

Life News

Long Island's Monthly Pro-Life Newsletter

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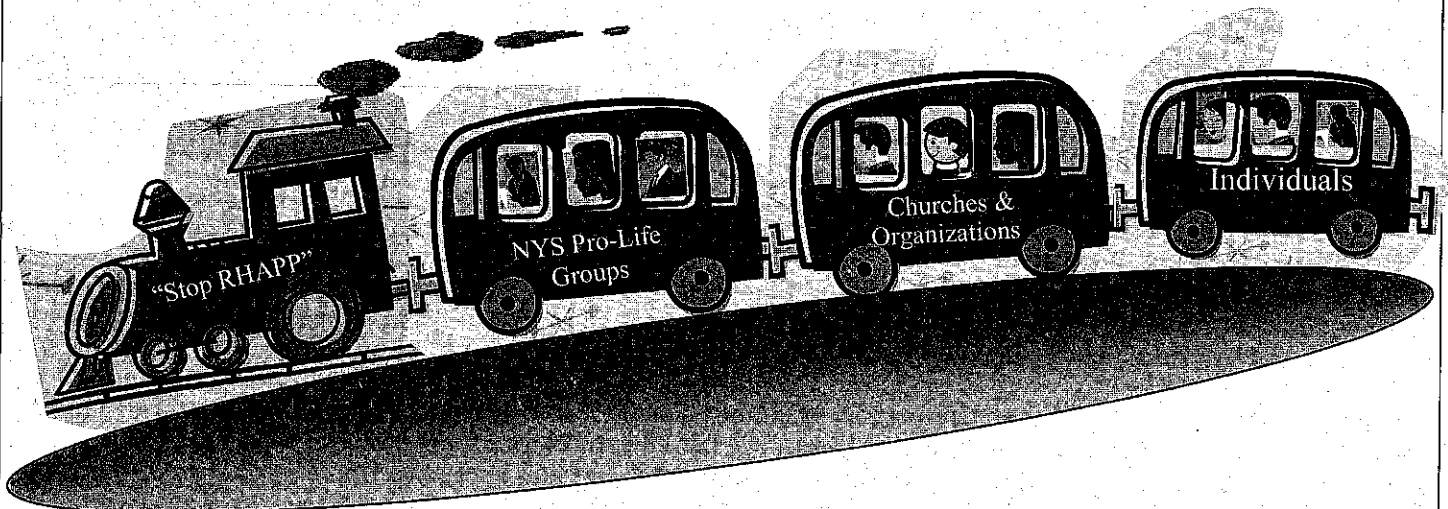
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"The Church holds that such children (pre-born) are human persons with rights, yet the "personally opposed" hold that it should be a woman's choice to destroy them. If there is a credible reason for such a position, what is it? Opposition to legal abortion cuts across the religious and political spectrum. I'm an atheist. I was born and raised Jewish. Catholicism had nothing to do with my coming to understand why abortion is a wrong, not a right, and why it should not be legal." Doris Gordon, founder "Libertarians for Life"

GET ABOARD THE STOP RHAPP TRAIN!



The Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act, S.5829, (RHAPP), is radical and sweeping pro-abortion legislation. This bill could:

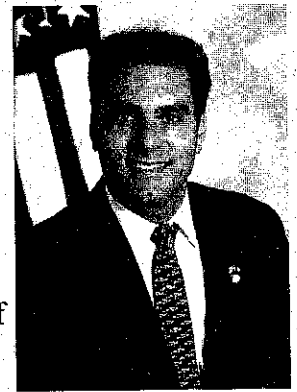
- Force doctors to perform abortions
- Force hospitals, even Catholic hospitals, to allow abortions
- Thwart any efforts to involve parents in the abortion decisions of their children
- and, much more

Please be aware: Governor Eliot Spitzer's resignation, to become effective 3/17/08, does not mean the dangerous RHAPP legislation is no longer a threat. LICL spoke to several sources in Albany. All agree the RHAPP bill is active legislation and must be fought as vigorously as possible. **RHAPP could be moved forward for a vote at any time. Don't wait - act now.** For contact information and details of the RHAPP bill see Pages 3 and 8.

You're Invited!

Assemblyman Joseph Saladino will be the guest speaker on Monday, April 28th at 7:45 p.m. prior to the general meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. His topic will be, "Protecting Family Life, Protecting Checks and Balances." Assemblyman Saladino represents the 12th District in Nassau County. He is a life-long resident of Massapequa and has been very active in his community, especially with the youth. Assemblyman Saladino has a consistent pro-life voting record.

The meeting will be held at the Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. For information call 631-243-1435. All are welcome for all or part of the evening.!



Planned Parenthood - Glen Cove

A group of pro-lifers are shown here doing public outreach to Glen Cove residents as they pass by the Planned Parenthood of Nassau County office in Glen Cove. The small but hearty group spent more than an hour on Saturday March 8th standing outside the local Planned Parenthood, which is in the midst of a campaign to bring more Hispanics under its influence. The group plans to continue educating this community where Planned Parenthood has been largely undeterred for many years. If you live in the Glen Cove area, please consider joining pro-life activities sponsored by local church pro-life committees and events you read about in Life News. Your voice is needed.



Attention Service Workers:

Construction workers in Colorado have quit participating in a construction site slated to become the largest abortion clinic in the nation. The subcontractors involved were not told it was going to be a Planned Parenthood facility; from the permits, they assumed they were working on a Fuller Office Building or a United Airlines Call Center. (Source: *ALL News* February-March 2008).

Since approximately 90 percent of abortions are performed outside hospitals, these facilities, like any others, require servicing. Roofs, plumbing, electricity, copy machines, etc. fail. If you are a business owner or work for a service-related business, you can and should refuse to work on a facility that performs abortions. There is a strong defense for those who are opposed to abortion to refuse to service abortion facilities. "Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead, there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection." Pope John Paul II-*The Gospel of Life*

Please Help - Bridge to Life needs:

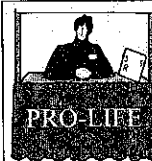
Baby Bottle Campaign (loose change)
Baby/toddler shower items, especially cribs,
diapers - clothes from sizes newborn to size 5.
For more information, call Ginny at 718-359-6690



When calling the Long Island Coalition for Life at 631-243-1435 for routine information, if possible, please call between the hours of 9:00a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thank you.



Every day, over 3,500 babies are surgically aborted in the private chambers of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. Planned Parenthood alone receives over \$305 million in taxpayer dollars!
Source: Judie Brown, ALL



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 to: LICL, P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779



FEDERAL LEGISLATION PRESIDENT URGED TO REFORM TITLE X

— A letter was sent to Pres. Bush last month seeking administrative reform in the Title X “family planning” program.

Initiated by the Family Research Council, the letter was signed by leaders of some 48 pro-life/pro-family groups and seeks to restore reforms established by Pres. Reagan in order to distinguish “family planning” from abortion. Under existing regulations, instituted by the Clinton regime, Title X is a prime funding source for Planned Parenthood despite federal policy barring payments for abortion. Adapted from *Life Advocacy Briefing* 1/07/08

Sample message:

Dear Pres. Bush: Please act now to reform Title X so that our tax dollars do not subsidize the abortion industry. Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion organizations must once again be denied funds to perform abortions. They must also be restricted from co-locating “family planning services” and abortion activities which provides the abortion industry the appearance of government endorsement. Thank you.

Contact information:

Pres. George W. Bush, The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500
1-202-456-1111 (call M-F from 9am-5pm)

CATHOLIC CHURCH RULES ON VEGETATIVE

STATE—“A patient in a ‘Persistent Vegetative State’ is a person with fundamental human dignity and must, therefore receive ordinary and proportionate care which includes, in principle, the administration of water and food even by artificial means.” This statement was issued by the Vatican in connection with the Terri Schiavo case. The Vatican condemned Schiavo’s death as “arbitrarily hastened” and called the removal of her feeding tube a violation of the principles of Christianity and civilization.

Source: *Voice of the Unborn*, Modesto, Ca., 1/08

To discuss Federal legislation call John Healy 631-598-0430 or e-mail franjohn21@optonline.net



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

GOVERNOR DAVID PATERSON-

We welcome Governor Paterson and ask

his attention to our respect life concerns. Presently, the RHAPP bill is in the Senate Health Committee, therefore it is still active, and the danger of it being voted on is a constant worry. Correspondence explaining our opposition to RHAPP should reach our new Governor ASAP.

Sample message:

Dear Governor Paterson: You are urged to oppose the Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act (S.5829). I am saddened by the knowledge that New York State is the “Abortion Capitol of the Nation”. This bill will guarantee the availability of abortion in New York State through all nine months of a mother’s pregnancy. It will protect the abortion industry from regulation and litigation. This bill does not help women, will prohibit parental involvement, and will certainly ensure the death of innocent unborn babies.

Contact Information:

Governor David Paterson

State Capitol, Albany, N.Y. 12224

To leave phone message: 518-474-8390

To e-mail: www.state.ny.us/governor
select: Contact the Governor

Please, even if you have already contacted the following, do so again.

Senator Kemp Hannon, Chair Senate Health Committee
N.Y.S. Senate, Albany N.Y. 12247

Long Island office 516-739-1700

Albany office 518-455-2200

Senator Joseph Bruno, Senate Majority Leader

N.Y.S. Senate, Albany N.Y. 12247

518-455-3191

Your N.Y.S. Senator _____

Albany, N.Y. 12247

Senate Switchboard 518-455-2800

Your N.Y.S. Assembly Member _____

Albany, N.Y. 12248

Assembly Switchboard 518-455-4100

LICL’S On-Going Petition Drive to Stop RHAPP

continues. Please plan a drive ASAP. You may download the petitions from the LICL website www.ProLifeLI.org or call LICL 631-243-1435. Drives are most effective when an explanation of RHAPP has appeared in church bulletins, etc. prior to the drive. Obtain a 7 ½ x 5 ½” announcement of RHAPP, formatted in “Word” (your date/time can be added in), from LICL, by e-mail to jerryh7@verizon.net. In conjunction with your drive, please do a maximum distribution of a flyer explaining the dangers of RHAPP. Flyers can be downloaded from www.nyscatholic.org or by calling the N.Y.S. the Catholic Conference at 518-434-6195. Flyers can also be downloaded from www.drvc.org From the home page click on “Social Services” and from “menu” click on “Respect Life”.

Note: An excellent DVD, narrated by Kathy Gallagher, explaining the current NYS abortion laws and outlining the dangers of the RHAPP bill, with action information, may be viewed at www.nyscatholic.org The same ten minute DVD is available at www.youtube.com by entering Respect Life-RHAPP in the search window. For your own copy call the Respect Life Office of DRVC at 516-379-8292 x215. (See Page 8 for details of RHAPP.)

HEALTH & SCIENCE

Latest Anti-Life Theory: "Newborns Who Suffer are 'Better Off Dead'"



Several years ago, we became aware of the growing practice of infanticide in the Netherlands. The 'Groningen Protocol for Euthanasia in Newborns' was a set of guidelines used by doctors in making decisions to kill disabled newborn children. There was world-wide criticism for this protocol. One Italian minister accused the Netherlands of Nazism.

A recent issue of The Hastings Center Report contains an article supporting the Groningen Protocol. Pro-lifer Wesley J. Smith has previously called The Hastings Center Report the "world's most prestigious journal of bioethics." However, LifeSiteNews.com reported on February 22, 2008 that this article "strongly defends the Groningen Protocol as humane and perfectly ethical. It especially defends the ethical nature of the protocol's provisions for killing newborns with conditions that would allow them to live for many years."

According to John Jalsevac of LifeSiteNews, Bioethicists Hilde Lindemann and Marian Verkerk explain the three classes of newborns that can be euthanized under the Groningen Protocol:

1. those with no chance of survival
2. those who 'may survive after a period of intensive treatment but expectations for their future are very grim'
3. those who 'do not depend on technology for physiologic stability and whose suffering is severe, sustained, and cannot be alleviated'

One of the eight criticisms that the authors discuss is the criticism that the protocol "fails to distinguish with clinical precision between babies whose prognosis of death is certain and those who would continue to live." The authors argue that the whole point of the protocol is aimed at those babies "whose lives would be wretched in the extreme, who stand in most need of the interventions for which the protocol offers guidance." The authors acknowledge that some children born with painful abnormalities could live to be adults. According to Lindemann and Verkerk, these babies are "judged to be better off dead than forced to endure the only kind of life it can ever have." Progressive paralysis, complete lifelong dependency and permanent inability to communicate in any way are conditions that the authors cited as acceptable for euthanasia.

The authors continue, "The whole point of the protocol is to help physicians end the lives of newborns who are so severely afflicted that neither their dying nor their living should be prolonged... the pertinent distinction is not between babies who will die and those who could live, but between babies for whom life-ending decisions should be made and those for whom such decisions cannot be morally justified."

Lindemann and Verkerk go on to discuss the ethics of aborting a child diagnosed with a disability or waiting until the child is born. "The supposedly morally superior alternative [of abortion]... does not strike us as superior at all." The authors suggest that parents wait until the child is born so that a more informed decision can be made regarding the child's ability to live a "satisfactory life..." We join disability activists who condemn the routine recommendation of abortions performed for no other reason than to prevent the birth of an affected baby." According to Jalsevac, the authors recommend killing the child after birth rather than "hiding behind the false moral justification of killing the disabled child in utero."

The Hastings Report article states that the child does not need to be suffering in the present. Parents and doctors can make the decision to kill the child based upon the future suffering of the child – "The protocol thus leaves room for cases in which the suffering will take place in the future."

The article goes further by stating, "This forward-looking feature of the protocol is justified on the grounds that it is inhumane to keep a baby alive until it begins to experience intolerable suffering." The authors justify the killing of newborns using a "quality of life criteria". They state that quality of life decisions on adults are already being made throughout much of the world by families and physicians. "It is one of the harsh realities of 21st century medicine that quality-of-life judgments must be made. What we must not do is pretend that we do not already make them, and that there is somehow something morally different about doing it for a newborn baby."

The authors conclude by stating that "the most caring response" a society can have is to end the life of those suffering babies. However, the "judgment must be made with fear and trembling... When a tragically impaired infant is born into a society that is hospitable to its children, offers universal access to decent health care, and promotes an ethos among its citizens whereby they look after each other as a matter of course, we believe that the doctor's ending the baby's life could be the best, most caring response."

Wesley Smith responded to the article by stating, "It wasn't many years ago that almost everyone accepted that infanticide is intrinsically and inherently wrong. No more. With personhood theory and the 'quality of life' ethic increasingly permeating the highest levels of the medical and bioethical intelligentsia, we are moving toward a medical system in which babies are put down like dogs and killing is redefined as compassion. But bigotry is bigotry even if you spell it c.o.m.p.a.s.s.i.o.n. And to think, after World War II German doctors were hanged for doing precisely what is being promoted in the 'prestigious' Hastings Center Report."

Source: LifeSiteNews.com 2/22/08 "SHOCK: Newborns Who Suffer are 'Better off Dead'" by John Jalsevac
Regina Carbonaro—516-795-7568—reg5carb@aol.com

Catholic League Mass and Breakfast



Sun., May 4 - 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Rick Hinshaw,

Editor of The Long Island Catholic, and former
Director of the Respect Life Office, DRVC

\$18 adult - \$10 student

Kellenberg High School

1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale

Make checks to: Catholic League

Mail to: P.O. Box 8131

Garden City NY 11530

For information: 516-292-0200 x370

Catholic Speakers Series 2008 continues...

April 27th - 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Piero Tozzi, Esq. Moderator

Changed Topic: *"The RHAPP Bill - Why It Needs to
Be Stopped"*

Mary's Nativity Conference Center, Parsons Blvd. & 46th
Avenue, Flushing

For information: 718-939-6646

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

Saturday, May 3rd

Please pray the Rosary for one hour from 9-10:00 a.m.
(Eastern Time Zone). Rosaries will be said every hour
from 4-10:00 a.m. - each time zone will pray a different
hour. Pray for an end to abortion.

For more information, please go to
www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org or
write to St. Michael the Archangel Orgn.,

P.O. Box 41257, Memphis, TN 38174.

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

God's Plan For Growing Up

Explore the beauty and wonder of God's
plan for growing up and becoming a
woman or a man.



April 12 Father & Son Brunch (13-15 yr. olds)

May 17 Mother & Daughter Tea (10-12 yr. olds)

June 21 Mother & Daughter Tea (13-15 yr. olds)

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Academy of St. Joseph HS

1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood

Speakers from GENERATION LIFE

Cost: \$25/family for one program; \$40/family for two
and \$60/family for all three programs.

Reservations are required. For more information, call the
Respect Life Office at 516-379-8292, Ext. 215 or e-mail

RESPECTLIFE@DRVC.ORG.

Join the LI Coalition for Life at a
Long Island Ducks baseball game
Fireworks included!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2008, 7:05PM

Citibank Park, Central Islip
(easily accessible from Southern State)

Tickets \$14.00 each

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Number of tickets: _____ x \$14 = _____

Limited quantity of tickets available. Mail form with
payment to: LICL, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma NY 11779.

NOTE: Tickets will be mailed to you in July.

The LICL is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. Donations are
not tax-deductible. A copy of our latest annual report may be
obtained, upon request, from the LICL or from the Office of the
Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, NY, NY
10271.

Silent No More Awareness Event

WHEN: Tuesday April 22, 2008 - 5:30 PM

WHERE: Nassau Community College - CCB Bldg.

WHAT: Event to break the silence of abortion.

Women share their testimony explaining the damage
abortion has caused them and informally speak with
students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Look for signs, as you walk into the CCB, for room
number. *Arrive early for free parking pass from NCC's
Public Safety Office, located in the Northwest corner of
the main South parking lot at NCC.*

SNM has three main goals:

1. Educate students that abortion is harmful
emotionally, physically and spiritually.
2. Inform women who are hurting from an abortion
that there is help.
3. Invite women to join us in speaking the truth
about abortion's negative consequences.

Visit www.silentnomoreawareness.org.

PUB NIGHT

Friday, April 25th - 8:00 p.m.

Starring Andy Cooney & His Band

St. Frances School Auditorium

1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh

Corned Beef Sandwiches, potato salad & more

\$40/pp - Reservations required - Call 516-781-2608

Proceeds go to Birthright of Nassau-Suffolk



APRIL 2008 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR

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

PRO-LIFE WITNESSING SITES Prayer and Witness Save Lives!

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. Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right. **Please stand with us. Be a voice for the unborn.**

<u>Nassau County---Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (516)</u>
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-1 PM	741-3405
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 -11 AM Prayer Rally	"
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056
244A Old Country Rd, Hicksville	(W) Fr 10-11:30 AM & Sa 7:30-10 AM	741-3405
444 Community Dr, Manhasset	(W) Sa 8-9:30 AM	546-0290
64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead	(W) Sa 9-11 AM	781-8699
<u>Suffolk County---Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (631)</u>
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017
498 Rt 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7:30-9:30 AM	751-8217
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
240 Meeting House Ln-Southampton Hosp	(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) 1st Sa 10:15 -11:30 AM	588-0168
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	W We 2-4 PM	722-3111
755 New York Ave, Huntington	(W) Sa 11 AM-1 PM	796-7685
NEW! 450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue	(M) 1st Sa 10:15-11:30 AM	472-0033

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

- 10 AM-Noon **Life Center** 35 Willow St, **Massapequa** at E end of Sunrise Mall just behind White Castle and next to Sizzler, 516-798-9100 and • 10 AM-2 PM **Life Center** 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), **Hempstead** 516-408-6300 (Bilingual counseling.)
- 10 AM-Noon **Birthright of Peconic** 99 W Montauk Hwy, **Hampton Bays** 631-728-8900 (Bilingual counseling.)

PRO-LIFE VIEWING AND LISTENING

LIFE ISSUES -LICL (631-243-1435 www.ProLifeLI.org) Public Access programs (W) Tu 9-10 PM Ch 20 in eastern Suffolk, (W) Th 9-10 PM Ch 20 central & western Suffolk & (W) Tu 5-6 PM Ch 20 in Nassau. Send comments & suggestions for programs to LICL.

American Family Assn of NY (516-944-3544 www.afany.org) Ch 20 (W) Tu 8 PM Nassau & central Suffolk (W) Su 8 PM Riverhead & east end.

Mark Crutcher's **Life Dynamics**-**'Life Talk'** Brooklyn & Queens-Ch 34 (Time Warner) Ch 67 (Cablevision)-sch. pending.
Hauppauge & Brookhaven-Ch 20 (W)Sa 7:30PM; Riverhead Ch 20 (W)Mn 3:30 PM & Sa 12 Midnight;
(W)Wed. Woodbury Ch 20 8PM

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)

EWTN-Radio (W) Fr 1 AM, Sa 6:30 PM & Su 5 AM (All EST)

(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 & James McDonald www.walkintheword.com

(W)**American Center for Law and Justice**, a watch-dog group offering current information (W) Mn-Fr 12 NOON

(W) **Catholic Alternative** WHPC (90.3 FM) Su 8 AM, includes pro-life programming.

(M) Rev. Duane Motley, **Open Mike Program**, Riverhead, 90.7, 3rd Fr, 8 PM

Pre-recorded radio program from Rev. Motley: <http://www.nycf.info/radioprogramindex.asp>

PRO-LIFE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES All Welcome. Needed: Prayer to change minds and hearts to respect all human life at every stage of development from conception to natural death.

Mn-Sa 4/1-30 Daily **ROSARY FOR LIFE** following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381

Mn-Sa 4/1-30 Daily 9:30 AM **ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN/UNBORN** St Martin of Tours Bethpage, 516-938-1391

Su 4/6 5/4 (W) 8-9 PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst

Su 4/6 5/4 (W) 3 PM **ROSARY TO END ABORTION, EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION** St Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn

Mn 4/7 5/5 (W) 7 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St Catherine, Franklin Square

Mn 4/7 5/5 (W) After 12:05 Mass **HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE** Notre Dame, New Hyde Park

Mn 4/7 5/5 (W) 7:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, 516-889-5318

Mn 4/7 5/5 (M) 10 AM-3 PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** St Rose of Lima, Massapequa (Fr Graham Chapel)

Tu 4/1 5/6 (M) 9 AM-12:30 **MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENEDICTION** Sacred Heart, Cutchogue

Th 4/3 5/1 (W) After 7 PM Mass **ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE**, St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938



Witness at Huntington PP
Area residents are asked to come down for an hour or so.

- Th 4/3 5/1 (W) 7-8 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration)
Fr 4/4 5/2 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LIFE**, St Joseph, Kings Park
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd, Farmingville
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 9 AM **MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** and 4 PM Benediction, St Mark, Shoreham
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) Noon-3 PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St Andrew RCC, Sag Harbor
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St Boniface RCC, Elmont
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 3-7 AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** St Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Sa 4/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 8-10 PM **MASS** followed by **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** St Matthew, Dix Hills 631-586-3807
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 8 PM-9 PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
Fr 4/4 5/2 (W) 1:00 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 7 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE & 8 PM MASS FOR LIFE** at Holy Name of Jesus RCC, Woodbury
Fr 4/4 5/2 (M) 9 PM-3 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Miraculous Medal Church, Point Lookout
Fr 4/11 5/9 (M) 9 AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483
Su 4/13 5/11 (M) 11:15 AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park
Mn 4/14 5/12 (M) 8-9 PM **CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR** Molloy College, Sacred Heart Chapel, 516-678-5000 x6304
Tu 4/15 5/20 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** St Patrick Church, Smithtown
Th 4/17 5/15 (M) 1:15 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408
Fr 4/18 5/16 (M) 9 PM-6 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa Park, 631-224-1089
Mn 4/21 5/19 (M) **ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY, LITANY FOR LIFE**, Christ the King, Commack, Marion 631-486-2658
We 4/23 5/28 (M) 3 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE**, St Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 631-744-1676
Fr 4/25 5/23 (M) 8-9 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, 516-541-3270

SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL

- Tu 4/1 **FEMINISTS CHOOSING LIFE OF NY-LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY**, Albany. Call Florence Scarinci 516-353-9591. All Indoors. All welcome.
Fr-Su 4/4-6 **PRO-LIFE RETREAT: Reflections on the Gospel of Life**, Stamford, CT. Call 203-329-1492, www.Sistersof-life.org/vmg.htm Open to all.
Sa 4/5 Noon-4 PM **BORO PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER OF FLUSHING BANQUET**, Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave, Baldwin, 718-961-4357, www.bpcc.org/supporters.html
Su 4/6 2-6 PM **10th ANNUAL 8th DISTRICT K of C SPAGHETTI DINNER** to benefit Life Center of L.I. to be held at Sts Cyril & Methodius Church, 125 Half Hollow Rd, Deer Park. \$10 inc. dinner, beer, wine & soda. 516-798-8746.
Sa 4/12 **POST-ABORTION DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING**, Bronx. 866-575-0075, postabortion@sistersoflife.org
Sa 4/12 **GOD'S PLAN FOR GROWING UP-TEENS' SERIES**-Generation Life speakers. Brentwood. See Page 5.
Su 4/20 3-4 PM **DEANERY VI PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR**, St Anthony's Church, 110 Anchor Ave, Oceanside, 516-887-2458.
Tu 4/22 5:30 PM **SILENT NO MORE AWARENESS** at Nassau Community College. See Page 5.
Fr 4/25 **BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU/SUFFOLK PUB NIGHT** with Andy Cooney. See Page 5.
Su 4/27 2-4 PM **2008 CATHOLIC SPEAKERS SERIES; THE RHAPP BILL**, Flushing. See Page 5.
Mn 4/28 7:45 PM **LICL GENERAL MEETING** at Joseph Barry K of C Hall, Hicksville. See Page 2.
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ALL N.Y.S. PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED S.5829

To give the reader a greater understanding of the dangers of the "REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND PRIVACY PROTECTION" bill S. 5829, often called RHAPP, the following is reprinted from the N.Y.S. Catholic Conference website: www.nyscatholic.org

Oppose efforts to further expand abortion

Summary

In April 2007, Governor Eliot Spitzer submitted a Governor's Program Bill entitled the "Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act." This bill (S.5829) seeks to establish a "fundamental right to privacy" in New York statute to guarantee that abortion is protected and available. In the words of the Governor, the bill would "ensure that New York's women have the same or stronger reproductive rights as those currently afforded under Roe (v Wade)."

Conference Position

Because of the Catholic Church's fundamental teaching that human life is sacred from the first moment of creation, the Conference strongly opposes this legislation. The Conference believes that every human life must be respected in law, including the woman facing an unplanned pregnancy and the innocent unborn child she carries in her womb.

Rationale

- This bill seeks to ensure that abortions are legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy if they are deemed necessary to protect the life or "health" of the mother. Courts have interpreted the term "health" so broadly as to include social, economic and emotional distress factors, rendering the term meaningless. Current state law says abortions are legal in New York through 24 weeks of pregnancy (Article 125 Penal Law), but outlawed after that unless they are necessary to save a woman's life. Because of flawed court decisions like Roe v. Wade, this law cannot be enforced, so abortion is already legal in New York through the third trimester of pregnancy for reasons of life or "health." The Governor's plan ignores the state's legitimate interest in protecting the life of fully formed third-trimester children in the womb.
- This bill would allow post-viability abortions to be performed on an out-patient basis in clinics that go virtually unregulated by public health authorities, endangering both women and unborn children. Moreover, the Governor's bill would not allow for the type of support facilities necessary to assist a baby who might be born alive in the course of an abortion.
- Alarmingly, this bill could be used to eliminate conscience protection in current law by requiring every institution licensed or funded by the state – including religious hospitals, agencies and schools – to support

abortion, provide coverage for abortion, or to allow abortions to be performed. The Governor's bill declares that "the state shall not discriminate" against the exercise of the fundamental right to abortion in the "provision of benefits, facilities, services or information."

- The Governor's bill seeks to make abortion virtually immune from any state regulation or restriction. Reasonable regulations such as parental notification for abortions performed on minor children, informed consent for pregnant women regarding the risks and alternatives to the procedure, and restrictions on taxpayer funding would not be permissible under the bill. Yet all such regulations are completely permissible under Roe v Wade and subsequent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and a majority of states have enacted them. Thirty-five states require parental involvement in a child's abortion decision, 32 states require counseling before an abortion is performed, and 32 states restrict Medicaid funding of abortion. The Governor's bill would completely shut down the legislative process with regard to the issue of abortion.
- The bill would repeal the requirement in current law that says only doctors can perform abortions. The Governor's bill would allow any health care practitioner to perform the procedure: a dentist, nurse, podiatrist, social worker, physician assistant, chiropractor, midwife, even an optometrist. This dangerous and extreme change clearly puts women's health at risk, and mirrors a national abortion strategy to expand the scope of practice for various health care practitioners to specifically include abortion.
- The bill seeks to suppress all efforts to enact an "Unborn Victims of Violence Act" by refusing to recognize the unborn child as a second victim of the crime in cases of assault against pregnant women. The Governor's bill would specifically label such crimes as causing "serious physical injury to the woman," refusing even to acknowledge the unborn, viewing him only as an appendage of his mother's body. Moreover, the crime of "serious physical injury to the woman" would only apply if the child died as a result of the incident -- with no criminal penalty applied if an attacker caused serious but non-fatal injuries to the child. For all of these reasons, and because this proposal is being promoted as a priority by the Chief Executive of New York State, together with the leading abortion advocacy organizations in New York, the Conference strongly opposes this measure. It is unnecessary, ideologically-driven, and extremely dangerous for women and children.

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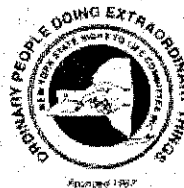
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