throwing six different arguments at you, and you're stumbling for answers. One book I would recommend to any student is Randy Alcorn's *Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments*. It is of countless value and I have used lots of information from it. I also recommend websites like teensforlife.com and aclife.org (American Collegians for Life). You might even want to give these links to your pro-abortion friends and encourage them to check them out.

The second thing you should do is to overcome your fear of speaking out. (Reread the last paragraph if it's for fear of not knowing what to say.) Many people go to the college wanting to make lots of friends, and they don't want to spoil their chances by being ostracized as one of those “anti-abortion nuts.” You'll always find people who choose friends based on ideology. Are those the types of people you really want to be friends with? The sooner you get them to shun you, the better.

The third thing is that you have to realize that people are going to be nasty to you, and you must brace yourself for it. Planned Parenthood and its minions have a strong presence at a lot of colleges, and they count on profiting from the oversexed college students. Everybody knows what many students do behind closed doors, and abortion is necessary for that to continue. That's why a lot of people in college are very hostile to anything pro-life – it's a threat to their sex-on-demand, abortion-on-demand lifestyle. Yes, frequently you're going to have to live, eat, and go to class with those who are nasty to you. But you can't hide from being pro-life because you're worried about what others will think of how they will react.

The fourth thing you should do is find other pro-life students. You may be sitting at a table with six people coming at you from every direction, but did you notice there is usually one person sitting silently? A lot of the time, pro-life students are afraid to show themselves. And if they're not silent because they're pro-life, they're silent because they are undecided about the issue. Reach out to them and convince them to join the pro-life cause, before the other side sweeps them up. Start a campus pro-life group, which is fairly easy to do. If you need some help with this, go to aclife.org and click on “Activism.” There, you'll find all of the information you need.

If you do these four things, you'll find that it is much easier to be pro-life, and you'll be able to hold your own in the face of the opposition. **And if you can do these four things well enough, you'll win friends and converts alike.** Go out and fight the good fight!

STUDENT GROUPS:

Pro-Life groups are active at Hofstra, Nassau Community College, St. John's University, and Stony Brook University (Medical Students for Life). Visit aclife.org for listings of college pro-life organizations. All pro-life groups, including on-campus, may have articles and events printed in *Life News*. See Page 7 for submission information.

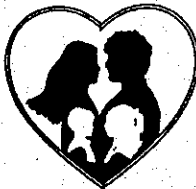




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Patricia Murphy, of Valley Stream, and student of Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, was the 1st Place Winner in Category A of the Long Island Coalition for Life 2006 Oratory Contest held on April 2nd. Patricia went on to take 3rd Place in the NYSRTL Oratory Contest held on May 16th in Albany. Congratulations.

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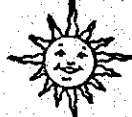


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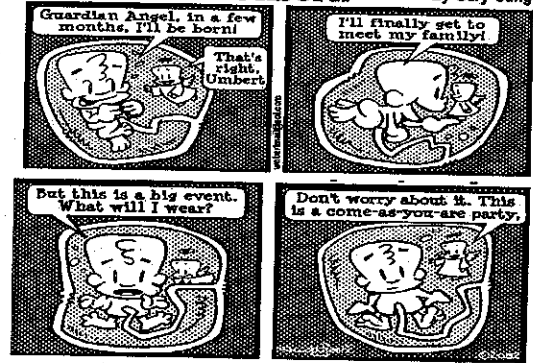
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So behind the seemingly impressive number of "400,000 frozen embryos," the reality is that the actual number of stem cells lines likely to be produced from them is so small as to clinically useless. In order to treat diseases (still a very distant prospect using human embryonic stem cells), hundreds of thousand more embryos beyond those currently frozen and available for research, would be needed. **This could only be achieved by a deliberate effort to create new embryos for the sole purpose of destroying them, i.e. cloning - an outcome that the use of frozen embryos is supposed to avoid, but would most likely cause.**

Adapted from Do No Harm, the Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics at www.stemcellresearch.org

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Q. Why not make available for research the large number of embryos stored in fertility clinic freezers?

A. The supposedly "large number of available embryos" is actually, "The Myth of the 400,000 Embryos".

That there are 400,000 frozen embryos stored in fertility clinic freezers that could provide a potentially unlimited supply of stem cells is an often-repeated statement of those who advocate for embryonic stem cell research. After all, the argument goes, the vast majority of these embryos will likely be destroyed anyway.

Because the number of frozen embryos is so large, there is an underlying assumption, accepted almost without question, that an equally large number of therapeutic stem cells can be derived from them. But there is little truth behind these assumptions.

• According to a 2002 survey by the RAND Corporation of IVF clinics in the United States, the vast majority of the 400,000 currently frozen embryos are NOT slated for destruction. The vast majority - 88.2% - are being held for future family building.

• Only a small fraction - 2.2% - are slated to be discarded.

• An only slight higher percentage - 2.8% - have been designated for research. That means of the original 400,000 frozen embryos, only 11,000 are actually available to be destroyed for their stem cells.

• Only a small number of those 11,000 embryos would actually yield stem cells. Using what it calls "a conservative estimate" the RAND Study calculated that only about 275 stem cell lines could actually be developed from the embryos available for research. Then, the RAND study concedes that this number is an overestimate."

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