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"Because there are now many state and national medical professional organizations that support assisted suicide, abortion, and other problematic ethical issues, the discouraging effect on idealistic people considering or remaining in a health care career may be devastating to our most vulnerable people and indeed to our healthcare system itself." Nancy Valko, RN ALNC

THANK YOU LONG ISLAND PRO-LIFERS!

The LICL wants to thank all who are helping to make Long Island a Pro-life Island. Below we highlighted some of the many things the Long Island Coalition for Life & supporters have been busy with.

Face the Truth for the Right to Life:



The Face the Truth event on July 2nd, 2023, elicited cheers and jeers from the traffic passing the line of pro-lifers along Route 347 in Lake Grove. More than 70 pro-lifers took part in this LICL event aimed at maintaining public awareness that abortion continues to kill preborn babies. While some people chafe at this visible reminder of abortion, pro-lifers should not shrink from public witness against the abortion tragedy in our midst. Thank you to all who participated.

VISIBILITY MATTERS!

The LICL Educational Trust

Following are some of the many projects the LICL ET has been busy doing:

- Resource list mailing
- Church Bulletin Ads Got pro-life info? Check out ProlifeED.org
- WBLI Radio Ad campaign Need information on Abortion, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide? Check out ProlifeED.org
- Mobile phone banner ads to the youth
- Oratory Contest See ProlifeED.org/Events
- High School Scholarship Award See ProlifeED.org/Events
- Aerial banner "Have Courage Carry Hope Say No to Abortion"

We are always looking for new ideas and for people who would like to help with educational projects. We especially want projects geared toward engaging the youth. Please call Dan if interested at 631-575-1482. Got pro life info? - Check out ProlifeED.org





The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our September General Meeting will take place on **Mon., Sept. 25** at **7:30 PM** at St. Joseph RCC, in the Parish Center, 45 Church St., Ronkonkoma **All are welcome - please join us!** For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

St. Christopher Parish in Baldwin's respect life team is shown at their booth at the parish's festival. This gives them an opportunity to reach festival visitors from throughout the area.



LICL Volunteer Opportunities

Certain contacts on the LICL mailing list change on a regular or irregular basis, e.g., LI elected officials and high school/college campus



ministers. This information is collected from online sources to be used to keep the LICL list up to date. We are looking for a volunteer who will check selected websites for updated contact information (e.g., after an election cycle) and provide it to the LICL database manager. Your own Internet access and email is required. No database entry. If interested or for further information, please contact the LICL at info@prolifeLl.org.

LICL Postcard Education Campaign

Earlier this year, your LICL initiated a postcard campaign with the "Is 'It' A Baby?" message shown here. The postcard was mailed to more than 150,000 households in Nassau and Suffolk counties with at least one resident aged 18 to 24 years old. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we undertook this project aimed at bringing the truth to light that there is, in fact, life in the womb, as quoted even by abortionists and abortion advocates. The hope is that many recipients will read the message with an open mind and reject the abortion industry's false mantra of 'it's not a baby.' Such LICL projects also keep the plight of the preborn babies in the spotlight. We must not let people forget the abortion tragedy.

IS 'IT' A BABY? IN THE WORDS OF EXPERTS...

- ✓ "I performed abortions, I have had an abortion, and I am in favor of women having abortions when we choose to do so. But we should never disregard the fact that being pregnant means there is a baby growing inside of a woman, a baby whose life is ended. We ought not to pretend this is not happening."
 - --Dr. Judith Arcana, abortionist (liveaction.org/news/abortionists-agree-abortion-is-killing)
- "Human development begins at fertilization when a sperm fuses with an oocyte to form a single cell, the zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell (capable of giving rise to any cell type) marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual."
 - -- "The Developing Human Clinically Oriented Embryology" Keith L Moore, et al. (leading embryology reference)
- ✓ "Women are not stupid...Women have always known that there was a life there."
 - -- Faye Wattleton, former president of a major abortion business, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (lifesitenews.com/pulse/5-quotes-that-show-pro-abortion-leaders-know-exactly-what-abortion-is)
- ✓ "Obviously, life begins at conception. With the fusion of the sperm and the egg, a new human life begins. This is rudimentary biology it has been settled science since the early 19th century."
 - --Michael R. Egnor, MD, Professor of Neurosurgery and Pediatrics at State University of New York, Stony Brook
 (https://evolutionnews.org/2022/09/biologist-p-z-meyers-denies-that-life-begins-at-conception)
- ✓ "Am I killing? Yes, I am. I know that."
 - --Dr. Curtis Boyd, who commits abortions up to 24 weeks. (video https://clinicquotes.com/dr-curtis-boyd-abortionist-admits-that-he-is-killing)

For the sake of the defenseless innocent preborn children: Have HOPE, not despair... Embrace unconditional LOVE.... CHOOSE LIFE

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Long Island Coalition for Life ~ www.prolifeli.org Resources for untimely pregnancy and post-abortion regret

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On June 30, the US Supreme Court ruled 6-3, in 303 Creative v. Elenis that when someone "... must either speak as the state demands or face sanctions for expressing (their) own beliefs..." that is "an impermissible abridgment of the 1st Amendment..."

Does *Dobbs* put all abortion lawmaking solely back at the state level? Former Pres. Trump told the Faith & Freedom Coalition the federal government has a role in protecting Life. Some pundits say the GOP would win more Congressional seats if abortion wasn't a federal issue. In Dobbs, Alito wrote "...the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives...." several times. Some read this as including Congress & the States.

As of Aug.7, an (NDAA) bill to fund the Military passed each chamber of Congress. The House version bans funding service members' abortions; the Senate version allows it. The House Agriculture, FDA, etc. bill bans mailing of the mifepristone abortion pill; the Senate version of the bill allows it. Two House members from LI are said to be unhappy about this ban. Sept. 30 is the deadline to 'reconcile' the different versions.

HHS will likely change the HIPAA laws, to say the pre-born are not 'persons', and 'reproductive healthcare' means *anything* that involves the reproductive system.

The FDA has approved selling the daily contraceptive Opill over the counter, with no age limit. It is progestinbased and promoted as preventing fertilization. But the American Association of Pro-Life OB/GYNs state that if it is taken during the 2 days from fertilization to when a pregnancy test first shows positive, it can cause a very early stage abortion.

A lawsuit has been filed against the HHS. The HHS claims the EMTALA law, which says anyone who comes to the ER must be treated, even if destitute, means a woman wanting an abortion at the ER must be treated by the staff on duty. An Alliance Defending Freedom lawsuit is challenging a Biden Admin rule that any pharmacy receiving federal funds must dispense abortion pills.

In a 155-page Free Speech treatise, Texas Judge Doughty told the federal government they cannot tell social media companies which ideas to censor, and which ones are allowed. A few days later, the 5th Circuit Court put a stay on his order. (Some pro-life organizations have been blocked on social media.)

Ohio voters rejected issue 1 in a special election on Aug. 8. This keeps the threshold at 50%+1 for votes on State Constitutional Amendments. A pro-abortion amendment is on the November ballot in Ohio. The way the amendment is worded, any bills that 'directly or indirectly interfere with or discriminate against abortion' would be invalidated. http://prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative You will find The amendment says abortion can be banned, postviability, but then lists easy exceptions. Heavy early voting has been reported.

The Iowa Supreme Court upheld a stay on the state's 6week abortion ban. Gov. Reynolds then called a special legislative session in July to pass other pro-life laws. Arizona Gov. Hobbs refused to end her Executive Order

that limited prosecution of abortion-related crimes, despite 12 of the 15 county prosecutors asking her to do so.

Using data from Texas and other states, Johns Hopkins researchers calculated the Texas 'heartbeat' abortion law has saved 10,000 lives, Apr - Dec 2022. (Published in JAMA.)

A Texas federal court rejected the Satanic Temple's claim their ability to perform 'abortion rituals' was a protected religious liberty and/or free speech. Maine's Gov. Mills signed an abortion-up-to-birth bill in July.

Half of the US States now have laws protecting Life between conception and 12 weeks. Seventy-two percent of Americans oppose abortion after 15 weeks. (*Federalist*, 5/24/23).

Despite smears ("you don't care after they're born"), some states are passing laws to help mothers, children, and families. Eight states have removed the sales tax on diapers.

A 20-year-old student at Bowling Green U has been charged with vandalizing the HerChoice pregnancy center in Kentucky, and may F.A.C.E. prison time, if convicted. Gerson Fuentes raped and impregnated a 9-year-old girl in Ohio in 2022. The girl then was taken for an abortion in Indiana, at age 10. Mr. Fuentes has been sentenced to life in prison.

Planned Parenthood has sued Kansas, regarding the state's new law that mandates abortion providers tell women about abortion pill reversal. Illinois Gov. Pritzker signed a law to fine pregnancy centers up to \$50G for running "deceptive" ads or spreading "misinformation." Days later, a federal judge put a temporary stay on the law, as a violation of Free Speech.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The Medical Aid in Dving bill remains in the Health Committees of the NYS Senate and Assembly. It will be brought up again

in the next legislative session.

Fr. Fidelis Moscinski was sentenced to 6 months in jail for a 'lock & block' at the gates of the PP in Hempstead, last year. The judge acknowledged that Father has no other criminal record, except he is a repeat, nonviolent offender at abortion facilities, and expresses no intention to cease such activity, despite previous, lesser sentences.

NYC-based AbortOffShore has sent an 'abortion ship' to sit twelve miles off the Gulf Coast to provide abortions for women in the 'red' gulf states. Another ship is scheduled to join it.

TAKE ACTION – To contact your legislators go to: links there to look up your representatives on the Federal, State and Local level.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

HEALTH & SCIENCE



World Medical Association and Conscience Rights:

The World Medical Association has published a revision of its International Code of Medical Ethics. Bioethicist Wesley J. Smith reported in his July 27th post at NationalReview.com that the WMA "has eviscerated medical conscience rights in a way that would compel doctors to engage in interventions and actions to which they are morally or religiously opposed. It doesn't do this blatantly, but subtly." The revised code states: "Physician conscientious objection to provision of any lawful medical interventions may only be exercised if the individual patient is not harmed or discriminated against and if the patient's health is not endangered. The physician must immediately and respectfully inform the patient of this objection and of the patient's right to consult another qualified physician and provide sufficient information to enable the patient to initiate such a consultation in a timely manner." Smith points out that "lawful medical interventions" include abortion and euthanasia. He also notes that doctors can only refuse to participate "if the patient is not discriminated against." He states, "Refusing legal abortion is castigated widely as "discrimination" in mainstream bioethics, by the medical establishment, in politically progressive legislation, and in progressive cultural and legal advocacy...harm or endangered health is often interpreted to include nonphysical consequences such as emotional distress, financial outcomes, and patient self-esteem. Hence, the medical conscience provision of the WMA uses bland wording to eviscerate the right of doctors to refuse to participate in highly contentious and sometimes lethal actions that they find morally objectionable or that violate their religious beliefs.'

The Code also states: "The physician should follow, protect, and promote the ethical principles of this Code. The physician should help prevent national or international ethical, legal, organizational, or regulatory requirements that undermine any of the duties set forth in this code." Smith states that this would require "physicians to actively oppose laws and ethics rules that allow doctors to refuse to participate in interventions that violate their consciences...If the WMA Code becomes enforceable or is adopted into law, it will drive pro-life and many religious or traditional Hippocratic Oath-believing medical practitioners out of their profession around the world. Indeed, I suspect that is the point."

MAiD – Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying: An article by Douglas Murray, "Canada's assisted dying horror story," appeared in *The Spectator* (UK) on July 22, 2023. Murray described MAiD as a "hell-path." He reported that next year doctors "will be able to kill (or award 'medically assisted suicide') to people of any age who suffer from anorexia, depression, PTSD, or a growing smorgasbord of other debilitating ailments."

An article (7/18/23) in the journal *Palliative and Supportive Care* (authors Coelho, Maher, Gaind, and Lemmens) stated, "The Canadian MAiD regime is lacking the safeguards, data collection, and oversight

necessary to protect Canadians against premature death." Doctors self-report and are not likely to report errors or omissions that could result in prosecution. Instead of the government setting up a process for investigations, the Justice Minister said oversight is the responsibility of family members who complain after the fact to start disciplinary actions or police investigations. Even when other options are available, patients are being steered toward MAiD. If a doctor objects to a patient's request because medical professional standards of care haven't been met, the doctor is considered a conscientious objector and must refer the patient to a willing doctor. MAiD is being offered as one of many treatment options, pressuring patients to accept MAiD and making them afraid to access medical care. More and more individuals are seeking MAiD because they can't access social services. A government official admitted, "it is easier to access MAiD than to get a wheelchair in some parts of the country."

The law states that patients can request MAiD if they face the prospect of a "reasonably foreseeable natural death." Death does not need to be imminent, and their condition does not need to be terminal. The wording in the legislation is "imprecise and makes clear determinations and consistent implementation of clinical practice standards for MAiD difficult."

In other countries, doctors are not permitted to suggest euthanasia or assisted suicide to their patients. But they can do so in Canada. The authors of the article in *Palliative and* Supportive Care stated, "No other country in the world has normalized assisted suicide or euthanasia in this way as a potential first line therapeutic option to address suffering. In Belgium and the Netherlands, all other treatment options must be exhausted. There are no such requirements in Canada... Tragically, some people are choosing to die while on wait lists for potentially effective treatment or because they are refused care...There is anecdotal evidence that some people request MAiD after hearing about other cases in the media (suicide contagion). The government assumes that MAiD will make suicide less common – a position which is not supported by evidence." The authors are concerned about the normalization of MAiD "as an accessible tool to relieve suffering" and to avoid being a "burden". The number of assisted suicides has been growing at an alarming rate. Regulating euthanasia and assisted suicide is not the answer. Providing proper health care, social services, and palliative care is what is needed. Killing is never an acceptable solution.

Society is failing in treating children with disabilities: The American Academy of Pediatrics' July 2023 Journal carried an article by Drs. Ames, Delaney, Houtrow, Delgado-Corcoran, Alvey, Watt, and Murphy which reported on their investigation of disability-based discrimination in health care for children. The study noted that "lack of clinician knowledge, clinician apathy, and clinician assumptions" resulted in discrimination including "limited accessibility to care, substandard care, and dehumanization." There were reports of doctors refusing to work with autistic children, telling parents of physically disabled children not to treat their treatable cancer (resulting in death), doctors not knowing how to treat complex medical conditions, and apathy towards treating children considered "not worthy" of treatment. As activists continue to promote abortion for the preborn with disabilities, it will only become harder for those born to receive the care and respect they deserve.

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. Note: Vigils & Witnesses are NOT sponsored by the LICL and are provided for

informational purposes.

Nassau County - Location		<u>Day/Time</u>	Contact Phone	
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead		(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	917-544-0121	
" "	" -	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-270-3845	
		(W) Sa 10AM-Noon	516-270-3845	
" "	"	(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon	516-359-1298	
Suffolk County - Location		Day/Time_	Contact Phone (631)	
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown		(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe		
•		We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM	813-3412	
42 First Ave, Brentwoo	od	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630	
877 E. Main St, Riverhead		(W) We 2-4 PM	323-8001	
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue		(M) 2nd & 4th We & Sa 10 AM-noon		
•	C	& 2nd & 4th We 3-5 PM	615-1735	

IMPORTANT:

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



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Women First Pregnancy Options: (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 Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa), Smithtown 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave.

Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

Check EWTN Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 for pro-life programming

Live Stream: 7 PM Mondays marchforlifeny.org/events/march-for-life-ny-livestream

Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog: rickhinshaw.com

MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE! ELECTION DAY IS THE NOV 7

ELECTION DAY IS TUE., NOV. 7, 2023 Early Voting begins October 28

If you have moved, need an absentee ballot, or need more information, see the Board of Election website. Nassau County: 516-571-8683 www.nassaucountyny.gov/566 Board-of-Elections Suffolk County: 631-852-4500 www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE

Hope and Healing after Abortion



For more information contact Sisters of Life at hopeandheaing@sistersoflife.org or 866-575-0075.

All information is confidential!

March for Life NY Information

SAVE THE DATE! Rally June 24, 2024 in Albany

Information to contact March for Life NY

Phone:: 631-885-3783

Email: infomarch4lifeny@gmail.com Watch MFLNY Live Mondays 7pm

https://www.youtube.com/@marchforlifeny7920

www.facebook.com/march4lifeny Website: www.Marchforlifeny.org

Roe V. Wade did not eliminate abortion - NY has extreme abortion laws - plan now to attend the rally

in NY in 2024!

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Rosary for Life every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom, sponsored by DRVC OHLFB. Meeting ID: 811 9648 1100 Passcode: 20EWp7; Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923.
- Holy Hour for Life St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park every Mon. at 7 PM. This is also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.
- **Right to Life Rosary** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue every Thurs. at 7 PM. For info call 631-475-4739.

Back to School Pray for Our Children!

LICL Nomination Committee 2024 Slate

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Islip......631-277-3888

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Hampton Bays631-728-8900

Roosevelt516-223-1013

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Annual Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children

Sat., Sept. 9 at 9:30 AM

⇒ Cemetery of the Holy Rood, 111 Old Country Road, Westbury, at Rachel Weeping Monument, inside front entrance. Sponsored by Msgr. William A. Delaney K of C ⇒ **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery,** Rte. 112 & Granny Rd., Medford. Enter via Rte. 112 entrance, keep right to Unborn Memorial. Info: Pete 631-289-2095

Nationaldayofremembrance.org/sites.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Wed., Sept. 27 - Sun. Nov. 5, 2023

- Opening Mass 9/23 at 9 AM, St. Ladislaus RCC, 18 Richardson Pl., Hempstead. Witness daily at Public right-of -way outside Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave., Hempstead - HempsteadPP40days@aol.com
- Planned Parenthood, Carmens Rd., Massapequa, call/text Paul at 516-848-1562, email paul.arena29@yahoo.com
- Opening Mass at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1370 Grundy Ave., Holbrook - Sat., 9/30 at 9 AM. Followed by procession from Gateway Blvd. to PP, 450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue for prayer. Daily witness at public right-of-way outside abortion facility, WaverlyAvenueRespect-Life@gmail.com

Life Center of LI 37th Anniversary Gala

Sunday, September 24 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Honoree: Deacon Frank Gariboldi Guest Speaker: Theresa Bonapartis The Muttontown Club 5933 Northern Blvd., E. Norwich For information: lifecenterli.org

Stand Up For Life Sun., Oct. 1. 2023

2-3:30 PM (rain or shine) This is a nation-wide event. There is strength in unity. Please join us at one of our locations: Manorville, LIE, Exit 70S along Cty. Rd. 111, (contact Peter at 631-289-2095) or in Huntington at Rtes. 110 & 25. CHILDREN

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