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"What an irony that a society confronted with plastic bags filled with the remains of aborted babies should be more concerned about the problem of recycling the plastic."

Winifred Egan

Watch and Act:

Bills: S.3685 Savino/A.2129 Rosenthal/A.5261 Paulin - In relation to Physician-Assisted Suicide.

If passed the bills will legalize Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York State.

These bills would add a new section of the Public Health Law to allow physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending a patient's life. They would:

- Blur longstanding medical, moral and legal distinctions between withdrawing extraordinary medical assistance and taking active steps to destroy human life.
- Undermine the physician's role as healer, forever alter the doctor-patient relationship, and lessen the quality of care provided to patients at the end of life.
- Lead to psychological, financial and other pressures for vulnerable persons to end their lives.

Above statements adapted from 2/23/15 NYS Catholic Conference Memorandum of Opposition

It makes no sense to call the suicides of terminal illness "dying with dignity" while recognizing suicide as a serious statewide public health concern. NYS Office of Mental Health has many suicide prevention projects and this legislation would be undermined. These bills are based entirely on disability. This is discrimination.

We ask the state to improve access to palliative care and hospice care for those in the final stages of terminal illness. (See Page 3 for more information and to contact your legislators).

Note: New York State Catholic Conference has an end-of-life video available: "*Now and at the Hour of Our Death.*" Visit www.NYSCatholic.org to view.



Wednesday, April 29, 2015 - 9 AM - Noon
New York State Right to Life Comm., Inc. Lobby Day
"The Well," Legislative Building, Albany. Hosted by State Senator Kathy Marchione

Speakers include pro-life Senators & Assembly Members.

You will receive information to use when visiting your representatives. All indoors - all welcome!

For information contact Jessica at 518-434-1293; Jessicar@NYSRighttolife.org.

Transportation: Long Island Coalition for Life will provide bus service at \$15 PP. Bus departs from several points in Suffolk, Nassau and Eastern Queens. **Must reserve seat on bus** by calling 631-758-2093. Leave your name, phone number and point you will board bus.

Registration: All attendees must also register (no registration fee) with NYSRTL. Call 518-434-1293 or e-mail at JESSICAr@NYSRIGHTTOLIFE.ORG.

You're Invited!

The winners of our annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest will be the featured speakers on **Mon., April 27, at 7:45 PM** at the Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting. Contestants were required to write and deliver a 5-7 minute speech on the topics of abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, health care rationing or cloning/stem cell research. Come and listen to these young defenders of life who will inspire and encourage all of us. The speakers will be first on the agenda. The meeting will be held at Joseph Barry K of C Council Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. All are welcome for all or part of the evening. For information call 631-243-1435 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.



The Annual Oratory Contest

for 11th and 12th year students will be held on **Sun., 4/19/2015 at 1 PM** at Kellenberg Memorial H.S. 1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd, Uniondale in the Millennium

Room (follow sign for Emmanuel Retreat Center located in the rear of the school). All are welcome. For information call Maryjane McQuade at 516-599-5296, MjKev@verizon.net.

"The State of Abortion in the United States,"

released 1/21/2015, can be read online at NRLC.org. This 48-page report features: Abortion Numbers, Public Opinion Polling, Federal Policy, State Laws, etc. Find this overview of current pro-life efforts as the second option on the NRLC.org home page.

The Love Them Both Vigil on Valentine's Day



brought out a handful of pro-lifers willing to brave the cold. Held in front of an abortion business in the Whitman Atrium in Huntington, the line of pro-life messages garnered support from many drivers passing by. The LI Coalition for Life thanks those who stood for the hour to help save lives.



IN MEMORIAM - The L. I. Coalition for Life notes with sorrow the recent passing of pro-life activists Dr. John "Jack" C. Willke and Professor Charles E. Rice; and, former N.Y.S.R.T.L. Comm. Inc. Chairlady Gerry Oftedahl. In addition, we remember two loyal, local warriors William "Bill" Keeley and Catherine M. Malone and all listed in past issues of *Life News*. Please contact LICL upon the passing of a pro-life activist from your area who should be mentioned.

New Book: "ABORTION and the PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT- An Inside View" an autobiography by Dr. & Mrs. John C. Willke. Purchase at BuyBooksOnTheWeb.com and Amazon.com. Dr. and Mrs. (Barbara) Willke, both deceased, co-authored the familiar "Handbook on Abortion" and "Abortion: Questions and Answers."

UN report promotes children's 'right' to abortion without notifying parents.

In the report, which was heavily criticized by C-FAM and the Population Research Institute's Steven Mosher, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) also says that young people worldwide – including minors – should have unrestricted freedom to engage in contraceptive sexual intercourse and abortion without parental involvement. The United States stopped funding the UNFPA over its support for population control policies under President George W. Bush, but its millions in funding were restored after President Obama took office.

Source: Dustin Siggins, LifeSiteNews.com 11/28/2014

Denial of Treatment Seminar DVD available: Burke Balch, J.D., of National RTL presented a seminar on 2/7/15 on LI, providing critical information about NYS bills that would undermine current law that protects against involuntary denial of life-saving treatment, food and fluids. Balch outlined pro-life concerns about the bills, ways to positively amend the bills and talking points. The DVD (1 hr., 47 min.) is available from the LICL for a requested donation of \$10 (includes S/H). Mail to LICL, PO Box 247, Old Bethpage 11804. Educate yourself and others *now* about the dangers of involuntary euthanasia in NY.

Correction: Unfortunately, the Mark Schultz concert mentioned in March *Life News* has been cancelled.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

As of March 7, none of the Bills listed in March 2015 *Life News* have progressed in Congress. The House so far has passed only HR.7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015.

The promised Senate companion bill to HR.36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, has not yet been introduced.

Two additional pro-life bills have been (re)introduced:

HR 940 - The Health Care Conscience Rights Act - to protect Health Care providers from being coerced to act against their conscience (ex. commit abortions), or from being punished for non participation. This bill has 180 sponsors, none from Nassau/Suffolk, as of 3/9/15.

HR 816 - the Life at Conception Act. Vests the Constitutional Right to Life of every human being, from the moment of fertilization, regardless of how sperm and egg meet. This bill has 74 sponsors, none from Nassau/Suffolk, as of 3/9/15.

The 1973 *Helms Amendment* states "No foreign assistance funds may be used to pay for the performance of abortion as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions." Last Fall, Planned Parenthood's Pres. Cecile Richards wrote the amendment was being misapplied as a total ban on foreign aid for abortions. She wants abortions for rape, incest and life of the mother to be funded. And at a recent House hearing, Dem. National Comm. chair, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz pressed Sec. of State Kerry to look into the matter.

HHS confirms that new rules it released for comment on Christmas Eve will require providing abortions and "morning after" pills to refugee children who entered the US without their parents. This includes religious entities who accept Federal funds to care for these children. The comment period has ended. Rules take effect 6/24/15.

Pro-abortionist Loretta Lynch should soon be confirmed as US Attorney General, after being approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee with 3 GOP and 9 Dem. votes.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

As of 3/6/2015 three bills, in support of Physician-Assisted Suicide, have been introduced.

Oppose: S.3685-(Savino) The New York End-of-Life Options Act

A.2129-(Rosenthal) The Death With Dignity Act

A.5261-(Paulin) The Patient Self-Determination Act

Action:

Sample message: Dear _____: Please oppose the Physician-Assisted Suicide bills: S.3685 (Savino) The New York End-of-Life Options Act; A.2129 (Rosenthal) The Death With Dignity Act; and, A.5261 (Paulin) The Patient Self-Determination Act.

These bills are bad because they would turn doctors into killers weakening the trust between doctor and patient. They would put undue stress on patients by creating a "duty to die" in order to ease the family's financial pressure. Although at first assisted suicide would be only for the terminally ill, it would start us down the slippery slope of killing the seriously depressed and disabled much like legalized abortion was supposed to be only for the hard cases but has become abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy.

Please reply as to how you will vote on the above legislation. Thank you.

Contact the following three:

--Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
State Capitol, Albany NY 12224

518-474-8390 <http://www.governor.ny.gov>

--your Senator _____ Legislative Bldg., Albany, NY 12247
Senate Switchboard 518-455-2800

nyssenate.gov – send message/find bill status

--your Assembly Member _____ Legislative Bldg., Albany, NY 12248

Assembly Switchboard 518-455-4100.

Senate/Assembly Bill Status Hotline 800-342-9860.
NYS Legislature proceedings air on CableV Ch 116.

“We Support the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act” petition forms are available from LICL via FORTYDFLLI@gmail.com or send SASE to LICL PO Box 247, Old Bethpage, NY 11804.

To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmler9@aol.com.



HEALTH & SCIENCE

Abortion Pill Reversal

Mifepristone, also known as the abortion pill or RU486, is prescribed during the first seven to nine weeks of pregnancy. Doctors may say it is a "light procedure" or "relatively quick and easy". It is none of these things. Mifepristone (RU486) is a synthetic steroid that blocks a woman's body from producing progesterone - a hormone needed by the baby in the womb. Mifepristone blocks the nurturing effects of progesterone, leading to the death of the developing baby.

A doctor conducts a physical exam to determine whether a woman is eligible for this type of abortion. A woman is not eligible for the abortion pill if she has an ectopic pregnancy, an ovarian mass, an IUD, adrenal failure, anemia, bleeding disorders, asthma, liver or kidney problems, heart disease, high blood pressure or uses corticosteroids or blood thinners. An antibiotic is prescribed to prevent infection. An oral dose of mifepristone is given at the first visit. Misoprostol tablets are taken orally 36-72 hours after the mifepristone. These tablets cause contractions and will expel the fetus. This process can take anywhere from a few hours to a few days. An examination is required after two weeks to ensure that the abortion was complete, and to check for complications. The "failure" rate of this procedure is 8-10% - requiring an additional surgical abortion. Common side effects from the abortion pill include cramps, bleeding, backache, low potassium levels, joint pain, dizziness, high blood pressure, fluid retention, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and overgrowth of the uterine lining. Other possible effects include chills, fever, infection, chronic trouble sleeping and inflammation or infection of the vagina, intense pain and hemorrhage. The website, www.abortionpillreversal.com, explains this process and works with women who regret having taken the first pill. The 24/7 hotline phone number is 877-558-0333. A nurse tells the woman what steps to take to start the reversing effects of the abortion pill and offers referrals.

Sarah Zagorski reported at LifeNews.com on 3/5/15 about Dr. Matthew Harrison of North Carolina, who has helped over 100 women successfully use an abortion pill reversal kit that he created. The kit was designed by redFONT Marketing Group, an advertising and public relations agency in Charlotte. The treatment consists of a series of progesterone shots that can be taken an estimated 72 hours after the abortion. According to Dr. Harrison, "Those shots consist of one shot a day for three days, and then a shot every other day for a total of two weeks, and then twice a week up until the end of the first trimester which is 13 weeks along. The way the abortion pill works is it essentially starves the baby by blocking the natural hormone that's in the woman's

body. So if that hormone is blocked, the baby can't survive. What progesterone does, the treatment we give her, is it puts extra hormone into her system, the natural hormone that's already in her system, and it floods her system with progesterone so the pill doesn't work...It's exciting, I don't see myself as any kind of a genius at all for doing this. I did research at Johns Hopkins, Duke, and Medical College of Virginia where I went to medical school, and probably just that basic science research has just helped me to remember how protein receptors work, and how we can reverse this." Zagorski reported, "Currently, in the United States, more than 200 doctors have endorsed the abortion pill reversal kit and have signed on to use it, but Dr. Harrison's goal is to have it [in] every medical center in every major city."

Steven Ertelt reported at LifeNews.com on 12/3/14 that the Women's Choice Center of the Quad Cities became the first pregnancy center in the Midwest to offer natural progesterone treatments to attempt to reverse RU486 medical abortions. The treatments are being offered in partnership with Dr. Karla Polaschek, who is using a protocol developed by Dr. George Delgado. Dr. Delgado and Dr. Thomas Hilgers (discoverer of NaPro Technology) found that women who receive high doses of progesterone shortly after taking the first abortion pill can override the action of the progesterone blocker, and save the pregnancy. Dr. Polaschek said that "Time is critical." The center is launching a program to get women to the clinic as soon as possible, preferably within the first day or hours after taking the first abortion pill.

Andrew Blair at National Right to Life News reported 2/25/15 that Dr. George Delgado, the medical director of Culture of Life Family Health Care in San Diego, told attendees at the 2015 American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG), "I started thinking about my years of experience with progesterone, and how I'd used progesterone to prevent miscarriage. Progesterone is a critical hormone during pregnancy. It helps nourish the placenta, keeps the cervix closed, and inhibits contractions. Mifepristone, a progesterone receptor antagonist, acts like a 'false key' binding with the progesterone receptor and blocking its activity. This action softens the cervix, makes the uterine wall more vulnerable to contractions, and attacks the placenta. I thought, well, maybe we can out-compete [mifepristone] at the receptor [using progesterone]."

According to Blair, "AAPLOG physicians reported that as of the end of 2014, 78 babies have been born after abortion reversal treatment, with 45 still pregnant, a 57% success rate out of 223 attempted reversals...AAPLOG would like to see [emergency abortion pill reversal kits] placed in emergency rooms and urgent care clinics nationwide."

“Whenever Two or more are Gathered in My Name”

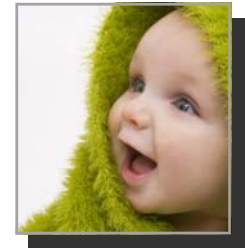
Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE. Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. **Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important. Signs provided. Note:** Vigils & Witnesses are **NOT** sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

<u>Nassau County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (516)</u>
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	741-3405
" " "	April Only: 1st Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	741-3405
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	541-8056
<u>Suffolk County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (631)</u>
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-7017
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-7017
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) We 10-10:30 AM	667-2532
" " "	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(W) Sa 9:45-11:45 AM	265-2736
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-0033
" " "	(M) 2nd Fr Noon-1 PM	790-6629

IMPORTANT:

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



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (FOUR locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mn, Tu, We, Th, Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9 AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mn 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-3 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 6 E. Main St., Ste. 2, Mo, We, .Fr 10 AM-4 PM
Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk, Smithtown, call for hours 631-360-7707.

Local Pro-Life Viewing – Programs on CableV Ch 20 air through Sept. 2015:

Life Issues – hosted by LICL – Nas/W Suf Tu 9, CSuf Tu 9 PM, Rvhd Tu 9 PM, on Verizon LI Ch 40 Su 6 PM, Tu 8 PM & Sa 6 PM
 Life Talk - Mark Crutcher’s Life Dynamics – Nas/W Suf Fr 12AM, CSuf Fr 12:30 AM, Rvhd Sa 10:30 PM & Mo 3:30 PM
 NYS’s AFA programs - Nas/W Suf Mo 8 PM, CSuf Sa 8 PM, Rvhd Th 8 PM. On Verizon L.I. Ch 40 Mo. 8 PM
 Defending Life - Priests for Life Series EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 We 2:30 AM & Th 11 PM

EVENTS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE IN LIFE NEWS

- Su 4/19 3-7 PM **BRIDGE TO LIFE DINNER-DANCE**, Leonard’s of Great Neck at 555 Northern Blvd, Great Neck 11021. Call BTL 718-463-1810 to reserve.
- Sa 4/25 **NEW-CURRENTLY PREGNANT WITH PAST ABORTIONS DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING**, Bronx. 718-881-8008 lumina@postabortionhelp.org
- Su 4/26 –9:30 AM **CATHOLIC LEAGUE BREAKFAST** (9:30 AM Mass in aud.). Speaker: Dr. William Donohue. Kellenberg Memorial H.S. \$20 Adults//\$15 Students. 516- 292-0854. Please reserve. Send payment to: The Catholic League, Attn. Mr. James Krug, Kellenberg Memorial HS ,1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd, Uniondale, NY 11533.
- Sa 5/2 & Sa 6/6 **WOMEN’S POST-ABORTION DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING**, Yonkers 866-575-0075 hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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Catholics for Freedom For Religion:
Mo 4/20 7:30 PM - Thomas Renker, Esq. to discuss the Hobby Lobby decision and ongoing attacks on freedom of religion posed by the HHS mandate, etc.
Barbara Samuells, Pres. CFFR presents overview of denial of conscience and religious freedom. St. Joseph Church 39 Carll Ave., Babylon. All Welcome. For info: 631-896-8331; www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org
 Religious Freedom must be maintained to protect conscience rights of all health care providers.

Student-College Events:
 7/ 31-8/2 **Annual Camp Esther** at Good News Center, Utica, NY. Pro-Life teen leadership weekend, \$150 inc. tuition, rooms, meals, t-shirt. Possible reduced rate opportunities. Contact Jessica 518-434-1293 jessicar@nysrighttolife.org
 7/9 – 8/14 **National Right to Life Academy 2015**, five-week training course for college students.
 For info: 202-626-8809; academy@NRLC.org

NEW: Intercessor Men's Ministry hosts a monthly 3rd Sat. 7:30 AM Discipleship Breakfast for prayer and teaching followed by prayer at the Hempstead Planned Parenthood abortion facility. All welcome. Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, Malverne. For info: 516-599-3780; seekfirst@verizon.net.


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