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“Throughout human history, life has been rescued, elevated and celebrated by acts of inexplicable courage and compassion. It is this continuing cycle of our humanity that extols others above ourselves. This is what defines the pro-life movement. It is rooted in the foundational belief that human dignity isn't for the privileged and the planned, but for all.”

Ryan Bomberger of The Radiance Foundation

Good Friday Face the Truth Vigil:



Rain could not dampen the spirit of pro-lifers defending the basic right to life for unborn babies in front of Nassau University Medical Center (East Meadow) where abortions are performed regularly. More than 100 pro-lifers brought our message to thousands who traveled past us. The LICL thanks those who attended and those who prayed for its success.

Photo courtesy of Celeste Broyles

Recent polls* show Americans are becoming more pro-life, and it was evident from the positive response of the motorists passing by the Good Friday **Face the Truth**. A record number beeped horns and gave thumbs up signs as they passed, indicating that they, too, felt that all life deserves protection.

Spring and summer months offer many opportunities to continue the LICL **“VISIBILITY MATTERS”** campaign, spreading the pro-life message to the public. **Information booths at street and health fairs**, the **Pre-Independence Day Face the Truth** event held on July 3rd in Manorville, and **pro-life banners** to fly over Long Island beaches. As October approaches we will ask your help in promoting and attending **STAND UP FOR LIFE** on October 4th held in Huntington and in Manorville.

Your help is needed at the witness sites as they spread the word! A listing of the contact people who host these vigils is printed on Page 5. Weekly, peaceful prayer vigils at abortion provider sites are opportunities, across Long Island, to promote the pro-life message and at times even save the life of a child, as we have been told many times that our presence has changed the mind of a mother or father to be.

*Gallup poll conducted May 3-6, 2012 states Americans now tilt “pro-life” by a nine-point margin, 50% to 41%; the Guttmacher Institute report of 2015 detailing pro-life legislation; the Knights of Columbus poll on abortion released January 2015; and, the YouGov Survey released April 8, 2015 states 52% believe life begins at conception, 66% believe unborn children are people.

Holy Saturday Liturgy for the Preborn



Cathedral Church of the Intercessor held their annual Holy Saturday Liturgy for the Preborn on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

Photo courtesy of Jeanne Bambrick Bifulco

Mother's Day Blessings!



You're Invited!

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 18, at 7:45 PM**. The meeting will be held at St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Rd. and Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma 11779.

All pro-life organizations are invited to become a member group of LICL. Member groups are encouraged to be represented at our LICL monthly meetings.

For information call 631-243-1435 between the hours of 9 AM and 7 PM.

Rev. Francis B. Nuss was called to his reward on April 8. A former Chaplain of LICL, Father was chairman of Good Samaritan Apostolate, a member group of LICL, and Chaplain of the Life Center of L.I. He is fondly remembered for many years of activity in the pro-life movement on Long Island. Rest in peace, Fr. Nuss and thank you for your guidance and encouragement.



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CHOOSE LIFE!

Abortion Funding - Government Report Shows Hundreds of Millions in Tax Dollars Going to Planned Parenthood, Other Abortion Advocates by Randall K. O'Bannon, Phd. NRL Dir. of Education & Research, *NRTL News Today*, March 27, 2015.

In a \$3.8 trillion federal budget, it isn't always easy to keep track of where all the money goes. But one thing a recent report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) makes clear is that groups such as abortion giant Planned Parenthood and the chemical abortion promoter Population Council continue to find ways to tap into government programs to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars a year to keep themselves afloat and active.

The tally for 2010-2012? More than \$1.5 **billion** to Planned Parenthood and more than \$120 million to the Population Council. It is government largesse like that, that helps explain how you end up with U.S. Taxpayers covering 41% of Planned Parenthood's annual budget.

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Children's Book: "Sister Apple, Sister Pig" promotes abortion. Calls Aborted Baby a "Happy Ghost." A three-year-old named Lee defends the abortion of his sister in a new children's book – by an author with her own "ghost sister." "Sister Apple, Sister Pig" (http://www.e-flux.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/MWB_testFINAL2BKW.pdf?b8c429) by Mary Walling Blackburn focuses on an adult topic: abortion. The story follows Lee as he ...searches for his sister – who might be an apple, a pig, or somewhere in a tree. Lee later decides "Sister is a happy ghost!" and explicitly says he's glad Sister isn't around to inconvenience his parents.

Adapted from LifeNews.com March 25, 2015.

The Fifteenth Annual National March for Life in the Czech Republic took place on Sat., 3/21/15. An estimated 2,500 to 3,000 participants took to the streets of Prague in support of the right to life, according to organizers, the Movement for Life of the Czech Republic (Hnutí Pro život ČR).

Source: LifeSiteNews.com

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Pro-Life bill HR 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015 passed in the House. The companion Bill, **S 582**, is in the Senate Finance Committee.

Action - contact your Senators:

Sample Message: Dear _____: Please support Senate passage of S 582/HR 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015. HR 7 has already passed in the House. Please reply as to how you will vote. Thank you.

Contact Information:

Senator Charles E. Schumer

322 Hart Office Bldg., Wash. D.C. 20510
202-224-6542

www.schumer.senate.gov

Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand

478 Russell Office Bldg., Wash., D.C. 20510
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HR 36, the Pain- Capable Unborn Child Protection Act has not seen House action since being 'shelved' on Jan. 22.

S 178, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, is mired in abortion politics. Pro-abortionists wish to strip out the usual Hyde Amendment bans on abortion funding for the trafficking victims. Rep. Issa [R-CA] says HHS's Office of Refugee Resettlement is now being investigated for anti-life/anti-religious bias on how recent grant awards, to aid trafficking victims, were determined. The vote on Attorney General nominee Loretta Lynch is being delayed until after S 178 is resolved.

NOTE: LICL objects to ObamaCare because parts in it include abortion coverage & abortifacient/sterilization /contraception coverage at taxpayer expense, and direct or implicit limiting of care to vulnerable populations such as sick newborns and the terminally ill.

Tom Renker, Esq. (Chief Council, DRVC) said on March 25 the NY Archdiocese v Sebelius case, which includes DRVC and it's Catholic Health Services, has been reheard in light of the 2014 pro-life decision in the Hobby Lobby SCOTUS decision, and the subsequent minor changes made to the HHS Mandate on 8/22/14. A decision is expected soon.

Federal legislation continued.....

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

Federal Legislation continued...

The Hobby Lobby case turned, in large part, on 1993's Federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). A State RFRA law has been much in the news lately. R. T. Anderson (Heritage Foundation) says, "Religious freedom bills...protect against government coercion. They don't infringe on anyone's rights. They simply create a standard that government must meet before it violates the free exercise of religion of any citizen," CNSNews.com [4/3/15].

CNSNews.com points out that Religious Liberty benefits both the Religious and non-Religious. [4/2/15].

LifeNews.com [3/26/15] warns of a growing number of articles "in medical and bioethics journals advocating killing the profoundly disabled or dying for their organs."



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Abortion Expansion Bill passes in Assembly: On March 25 the NYS Assembly passed bill, A06221,

expanding abortion in the third trimester. There are twenty-two Assembly members representing Nassau and Suffolk. A Yes vote is in favor of expanding abortion rights. Those voting yes were: Thiele, Englebright, Ramos, Jean-Pierre, Lavine, Schimel, Hooper, Kaminsky, Solages. The No votes were: Palumbo, Murray, Graf, Garbarino, Fitzpatrick, Saladino, Lupinacci, Raia, McDonough, Montesano, McKevitt, Ra, Curran.

Funding of abortion in NYS: NYS is continuing to make taxpayers fund abortions in the state health care system. The Butler Amendment, which would have stopped this, failed to pass in the 2015 Assembly budget bill.

Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide legislation.

See April 2015 *Life News* for sample message.

Need more information on end-of-life issues?

--**"Now and at the Hour of Our Death,"** an 8.30 min. video produced by the N. Y.S. Catholic Conference, can be viewed at www.NYSCatholic.org.

--**"Denial of Treatment,"** the 107 min. DVD taped at the 2/7/15 NYS Right to Life seminar is available from LICL for a requested donation of \$10 (includes S/H). Mail to LICL, PO Box 247, Old Bethpage 11804.

To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.



HEALTH & SCIENCE

“Industry of Death”

In June of 2010, Susan Michelle posted an investigative series entitled "Industry of Death" at www.bound4life.com/blog detailing the profitable fetal research industry. She cited a thesis written by Vicki Evans in 2009 entitled, 'Commercial Markets Created by Abortion: Profiting from the Fetal Distribution Chain'. Although fetuses are reported to be disposed of as organic medical waste, that is not what always happens. Evans cited a Life Dynamics study regarding wholesaling fetuses: "The wholesaler (or middleman) enters into a financial agreement with an abortion clinic (the seller) to pay a monthly 'site-fee'...to the clinic. In exchange, the wholesaler is allowed to position a retrieval agent inside the clinic, where he is given access to the dead fetuses and a workspace to harvest their parts." Evans detailed the 'fee-for-service' schedule of these parts: liver \$150, pancreas \$100, kidney \$125...[with] gross monthly revenues of between \$18,700 and \$24,700, depending upon whether the parts were shipped fresh or frozen..." Life Dynamics noted that although the study resulted in congressional hearings, nothing was actually done: "The hearings were doomed from the start by the national political system...The biggest obstacle in trying to stop the trafficking of baby parts was the fact that Democrats were in bed with the sellers [abortion industry], and the Republicans were in bed with the buyers [pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries]."

In Part 2 of her series, Michelle notes that "Because fetal cells grow more quickly and have more applications in research than adult cells, the ethical debate on whether or not to use fetal cells is not an issue to many. It's a race to create the medicines that can be patented and sold to the highest bidder. Who wants to wait for adult tissue to grow?...Federal funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH) can be given to a professor at a public university who is researching a drug, possibly using fetal cells, and that professor can, under the Bayh-Dole Act, patent that research, found a biotech start-up company and make a fortune off aborted babies, with federal funding of his research from the NIH or his or her university. It's not only regular medications that use fetal cells, but historically, vaccines have relied on abortion to thrive." (See the Children of God for Life website, www.cogforlife.org) Evans notes that "one fetus can be the source of a cell strain with a potential yield of about 20 million metric tons (net weight) of cells, which can be stored frozen for many years...In addition, aborted fetuses and/or their organs are seemingly easy to obtain, and the cost of tissue procurement is negligible."

Susan Michelle notes that "While it's rather commonly known that fetal cells were used in designing medication to

heal burns without scarring, many don't realize that it went beyond that to purely cosmetic applications. These include [wrinkle creams]...Most shocking of all...spas where women seek cellulite removal and other enhancements." Evans stated that a Barbados clinic paid women to carry their pregnancies to a very late stage and then delivered the babies in a forced premature birth in order to harvest the organs while "they are still as fresh as possible."

Julie Klose reported at Bound4LIFE on 4/1/15 that a 'research breakthrough' was announced by the biotech company Ganogen. "The company has recently harvested kidneys from aborted babies and transplanted them into lab rats...The goal of Ganogen researchers is to transplant fetal organs into a rat, where the organ could grow to a larger size, and then be transplanted into a human patient in need of a kidney. The process is known as Xenotransplantation. The research study seeks 'to grow human organs in animals, to end the human donor shortage,' according to Ganogen founder Eugene Gu. The use of animals in human organ development raises questions for some, yet even the researchers realize the use of aborted babies' fetal organs for medical research raises much bigger questions. Eugene Gu tried to head off ethical questions during a Reddit Q & A: 'We use organs from 17-week gestation human fetuses obtained from abortion procedures...It is definitely a complicated ethical question, but one way to view it is that we do not encourage abortions in any shape or form. If we did not use these organs, they would either be thrown into the trash or, more likely, used by other researchers to answer different types of questions...[aborted babies] are used extremely frequently throughout all of science and industry...If human fetal tissues are going to be either thrown into the trash...used for basic science research...or even used to research flavor enhancers, then it is perhaps the most appropriate to use them to directly save the life of another baby or child on the transplant waiting list...In this sense, we do not believe there are any ethical issues with our quest to save patient lives.'" The Ganogen website has a video which calls this transplant process 'organ engineering', but the video does not reveal that for every organ grown and donated, an unborn baby must die. Pro-life advocate Jill Stanek notes, "It is easy to see where this is heading: toward the day when human beings will be grown in the lab specifically for organ and tissue harvesting. This is horrific on so many levels."

The Ganogen website asks, "Would you accept an organ from a pig, cow, baboon or a chimpanzee to save your child's life, or your own?" Klose states the real question should be, "would you accept that organ knowing that it came, originally, from a viable human being capable of life before it was harvested? The medical advances in donor transplants have saved countless lives. The untimely deaths of our loved ones have, at times, sustained life for someone else. However, are we willing to let these advances cross ethical and moral lines?"

“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
" " "	(M) 3rd. 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 – All programs on CableV Ch 20 (except where noted) from Oct. 2014 - Sept. 2015:

Life Issues – hosted by LICL – Nas/W Suf Tu 9 PM & (Ch 115) Tu 2 PM, CSuf Tu 9 PM & We 3:30 AM, 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 12 AM & new (CH 115) Fr 1 PM, 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 - hosted by Priests for Life on EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 We 2:30 AM & Th 11 PM

EVENTS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE IN LIFE NEWS

Sa 5/2 (Yonkers) & Sa 6/6 (Manhattan) **WOMEN’S POST-ABORTION DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING** 866-575-0075
 hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org
 Sa 6/20 and 10/10 **MEN’S POST ABORTION DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING** 877-586-4621 lumina@postabortionhelp.org
 Fr 7/3 3-4:30 PM **PRE-INDEPENDENCE DAY FACE THE TRUTH**, LIE Exit 70S, County Rd. 111, Manorville. 631-243-1435.
 Th 7/9-Sa 7/11 **NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION**, New Orleans. Information at 202-378-8842.

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Catholics for Freedom for Religion Events:
Fri. 5/1, 7:30 PM KrisAnne Hall, Esq. to speak at Our Lady of Mercy RCC, 500 South Oyster Bay Road., Hicksville, NY 11801
Mon. 5/4, 7:30 PM KrisAnne Hall, Esq. to speak at St. Bernard RCC - School Cafeteria, 3100 Hempstead Tpke., Levittown, NY 11756
Sun. 6/21 to Sat. 7/4 FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
Thur. 6/25, 7:00 PM "Rally for Religious Freedom" at Chaminade H.S., 340 Jackson Ave., Mineola 11501
 All Welcome at Events. For information 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 **NYSRTL’s 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


Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats in Huntington:
Fri. 5/15 - Sun. 5/17 in Spanish
 donnacrean@optonline.net; 631-258-5062
Fri. 6/12 - Sun. 6/14 in English
 Deacon Joe McNicholas rvr@lifecenter.org; 516-445-3927
 A Psychological and Spiritual Journey for Healing After Abortion. www.rachelsvineyard.org

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Walk for Life Sat. May 9

9 AM reg. 9:30 AM walk
Blydenburgh Park, Veterans Memorial
Hwy, Hauppauge. Walk to benefit
Soundview Pregnancy Services,
Centereach 631-676-7990



Baby Shower Sat., May 30 1-4 PM

to benefit the Life Center of LI
Our Lady of the Island K of C Council # 6911
2 Eastgate Road, Massapequa Park

Guest speaker: Msgr. James Lisante

For more info and to RSVP:

Kenn Catalano, Deputy GK 516-314-3889

Admission: baby item or cash donation.

Refreshments served.



Prayer Service at the Memorial of the Unborn Child

Sat., May 9 - 10 AM

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Corner of Rte.
112 & Granny Rd., Coram

Sponsor: Sacred Heart Council Knights of
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Hispanic Day Parade Sun., June 7

lineup at 12 Noon 5th Ave., Brentwood. Walk with
the Pro-Life float. Call Steve or Matt Yellico
631-615-2183 or 631-766-3892 for lineup location.

School Board Elections: Ask candidates their views on the life issues and on inviting Planned Parenthood organizations to your school.

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