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"The poor cry out for Justice and Equality and we respond with legalized abortion".

—Cal Newharth, founder of *USA TODAY*- January 10, 1993, *USA TODAY*.



Thomas Varacalli, Lauren Martindale, Jessica Adejar, Lauren Pendergast, Kathleen Thomas and Clare Hinshaw.

4TH ANNUAL ORATORY CONTEST

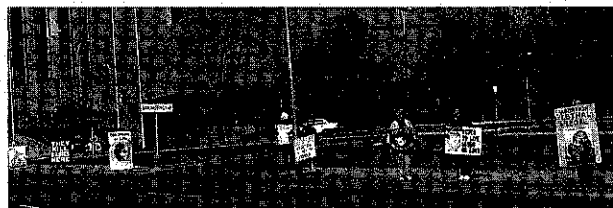
The Oratory Contest sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life was held at Kellenberg Memorial H.S. on 4/1/07. Jessica Abejar, 1st place winner of the \$300 prize will represent Nassau-Suffolk in the N.Y.S. Right to Life Oratorical Contest, in Albany, on 5/12/07. Jessica, a 12th grade student at Holy Trinity H.S. in Hicksville, spoke on euthanasia.

Thomas Varacalli, a 12th grade student from Kellenberg Memorial H.S. in Uniondale, the 2nd place winner of the \$150 prize, spoke on the topic of abortion. The 3rd place winner of the \$75 prize Lauren Martindale, a 12th grade student from Kellenberg Memorial H.S., also chose the topic of abortion for her speech.

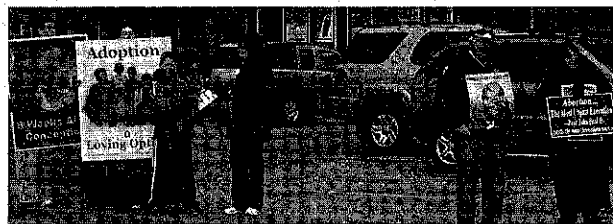
Other participants included Clare Hinshaw and Lauren Pendergast from Kellenberg Memorial H.S. and Kathleen Thomas from Smithtown West H.S.

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL IN DEFENSE OF LIFE

Braving very un-spring like temperatures, on 4/06/07, nearly 90 Nassau and Suffolk pro-lifers stood vigil outside Nassau University Medical Center for 1-1/2 hours to proclaim the sanctity of human life. The hospital committed over 600 abortions in 2004 (NYS Dept. of Health) and vigils are aimed at encouraging the hospital staff to protect the lives of preborn patients. The range of messages on the pro-lifer's signs was also meant to enlighten the public and to help those dealing with an abortion decision, past or present.



This FACE THE TRUTH event was a peaceful proclamation to the thousands of motorists who passed by the 1/4th mile long stretch of pro-lifers. The LICL again thanks all those who stood as witnesses for the truth and also thanks Priests for Life for the loan of large powerful signs.



Note: Photo of the Holy Saturday Vigil in Hempstead, appears on Pg. 5.

You're Invited!

Award winning high school students who recently participated in the Long Island Coalition for Life's Oratory Contest, see page 1, will present their speeches at the general membership meeting on Monday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. at the St. Regis Council Knights of Columbus Hall in Ronkonkoma. Please join us to hear these strong, young pro-life voices, our hope for the future. For directions, call LICL at 631-243-1435.



This column has generally been appearing every other month but we've seen so many pro-life letters to the editor since our column last month that here we are again. The several responses to a *Newsday* letter from a representative of the New York ACLU, which attempted to write off a baby's life as being no more significant than that of an acorn, were impressive. Published letters included those by **Sara Garcia, Kimberly Duff and Ronald Aliperti** in *Suffolk Life*, **Penny Glaser, Don Walker, Robert Wilson, Gira Freiberg, Jerome B. Higgins** and **Christopher L. Turpin** in *Newsday*, and **John Fitzpatrick** in *The Long*

Island Catholic. Prodigious letter writer **Thomas E. Dennelly** had a hat trick with letters in *Newsday*, *The Long Island Catholic* and *National Catholic Register*. Bravo to all! Keep up the pro-life letter writing and please send us any that are published.

TABLES WANTED at street, health, or church fairs (indoors or out). Pro-Life literature tables are a great way to reach the public. Mail contact information ASAP, to: LICL, P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

Valuable information worth repeating....

Parents, not Planned Parenthood, are primary educators

Planned Parenthood is once again recruiting young people to attend its annual Teen Health Conference, to be held at the end of April in Suffolk County. Parents who might be influenced by the positive-sounding promotional material for this event should reflect on the reality of this organization's agenda – and how that agenda contradicts Planned Parenthood's own words. Consider:

Back in 1963, Planned Parenthood's own literature acknowledged that "abortion kills the life of a baby after it has begun." Yet today – when every advance in fetology and pre-natal care only confirms that statement – Planned Parenthood is the leading purveyor of abortion in the nation, directly responsible for ending the lives of more than 250,000 pre-born children a year.

"Numerous studies," as Planned Parenthood admits on its Web site, "show that open and honest communication between parents and their children helps lay the foundation for young people to become sexually healthy adults." Yet, Planned Parenthood continually erects obstacles to such parent-teen communication. Its Web site promises adolescents "if you are age 12 or older, you don't need your parents' permission to come to our health centers and we will not tell your parents about your visit." And Planned Parenthood continues to oppose the right of parents to even know if their 12- or 13-year old daughter undergoes an abortion – even if she is taken across state lines by another adult for the procedure.

Communication between parents and adolescents is indeed vital in helping young people to develop a positive, healthy outlook about their sexuality, and to navigate the difficult challenges inherent in their growth and development. In today's highly sexualized culture, with all the serious dangers associated with teen sexual activity – AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy, sexual abuse and exploitation – many parents are looking for help in communicating with their teenage youngsters. Such parent-teen communication will not be enhanced, however, by abdicating our parental responsibility and placing our children's human sexuality education in the hands of an organization that willfully acts to exclude parents.

Fortunately, there are far more positive alternatives – organizations and programs that recognize parents as the primary educators of their children, and are committed to working *with parents* to facilitate better communication with young people on the topic of their sexuality.

The Life Center of Long Island, in conjunction with Healthy Respect, a federally funded abstinence education program, is planning a parent/teen symposium, which parents and teens are invited to attend *together*. You can get the details by calling the Life Center at 516-798-9100.

If you are looking for assistance in presenting your teenagers with healthy life choices and helping them develop a positive, life-affirming understanding of God's beautiful gift of human sexuality, we suggest you give them a call.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

FEDERAL AND STATE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENTS (ERA)—

federal ERA was introduced in both houses of Congress on 3/27/07. Pro-life organizations oppose an ERA unless it is

amended to explicitly prevent the provision from being used to attack pro-life laws. **In addition, ERA ratification amendments have been introduced in several state legislatures.** An attempt in Arkansas was unsuccessful. *The Baptist Press*, 2/08/08, reported: "The Arkansas House resolution appeared headed to an easy victory ...until organizations such as the National Right to Life Committee, Arkansas Right to Life and Eagle Forum began explaining to legislators the reasons for their opposition". In a vote following the hearing the ERA ratification resolution failed.

LEGISLATION REDUCES TEENAGE

ABORTIONS—Pro-Life legislation results in substantial decrease in teen abortions. Since parental notification laws were passed in the 1990's the incidence of abortions among minors has decreased more than 50%.

The rate of abortion per 1000 for minor girls age 13-17 in 1985 was 13.5 but by 1999, this rate had fallen by over 50% to 6.5. In 1992 only 20 states enforced parental notification laws, but by the year 2000 there were 32 states enforcing such laws. New York State does not have any parental notification laws. Source:

Choose Life, NRTL, Mar./Apr. 07

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION—Pro-Life

Congresswoman, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fl.) reintroduced the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act (CIANA) H.R. 1063 to require an abortionist to notify a parent, in most cases, before performing an abortion on a minor who is a resident of a different state. The House passed CIANA in 2005 and 2006, but Senate Democrats blocked it from receiving a final vote in 2006.

OPPOSE THE PRO-ABORTION CEDAW U.N.

TREATY—The U.S. Senate could vote this year on whether to ratify the U.N. treaty CEDAW which stands for the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. CEDAW is a treaty adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1979 and ratified by 185 nations but never by the U.S. Senate.

Action: Sample Message to Senators Schumer and Clinton—

Please vote against ratification of the United Nations treaty CEDAW. CEDAW, if ratified, would be used to assert an international obligation on federal and state governments to provide public funding for abortion. CEDAW would also require governments to refrain from adopting or enforcing restrictions to partial-birth abortion, and rights of parents with respect to their minor daughters.

Contact info: U.S. Senate, Wash., DC 20510.

Local Phone # D.C. Phone & FAX

Schumer 212-486-4430 202-224-6542/228-3027

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

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



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Late in the evening of 3/31/07, the State Legislature passed the Health Budget bills containing language and

appropriations enacting the "Empire State Stem Cell Board" and "Trust Fund". Details of this new law were ironed out behind closed doors by legislative leaders and the Governor. The budget contains \$100 million for stem cell research this year and a promise of an additional \$500 million over the next ten years. That is a total of \$600 million over 11 years with this money coming from the anticipated conversion of the Health Insurance Plan to a publicly-traded status. The reality is that our tax dollars will now finance the destruction of living human embryos in laboratories across the state. The law establishes a "funding committee" and an "ethics committee" that will be completely controlled by the Governor with the Health Commissioner having broad discretionary powers. Not one member of the Senate voted against the bill or spoke out on the floor against using this funding, or even a portion of it, in research using human embryos. (Please thank Assemblymen Philip Boyle and Michael Fitzpatrick for voting against the budget containing these funds.)

Action: Sample Message to other representatives:—I am saddened and disappointed in the final budget plan to fund stem cell research. While I enthusiastically support ethical, life-saving research with adult, amniotic or cord blood stem cell research, I am strongly opposed to human embryonic stem cell research. Moreover, I find it outrageous that the plan was put together behind closed doors without input from the public. I would like to know if you tried to prevent this from happening.

Because of the funding for human embryo experimentation and destruction, I believe the state budget is morally indefensible and fiscally irresponsible. Embryonic stem cells have not helped one human patient and there is no evidence that success will come in the near future. I object to tax funds being used for immoral and speculative research.

Words cannot express the disappointment I feel concerning the lack of ethics and the lack of democracy in this year's budget process and its outcome.

Contact information:

NYS Senate

Albany, NY 12247

518-455-2800

Bill Status Hotline 800-342-9860

To discuss NYS legislation call Mary

Arden Smith at 516-825-4852

NYS Assembly

Albany, NY 12248

518-455-4100

HEALTH & SCIENCE

Physician-Assisted Suicide – The Ultimate Civil Right?



Vermont and California are once again considering physician-assisted suicide laws. The organizations working against this legislation usually disagree on other issues. Why are they united in their opposition to physician-assisted suicide? Wesley J. Smith states, "One of the most important reasons is that assisted suicide ultimately devalues those it supposedly protects from so-called 'bad deaths'. Indeed, legalizing and popularly legitimizing assisted-suicide opens the door to an epochal shift in the way society perceives dying, disabled and other suffering people." (*SFGate.com*, April 8, 2007)

Smith explains that the first pillar of assisted-suicide ideology is "a fervent devotion to personal autonomy that views 'choice' as the be all and end all of liberty." The second pillar is "the conviction that ending life is a legitimate answer to the problems of human suffering." Advocates claim that hastened death is only for the dying. The problem arises when others question why this 'ultimate civil right' is limited to those with a terminal illness. Others begin to ask "Why not me? Why shouldn't I be also allowed to end my suffering on my own terms?" This is what happens when suicide becomes a 'medical treatment'. In February, the Swiss Supreme Court ruled that the mentally ill have a right to assisted suicide. The Dutch Supreme Court allowed doctors to assist in the deaths of the depressed and grieving more than ten years ago.

Smith reports that in Oregon "there is no direct oversight over the practice of assisted suicide. Rather, the state's entire regulatory system...depends on self-reporting by lethally prescribing doctors. The state has no authority to even investigate whether patients were actually terminally ill. If a patient's own physician refuses to assist in a suicide and the patient receives a lethal prescription from another doctor, which often happens, the state will not even inquire why the patient's long-term physician said no. In fact, and this is very telling, after each annual report is published, all of the supporting data are destroyed." California's law is based on Oregon's.

Compassion and Choices (formerly the Hemlock Society) commissioned research and polling on physician-assisted suicide. Findings indicated that when slogans like "death with dignity" or "end of life choices" were used instead of physician-assisted

suicide, there was a more favorable response. Advocates decided that 'suicide' needed to be abandoned and replaced with 'kinder, gentler' words. They issued press releases claiming that the use of the term 'assisted suicide' showed insensitivity to dying patients". One doctor stated, "I never felt I was assisting a suicidal patient, but rather aiding a patient with his or her end of life choice." (*National Review Online*, March 5, 2007, Rita L. Marker and Wesley J. Smith)

Marker and Smith state that "facilitating suicide is now deemed a state-funded form of 'comfort care'." Compassion and Choices sent a formal request to the Oregon Department of Human Services suggesting that "the terms 'aid in dying', 'directed dying' or 'assisted dying' be used in official reports." They brought lawyers to the meeting with the state, basically implying that there would be a lawsuit if the state did not comply. The state obviously agreed. On October 16, official announcements stated that physician-assisted suicides would be listed as 'physician-assisted death'. Some Oregonians objected, stating that the term was vague and could refer to "anything from plumping a pillow or wiping a brow to intentionally giving an overdose of a lethal drug. The state's new terminology is "persons who use the Oregon Death with Dignity Act".

In 1999, then-U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher stated, "Suicide is a serious public health problem". "He urged implementation of a comprehensive national strategy for suicide prevention." He never offered an exemption for the terminally ill in his efforts. However, last year he supported the California bill that was identical to Oregon's. Marker and Smith state, "Apparently, suicide is no longer a problem if it isn't called 'suicide'. Let's think about how this works: Take a patient who has been diagnosed with a terminal condition. If that patient asks her doctor for sleeping pills so she can sleep comfortably at night, and if the doctor prescribes them, but she takes all of the pills at once and dies, her death is called 'suicide'. But if that same patient asks her doctor for sleeping pills so she can die, and if the doctor prescribes them for that purpose, and she takes all of the pills as directed and dies, her death is not called 'physician-assisted suicide'. Assisted-suicide advocates say that that's proper, but really it's just political correctness. By bringing postmodernism to health-care public policy, they hope to drive their agenda to victory."

Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568



Members of the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor in Malverne, together with their bishop Rev. Craig Bates, gathered for prayer and witness at the Planned Parenthood abortion site in Hempstead on Holy Saturday.

Holy Saturday Vigil

At the place where babies die, faithful pro-lifers gather to pray for them and their mothers. On Holy Saturday, 4/07/07, Bishop Craig Bates of the Charismatic Episcopal Church and his parishioners from the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor in Malverne joined those who have a weekly presence at the Planned Parenthood site in Hempstead. Bishop Bates led the group in prayers and intercessions reminding all that through His death and resurrection, Christ has already won the victory over death and the culture of death. Voices were raised in song including the powerful "Were you there when they crucified my Lord"

When the service was completed, Father Joseph Davanzo from St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Rockville Centre led the praying of the Rosary.



John L. Short Memorial Mass

For all deceased Pro-Lifers

**Sunday, May 20st
3:00PM**

Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.
Church, 855 Carmans Rd.,
Massapequa Park, NY

Celebrant: Fr. Robert Mason

All clergy invited to concelebrate.
A Memorial Roll Call of deceased
Pro-Lifers is read.

To have a name included call:
Irene Cassillo 516-541-8056

ALL WELCOME

(Mass satisfies Sunday obligation.)

Life Center of Long Island's

Tuesday, June 5

Tim Brosman

Memorial

Golf Outing

**Tall Grass Country
Club**

24 Cooper St. Shoreham

7:30 a.m. Registration,

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Tee Off

Barbecue Lunch

Buffet Dinner/Open Bar

Golf \$175.00+all above

Call: Frank Gariboldi

631-243-2373



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Saturday, July 28th 2007

Game Time 7:05PM

Fireworks follow game!

Citibank Park, Central Islip

(Accessible from S.S. Parkway)

Tickets \$14.00 each

**You are Invited to
Join Us for Our
Annual Prayer
Service at**



*The Stone Dedicated to
the Unborn Child*
located in

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

(intersection of Route 112 and
Granny Road, Coram, NY)

Saturday

May 19th at 10 AM

There will be a small repast
following the service at
Sacred Heart Council

41 Horseblock Rd., Centereach
1 bl. S of Jericho Tpke. (Rt. 25)

For more information call
Tom Donnelly 631-588-4590

All Welcome.

BIRTHRIGHT'S

22nd ANNUAL

**John Connell
Memorial Luncheon**

Wantagh Inn

3264 Railroad Ave, Wantagh,
(Directly across from Wantagh RR Station)

Sunday,

May 20 - Noon-4 PM

Luncheon Choices:

Chicken, Beef or Fish.

Donation \$30.

A Chinese Auction will be part
of the festivities. Make checks to
Birthright N/S.

**Reserve by 5/11. Call Richard
Campbell 516-781-2608 or
516-785-4070.**

**Birthright speakers
available. Contact**

Jim Abrams 516-785-4070.



Mail form & payment to:

LICL, PO Box 223,
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

of tickets _____ X \$14 = \$ _____

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request from the LICL or from the
Office of the Attorney General,
Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, NY,
NY 10271.

May 2007 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pro-Life Witnessing Sites

(M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

Prayer vigil schedules at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer speak with the contact person listed below before going to a site and never witness alone. **PLEASE STAND WITH US. BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!**

NASSAU COUNTY**Locations**

540 Hempstead-Fulton Ave, Hempstead
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa
244A Old Country Rd, Hicksville

Day/Time of Prayer Vigil

(W) Sa 7:30 AM-1 PM
(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM
(W) Fr 10-11:30 AM
& Sa 7:30-10 AM
(W) Sa 8-9:30 AM
(W) 9-11 AM

Contact Phone Number (516)

741-3405
541-8056
741-3405
546-0290
781-8699

IMPORTANT:

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

SUFFOLK COUNTY**Locations**

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown
498 Rt 111, Smithtown
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton
240 Meeting House Ln-Southampton Hosp
42 First Ave, Brentwood
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge

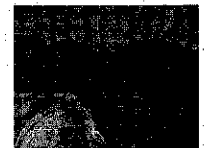
Day/Time of Prayer Vigil

(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM
(W) Sa 8-10 AM
(W) Fr 11:30 AM
(W) Fr 11:30 AM
(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM
(M) 1st Sa 10:30 AM-Noon

Contact Phone Numbers (631)

979-7017
751-8217
283-6829
283-6829
665-3630
586-3807

**Prayer &
Witness
Save Lives!**



Pro-Life Counseling Centers open on Saturdays (in addition to their regular weekly schedule) are:

- 9 AM-Noon Life Center 35 Willow St, Massapequa (E of Carmans Rd & W of Sunrise Hwy, on the E side of Sunrise Mall) 516-798-9100
- 9 AM-5 PM Life Center 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead 516-408-6300 (This location offers bilingual counseling.)

Pro-Life Viewing and Listening:

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NEW: • The Long Island Coalition for Life, starting the first week in April, is presenting on cable Channel 20 an hour long, pro-life program called **LIFE ISSUES**. **LIFE ISSUES** will be seen from 9-10 PM every Tuesday in Nassau & western Suffolk and from 5:30-6:30 PM on Thursday in eastern Suffolk. Please tune in and send us your comments and suggestions for future programs. Thank you to all who came forward to assist in finalizing this project.

- **American Family Assn of NY** (516-944-3544 www.afany.org) Ch 20 (W) Sat 7:30 PM
- **Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics-'Life Talk'** Brooklyn & Queens-Ch 34 (Time Warner)/Ch 67 (Cablevision) & Woodbury Ch 20-sched. pending; Hauppauge & Brookhaven-Ch 20(W)Sa 7:30PM; Riverhead Ch 20(W)Mn 3:30 PM, Tu 11AM&Fr 11 PM.
- **EWTN "Defending Life"** Fr. Pavone, www.priestsforlife.org (W) Sa 2:30 AM & Fr 10 PM (W) Rosary for Life Sa 3:30 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 10 AM and 11 PM, FAM-TV, 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, Rev. Motley-15 mins. NYS government. 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) **WMCA (570 AM) Life on the Line**, Su 12:15 PM www.lifeontheline.com, **NEW:** American Center for Law and Justice, a pro-life watch-dog group offering current information (W) Mn-Fr 12 NOON
- **Catholic Alternative WHPC (90.3 FM)**

- Mn-Sa 5/1-5/31 Daily **ROSARY FOR LIFE** following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381
- Mn-Sa 5/1-5/31 Daily 9:30 AM **ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN/UNBORN** St Martin of Tours Bethpage, 516-938-1391
- Tu 5/1 6/5 (M) 9 AM-12:30 **MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENEDICTION** Sacred Heart, Cutchogue
- Th 5/3 6/7 (W) After 7 PM **MASS ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE** St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938
- Th 5/3 6/7 (W) 7-8 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration)
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LIFE**, St Joseph, Kings Park
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd, Farmingville
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 9 AM **MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** and 4 PM Benediction, St Mark, Shoreham
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) Noon-3 PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St Andrew RCC, Sag Harbor
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St Boniface RCC, Elmont
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 3-7 AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Sa 5/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 8-10 PM **MASS** followed by **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** St Matthew, Dix Hills 631-586-3807
- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 9 PM-5 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** St Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

- Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 8 PM-9 PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
 Fr 5/4 6/1 (W) 1:00 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540
 Fr 5/4 6/1 (M) 7 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE & 8 PM MASS FOR LIFE** at Holy Name of Jesus RCC, Woodbury.
 Sa 5/5 ♥**DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING FOR MEN**, Bronx. Sa 6/2 **POST ABORTION DAYS OF PRAYER AND HEALING**, Bronx. Sponsored by Lumina. Phone: 877-586-4621 E-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org
 Sa 5/5 ♥6:30 PM **NEW YORKER'S FAMILY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. SPRING BANQUET**, Holiday Inn, 3845 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Ronkonkoma. \$15. Rev. Duane Motley and Rev. Tom Stiles. NYFRF 585-225-2220.
 Su 5/6 ♥10:30 AM (following 9:30 AM Mass) "**CULTURE OF LIFE**": speaker Fr. Richard Neuhaus at Catholic League Communion Breakfast, Kellenberg HS, 1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd, Uniondale. \$18 adults/\$10 students, 516-292-0854.
 Su 5/6 6/3 (W) 8-9 PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
 Su 5/6 6/3 (W) 3 PM **ROSARY TO END ABORTION, EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION** St Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
 Mn 5/7 6/4 (W) 7 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St Catherine, Franklin Square
 Mn 5/7 6/4 (W) After 12:05 Mass **HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE** Notre Dame Church, New Hyde Park
 Mn 5/7 6/4 (W) 7:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, 516-889-5318
 Mn 5/7 6/4 (M) 10 AM-3:45 PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** St Rose of Lima, Massapequa (Fr Graham Chapel)
 Fr 5/11 6/8 (M) 9 AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483
 Sa 5/12 ♥**NYSRTL ORATORICAL CONTEST**, Albany, 516-825-4852 or 516-599-5296. See related items Pages 1 and 2.
 Su 5/13 6/10 (M) 11:15 AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park
 Mn 5/14 6/11 (M) 8-9 PM **CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR** Molloy College, Sacred Heart Chapel, 516-678-5000 x6304
 Tu 5/15 6/19 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** St Patrick Church, Smithtown
 Th 5/17 6/21 (M) 12:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408
 Fr 5/18 6/15 (M) 9 PM-6 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa Park, 631-234-6921.
 Sa 5/19 ♥1:00-9 PM Boro Pregnancy Counseling Center's **NO RING? NO FLING?** Sexual Integrity Program for teens 12-18 at New Life Fellowship 82-10 Queens Blvd. Elmhurst. No fee. Dinner and concert by B&B included. Speaker: Reggie Brown, Former NFL Player. Call 718-961-4357, www.bpcc.org
 Sa 5/19 ♥10 AM **PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE UNBORN CHILD**, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram. See Page 5.
 Sa 5/19 ♥9-10:30 AM **WALK FOR LIFE**, Smithtown, to benefit the Care Center. See Page 12.
 Sa 5/19 ♥10:30 AM-2 PM **STEM CELL RESEARCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY** at Carondelet Hospitality Center, St. Joseph's Provincial House 385 Watervliet-Shaker Rd., Latham, NY Speaker: Daniel P. Sulmasy, OFM, MD, PhD., Professor of Medicine and Director of the Bioethics Institute of New York Medical College in Valhalla. Call the NYS Catholic Conference to register 518-434-6195.
 Sa 5/19 ♥Noon-9 PM **PROUD2BCatholic.com YOUTH FEST** sponsored by La Salette/Diocese of Rockville Centre to be held at St. Anthony's High School 275 Wolf Hill Rd., South Huntington. \$20 early reg. \$25 after 5/13. Food sold. Diocese will host Respect Life table. Call Respect Life Office at 379-8292 x215.
 Su 5/20 ♥3:00 PM **JOHN L. SHORT MEMORIAL MASS** for deceased pro-lifers, Massapequa Park. See Page 5.
 Su 5/20 ♥NOON-4 PM **BIRTHRIGHT LUNCHEON**, Wantagh. See Page 5.
 Su 5/20 3-4 PM **DEANERY 6 PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR**, St Joseph Church, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett, 516-887-2458.
 Mn 5/21 7:45 PM **LICL GENERAL MEETING**, Ronkonkoma. See Pages 1 and 2.
 We5/23 6/27 (M) 3 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE**, St Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 631-744-1676
 Fr 5/25 6/22 (M) 8-9 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, 516-541-3270

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- Tu 6/5 7:30 AM **LIFE CENTER GOLF OUTING**, Shoreham. See Page 5.
 Th 6/14- 35th Annual **NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION & NATIONAL TEENS FOR LIFE CONVENTION**, Kansas City, 202-378-8842, www.nrlc.org/convention
 Sa 6/16 **RACHEL VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT**, Uniondale. See Page 5.
 Fr 6/22-Su 6/24 11:30 AM-2 PM **MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA** for 10-12 year old girls at St Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre. Topics include Sacredness of Human life. \$15. RSVP 516-379-8292 x 215 respectlife@drvc.org
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—School Board Elections Coming—Vote Pro-Life! Ask candidates stand on abortion, parental notification and allowing Planned Parenthood in schools.

2008 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' POSITIONS ON LIFE ISSUES

Republican

***Sam Brownback** -He has sponsored numerous pro-life bills including the Human Cloning Prohibition Act, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, and the Assisted Suicide Prevention Act. He has held hearings on life issues, among them the Impact of Abortion on Women.

***Jim Gilmore**-He supports legal abortion until the 13th week of gestation (www.charmaineyoest.com), and in cases of rape or incest. He has supported an informed consent law and a 24-hour waiting period for abortion. (www.ontheissues.org)

***Newt Gingrich**-John Lofton, who interviewed Gingrich for American View (www.theamericanview.com) asked, "Do you think abortion should be a crime?" Gingrich answered, "I think that abortion should not be legal, and I think that how you would implement that I'm not sure."

***Rudy Giuliani**-"I'm pro-choice," Giuliani said. He was then asked whether he supports a ban on what critics call partial-birth abortion. "No, I have not supported that, and I don't see my position on that changing." (CNN.com, "Inside Politics" 12/2/99) Now that he is running for president he says he would support it, but only if it has a life-of-the-mother exception. (*Hannity & Colmes*, 2/5/07)

***Mike Huckabee**-He thinks abortion should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered. He would eliminate public funding for abortions and public funding of organizations that advocate or perform abortions. He supports "A Woman's Right to Know" legislation.

***Duncan Hunter**-He is chief sponsor of the Right To Life Act (HR 618) to extend Fourteenth Amendment protection to the unborn child. In an interview with *Human Events* (12/4/06) Rep. Hunter was asked, "What would you do about abortion if you were President?" He responded, "I'd do everything I could to work toward doing everything we could to eliminate abortion." When asked, "What sort of people would you name to the US Supreme Court?" he answered, "I would name people who have a sensitivity toward human life."

***John McCain**-He has voted to restrict or regulate the practice of abortion but, although he says *Roe v Wade* should be overturned, he supports abortion in cases of rape and incest and has endorsed legislation that would expand federal funding for research that kills human embryos.

***Ron Paul**-From 2005 to 2006, Paul had just a 56 percent pro-life voting record as he voted four times against a federal law protecting teenagers from being taken to other states for secret abortions in violation of the parental notification or consent laws of their home state. In previous years, Mr. Paul had a 73 percent, 81 percent, and 79 percent voting record going back to 1999, according to the National Right to Life Committee. He doesn't think fed-

eral law should cover abortion issues. He opposes using taxpayer funding for both embryonic and non-embryonic stem cell research. (LIFENEWS.com)

***Mitt Romney** -He ran against Ted Kennedy for the U.S. Senate in 1994 as a pro-choice candidate. As a candidate for Governor in 2002, he answered Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Rights Action League questionnaires saying he supported "the substance of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*" and "I respect and will protect a woman's right to choose... Women should be free to choose based on their own beliefs, not mine and not the government's." (The Weekly Standard, 2/05/07) In 2002, endorsed legalization of the RU-486. In 2005, vetoed emergency contraception measures in Massachusetts. In 2005, vetoed Massachusetts legislation to expand stem cell research because it allowed the cloning of human embryos for use in stem cell experiments. www.ontheissues.org Romney says his anti-abortion views have "evolved and deepened" since he took office colored in part by the debate over embryonic stem cell research. *Associated Press on NewsMax Com* 7/25/05. He said he now describes himself as "firmly pro-life". www.ontheissues.org

***Tom Tancredo**-NARAL gives him a 0% score on legislation related to life issues. www.issues2000.org) His website says this: "Throughout my public career I have always maintained a deeply held conviction that abortion compromises the sanctity of human life. Tragically, our nation has ignored our founding principle that all individuals have a right to life and in doing so has failed to protect the most vulnerable among us, unborn boys and girls. I do not support federal funds going to Planned Parenthood or any other organization that promotes abortion. I will continue to do everything in my power to protect the defenseless, and to end the practice of abortion." (www.tancredo.house.gov)

***Fred Thompson**-(not declared an official candidate as of 4/15/07)-stated he is pro-life and "thinks *Roe v Wade* was bad law and bad medical science." ("FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace", 3/11/07). "RNC makes no statement, at this date, on Thompson's stand due to unanswered questions." RNC For Life memo, 4/15/07.

***Tommy Thompson**-He supports abortion in cases of rape and incest, and endorses embryonic stem cell research, while claiming to be "pro-life."

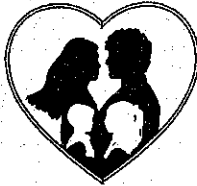



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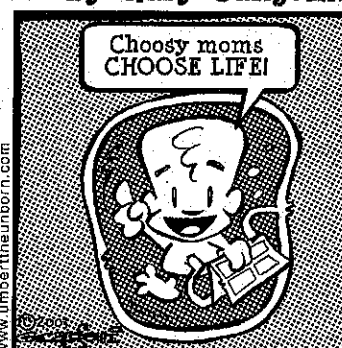
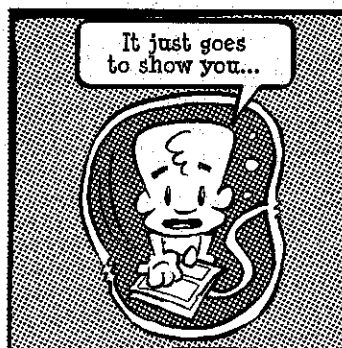
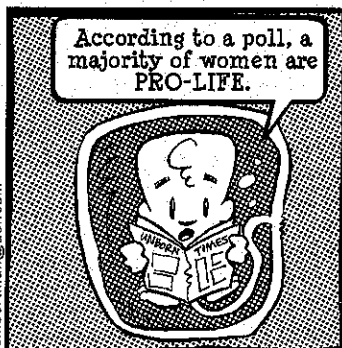
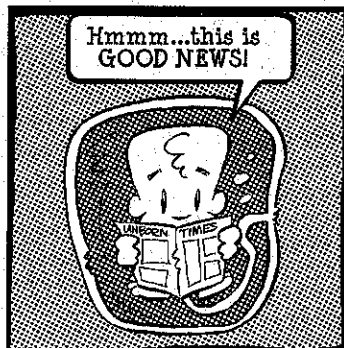
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