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"There is no limit to the good you can do, if you don't care who gets the credit for it"

Mother Teresa

New Yorker's for
Constitutional Freedoms
invites you to attend...

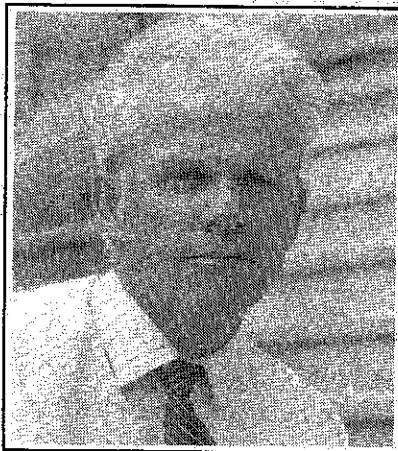
LEGISLATIVE DAY 1998

The Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York

Tuesday, March 24th

Time: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Report on Pro-Life Activity presented by:
New York State Assemblymen



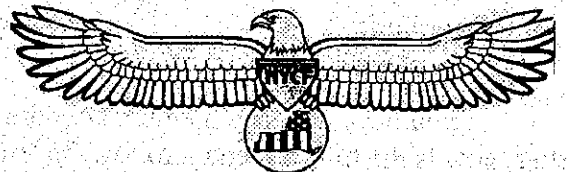
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Day Includes:

*Breakfast, Workshops,
Visiting Legislators, Honors Sessions
(awards to pro-family, pro-life legislators).*

For registration and bus information

CALL

Coordinator for Nassau & Suffolk
Andy Carlson
516-261-6661

YOU'RE INVITED!

Helen-Marie Keogh will speak at the beginning of the L.I. Coalition for Life general meeting March 23, 1998, at St. Regis Council K of C Hall, Ronkonkoma. Helen-Marie has been active in the pro-life movement since 1969 as a charter member of the Baldwin Roosevelt Center for Life, succeeded by the South Shore Pro Life organization. She is also a very active participant in the St. Christopher's Pro Life Committee. You should be inspired to continue in our battle against the pro-death forces by what Helen-Marie will tell us about her group's work.

Call 588-0168 for directions.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD - IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

ATTENTION PARENTS OF TEENS!

This year Planned Parenthood has targeted 17 local high schools to participate in their Annual Teen "Health" Conference. In preparation, Planned Parenthood has trained 52 teen advisors in their facility at 70 Maple Avenue, Smithtown. Each advisor was asked to recruit 20 or 30 of their school peers to attend the conference.

Many parents are duped by the so-called "Health" agenda of these conferences. Planned Parenthood promotes teenage sexual promiscuity by advocating the use of condoms and other means of birth control. Listed below are the participating schools and the number of teen advisors for each. (names on request)

Bellport..... 1	East Islip..... 1	Lindenhurst.....8
Brentwood..... 1	Hauppauge..... 3	Patchogue-Medford....2
Commack..... 1	Huntington..... 2	Sachem North.....5
Cold Spr. Hbr.. 1	Hampton Bays. 5	Shorhm-Wading Riv...1
Deer Park..... 4	Islip..... 1	Wyandanch.....6
Earl Vndrmuln...1	Kings Park..... 9	

If you have a family member attending one of these schools, and didn't receive a response to your initial letter, now is the time to send a follow-up letter.

Thanks to all our coalition members who wrote to their school supers, board members and/or principals. You've sown the good seed - let the Holy Spirit nourish it.

Conference will be held on Friday, April 3rd at the Radisson Hotel, L.I.E. Exit 58, North Service Rd., Islandia. Students arrive at 7:00 AM and depart 12:30 PM. There will be a Pro-Life presence. For information call 516-979-7017.

Remember- Planned Parenthood is the largest provider and promoter of abortions in the U.S.

A Teenagers Thoughts On The March In Washington, D. C.

Twenty-five years ago on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court passed its decision to legalize abortion. Because of this act on January 22, 1974, the first **March For Life** occurred at our Nations Capitol. Ever since, we who are Pro-Life, have been stating so adamantly that this decision is wrong. **Abortion is wrong.**

On the 25th **Annual March For Life** I went with my church and my friends to Washington, D.C. When the bus arrived at the site, I stepped off and saw hundreds of people. It was not until later that afternoon I found out that the hundreds of people were actually thousands. There were many speakers and all had something important to tell us. Most importantly, they were there for the same reasons I was. When the March got started, I was overwhelmed by how many people had turned out to protest the Supreme Courts infamous abortion decision. The thing that surprised me the most was how many people my own age, from all over the United States had come to Washington. This made me realize that people my age actually do care about things other than themselves. I felt I was not the only youth who had an opinion on this matter. To me going to the **March For Life** this past January 22 is probably the best thing I will do this year. This is the first time I have gone to Washington for this cause, but I can assure you it will not be my last. I intend on going to next years **Annual March For Life** and I hope you will consider going too.

By Jenn Leonardi

LEGISLATIVE WATCH**FEDERAL**

THE 1/22/98 MARCH FOR LIFE was a huge success. March activity pro-life speakers included Dr. Bernard Nathanson and Nora McCorvey (the Roe in the 1973 Roe vs Wade decision). Both are now strong supporters of pro-life. Refer to Pages 2 & 8 for additional 1/22 information. As pro-lifers marched, VP Al Gore was the guest speaker at the pro-abortion National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) luncheon.

A PARTIAL -BIRTH ABORTION BAN VOTE is expected in Washington and Albany. We have no time frame on this. Please help by immediately gathering signatures and returning the enclosed **PETITION**. Petitions sheets will be presented to legislators prior to a vote on the ban.

In Washington we are only 3 Senate votes short of a vote to override Pres. Clinton's veto. In Albany the Senate has voted to ban and Assembly members facing re-election this November are urged to demand an Assembly vote this session.

A MOVE TO END U.S. FUNDING OF OVERSEAS ABORTIONS In the final weeks of the 1997 session, pro-life forces led by Cong. Chris Smith of N.J., Cong. Peter King of Nassau, and Cong. Vito Fossella of S.I./Brooklyn worked hard to curb the Clinton Administration's promotion of abortion through the foreign aid program. This so-called "population assistance" funding currently exceeds \$430 million annually. In the 1997 pro-life victory, the House defeated a bill to allow funding of private organizations which performed abortions with their own funds and/or campaigned to legalize abortion in foreign nations. On 1/13/98 Secretary of State Madeline Albright sharply criticized the pro-life effort and a major funding battle is expected this spring as Cong. Smith has vowed to attach pro-life riders to all foreign aid legislation.

LETTERWRITING:**Sample letter:**

U.S. Foreign Aid money must not be used to promote abortion. When voting on U.S. funding for the United Nations and for the International Monetary Fund it is imperative that amendments be attached to deny funding to promote abortion in foreign countries.



You are urged to support Congressman Chris Smith's pro-life amendments to all upcoming funding legislation.

Please reply. Thank you.

NOTE: The above letter is to be sent to Senator Moynihan, Senator D'Amato, and to your area representative. Find addresses in 1/98 Pro-life news.

Please note that Senator D'Amato will be running for re-election in 1998 and you may want to appeal to him for extra help in this matter.

Wording on the 1997 House vote, rejected 218-210, follows: Bill to allow international family planning funds for groups that do not promote abortions for family planning, but do use their own funds to perform abortions. N/S members voted as follows:

Cong. Forbes-No Cong. McCarthy -Yes

Cong. Lazio -Yes Cong. Ackerman-Yes

Cong. King -No

Source: Congressional Quarterly

ALBANY-THE 2/3/98 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NYS ASSEMBLY resulted in two new members from Nassau County:

17th A.D. elected Rep. Maureen O'Connor

19th A.D. elected Rep. Kathleen Murray



BUS TRIP TO ALBANY TUES. 3/3 (See page 5).

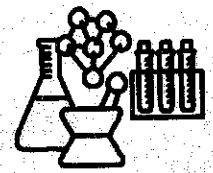
It is especially important that persons living in the 17th A.D. and 19th A.D. visit the new members listed above to address the pro-life issue. The lobby trips have been successful as members appreciate this direct communication. Many members have congratulated the pro-life volunteers who, for over 29 years, have remained steadfast in their dedication to respect for, and the protection of, human life.

A reminder that the LICL lobby bus travels through Queens, Queens and Brooklyn, etc. pro-lifers are encouraged to make the trip representing your pro-life organization.

MEDIA RESPONSE--While several excellent pro-life letters and columns have been noted in our daily papers, more are needed. Right to Life is the issue of our times. Continue to educate.

PLEASE SAVE LEGISLATIVE PAGES

HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT



CLONING HUMANS

"Just because something can be done doesn't mean it should be done!" (Jerome Lejeune, world-renowned geneticist)

"You can't stop science, it's impossible! God intended for us to be like him. This is a step in that direction. I am in the process of producing the first live, bouncing baby clone." These are quotes from several of the TV interviews with Richard Seed, physicist, when he announced his plans to successfully clone a human within 18 months. He claims he is just a couple of million dollars away from it and that immortality is going to occur in the next 50 to 200 years. Many scientists believe human cloning is possible, but most feel Richard Seed will not be the one to do it, or that it should be done at all!

Most church groups, ethicists, and political leaders are opposed to human cloning, and say they will work aggressively to block Seed's experiments. However, some argue that research should be permitted into the possibility of cloning living transplant organs from body cells. The great danger in this research is the inevitable slide into full human cloning.

In 1970, Richard Seed and his brother, Randolph, were involved in the research that resulted in the first successful transfer of a human embryo from one woman to another. Dr. Seed says he has been enormously encouraged by infertile couples who tearfully beg him not to let anyone stop him. President Clinton called this research "irresponsible, unethical, and unprofessional." He asked for a moratorium on human cloning, acting on the recommendation of an ethics commission which said cloning would be "morally unacceptable". Senator Christopher Bond (R-MO), said he will push for a vote on a bill he introduced last year outlawing such experiments. Although President Clinton barred the use of federal funds for human

cloning research last year, that does not bar private funding for this research! We are only too well aware of the abominable research supported by private grants in the past! Dr. Seed said he disagreed very strongly with President Clinton's denunciation of his plans. Seed said he would move his enterprise to Mexico or abroad if necessary. Several countries have already taken the first steps to ban human cloning.

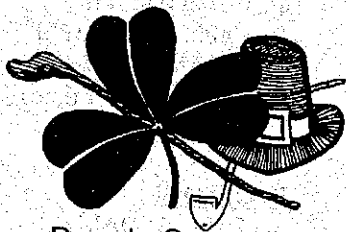
Human cloning presents many critical considerations: If a mother and child come from the same cell, would they be mother and child or sister and brother? How do you explain to a child that they were scientifically created? We are already seeing lawsuits over custody of "frozen embryos" and child support for children conceived through in-vitro fertilization using anonymous sperm. Imagine adding cloning to this debate!

When questioned about Seed's plans, Dr. Ian Wilmut, the embryologist who cloned Dolly the sheep, said "It's absolutely dangerous. Lambs are one thing, but it could be worse with humans. To produce Dolly, we had to use 277 embryos. A quarter of the lambs died within a few days because of underdevelopment." Richard Seed agreed that one problem could be genetic damage. However, despite predictions that his research would unleash a nightmare of deformed babies and abortions, he vowed to press ahead. He said he is against abortion, but would "eliminate the embryo if it is abnormal, with the consent of the parents." He intends to produce approximately 500 human clones a year. How many of these clones will be used for organ or body part replacements?

Dolores Andreski (516) 781-5274
Regina Carbonaro (516) 795-7568
(Documentation available upon request.)

Pro-Lifers Invited To March In Ronkonkoma's St. Patrick's Day Parade 1:30 PM, Sunday March 15th 1998

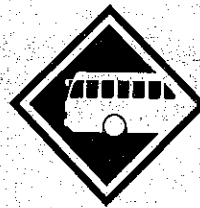
Line-Up at Creighton Ave & Portion Rd.
6 Blocks East of the intersection at
Portion Rd. & Hawkins Ave., Ronkonkoma, NY.
March behind **The Families For Life** Pro-Life
Banner & Float. Pro-Life organizations may
carry their own banners. [No individual signs
please]



Parade Sponsor:
St. Regis Knights of Columbus
For Information Call: 516-588-0168

ONE DAY BUS TRIPS TO ALBANY

Sponsored by the L.I.C.L.
Tuesdays March 3rd & April 7th
Bus Picks-Up In:



**YOU ARE HOME
BY 7:30PM!**

- Ronkonkoma 4:45AM
St. Joseph's Church
- Huntington 5AM
Exit 49 (Park & Ride)
- New Hyde Park 5:30AM
Notre Dame Church
- Queens 5:40AM
American Martyrs
216th St. & Union Tpke.

The Long Island Coalition for Life is
sponsoring a bus trip to Albany. Visit in teams
with NY legislators. *No experience needed!*
We encourage everyone to join with others in
your area who will be traveling to Albany to
support important **Pro-Life legislation!**
Be prepared for a **Memorable Experience!**
For More Information Call 516-588-0168
Retirees Especially Welcome!

NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Sunday, March 22nd
St. John Nepomucene Church
7:00PM - 9:00PM

Have you or someone you know been
emotionally effected by abortion?

Are you looking for direction for
yourself or your loved one on how to
receive God's peace and healing?

Are you frustrated at times because you
do not know how to help them?

If you answered yes to any of the above, we warmly
invite you to a night of
HOPE & HEALING!



Sponsored by Fr. Charles
Mangano and the Respect
Life Committee of St. John
Nepomucene Church
Bohemia, NY (516) 289-7649




Lawyer John Broderick Speaks About Joan Andrews Bell

"Joan Andrews Bell was sentenced by Judge Raymond
Novack on January 15, 1998 in the Allegheny County
Court in Pittsburgh to 3 to 23 months in jail and 3 years
probation for her rescue of unborn babies in 1985. She had
received thousands of letters of recommendation from
around the world, including communications from five
American Archbishops, three of whom were Cardinals of
the Catholic Church.

It is impossible to say how long Joan will be incarcerated.
That decision is strictly up to the judge. Will he insist on
her acceptance of probation before being released? If so,
she will be in for a long time. For Spiritual reasons, she
cannot accept probation because to do so would be
admitting that she had done wrong and needed
rehabilitation. That would be false. All she was doing was
saving babies.

What can you do to help the situation? It is not clear at this
time whether or not anyone can do anything to affect the
situation. Just keep praying."

LETTERS CAN BE WRITTEN TO:

Governor Tom Ridge Attny. Gen. Mike Fisher
225 Main Capitol Bldg. 1 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120 Harrisburg, PA 17101
 Allegheny County Jail
Al Calvin Lightfoot, Warden
950 2nd Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Are Gathered in My Name..."*

MARCH 1998 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(M) - This event held monthly. (W) - This event held on dates noted and on every week of the month.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ABORTION PROVIDER/REFERRAL SITES

IMPORTANT: Call your local contact person before going to site. Come ONLY at "DATES & TIMES" Prescribed By Your Contact Person and NEVER REMAIN AT SITE ALONE. **PLEASE JOIN US!** Additional participants are very much needed and welcomed.

NASSAU

TOWN	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) GARDEN CITY	354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	T, W, F 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	536-4837	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM - NOON
(W) MINEOLA	741-6451	173 Mineola Blvd.	M, W, & Fri 4-5PM
(W) ROCKVILLE CTR	536-4837	495 N.Village Ave.	Tu 6-8PM & Fri 2-3PM
(W) SYOSSET	334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke.	Fri 8:00AM - 9:30AM
(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	M, W, Fri (Call for times)

SUFFOLK

TOWN	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) DEER PARK	265-1081	2137 Deer Park Ave.	Sat 7AM - 9:30AM
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	979-7017	70 Maple Ave.	Fri NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(M) STONY BROOK	751-8217	2500 Nesconset Hwy.	1st Fr & 3rd Sat (after 1st Fr) 8-10AM
(W) SOUTHAMPTON	283-6829	130 County Rd. #39	11:30AM every Friday
(W) BRENTWOOD	234-0933	42 First Ave.	8AM-9:30AM, every Saturday


NOTE: Peaceful Assembly & Prayer on Public Property near an Abortion Site is LEGAL. Prayer and Counseling are Important.


Su 3/1 4/5	(M) 11:15AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-343-2491.
Su 3/1 4/5	(W) 8-9PM HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst.
Mn 3/2 4/6	(W) 7PM ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.
Mn 3/2 4/6	(M) 10AM-4PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel).
Tu 3/3 4/7	(M) 7:30PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 289-7649.
Tu 3/3 4/7	♥ BUS TRIP TO ALBANY Sponsored by the L.I.C.L. Call 588-0168. <u>For details & information see Page 5.</u>
Th 3/5 4/2	(W) 7-8PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9:30-NOON-Adoration)
Th 3/5	(W) 7-9PM INTERSESSORY PRAYER GROUP FOR LIFE Good Shepherd Religious Store, Ronkonkoma, NY Prayer & Rosary for the Right to Life, from conception to natural death. Call 737-1777. REFRESHMENTS SERVED.
Fr 3/6 4/3	(M) 8-9PM ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR LIFE Notre Dame, New Hyde Park.
Fr 3/6 4/3	(M) 2-3PM ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
Fr 3/6 4/3	(M) 7-8 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.
Fr 3/6 4/3	(M) 7:30 PM BENEDICTION FOR LIFE St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.
Fr 3/6 4/3	(M) 9:30PM-8AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 242-0892.
Fr 3/6 4/3	(M) 9PM-5AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.
Fr 3/6 4/3	(M) 8PM-9PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.
Sa 3/7 4/4	(M) 3-7AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL at St. Aloysius RCC, Grt Neck; Fri. 3/13 - 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn AND Rosary for Life Sat. 3/28 - 8-9AM. 482-6177.
Sa 3/7 4/4	(M) 8:45-3PM CONTINUOUS ROSARY FOR LIFE WITH ADORATION (Benediction at NOON) St. Patrick's RCC, Bayshore. Rosary for Life after 8:30AM Mass every Wed.
Sa 3/7	♥ 8:45AM MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE St. Raymond's Church, 263 Atlantic Ave., E. Rockaway, NY. Call 516-678-5800 ext. 509. All Welcome to <u>FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION</u> to this event, leaving from St. Regis K of C parking lot (Ronkonkoma, NY) at 7:30AM. CALL: 588-0168. REFRESHMENTS (see back cover)

THE AFA Television Programming can now be found in the Professional Directory - Features Pro-Life Programs.

CALENDAR EVENTS CONTINUED

*"Whenever Two or More
Are Gathered in My Name..."*

- Sa 3/7 & 3/28 ♥11:00AM **PRO-LIFE ORATORICAL CONTEST** St. Mary's Auditorium, 20 Harrison Ave., East Islip, NY.
March 7: 7th, 8th and 9th graders; March 28: 10th, 11th and 12th graders. Call Richard Gallo 516-723-0473.
- Su 3/8 4/12 (M) 1PM **SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at "Bridge to Life" 41-23 Bell Blvd., 2nd Flr, Bayside,
for single mothers. 718-225-2211. Queens residents may obtain the "Bridge to Life" newsletter - Call 718-225-2211.
- Su 3/8 4/12 (M) 1PM **PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
- Tu 3/10 4/14 (M) 9AM **MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON** - Rosary; Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 5PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
- Fr 3/13 8PM **WAY OF THE CROSS FOR THE UNBORN** St. Rose of Lima Church, Massapequa, NY.
Contact Debbie Dion - Pro-Life Task Force 798-0329.
- Su 3/15 ♥1:30PM **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** Ronkonkoma, NY. Pro-Life groups invited to march for Life! (see page 5)
- Tu 3/17 4/21 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
- Th 3/19 (M) 8PM **DEANERY SIX PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** St. Joachim's Church, 614 Central Ave.,
Cedarhurst, NY. Call: Mary Caffrey 887-2458.
- Su 3/22 ♥7-9:00PM **NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR MEN & WOMEN** St. John Nepomucene RCC, Bohemia, NY.
Prayer, Scripture Reading, Meditation Songs; Insights from *Project Rachel Counselor*. Call: 289-7649. (see page 5)
- Sa 3/28 Noon-4PM - **Volunteers needed** - Donate an hour or two & help prepare April **LIFE NEWS** for mailing.
 **At St. Joseph's Old School Gym! 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma - For Directions call: 588-4437.**
SANDWICHES, CAKE & COFFEE SERVED!
- Mn 3/23 7:45PM - **L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING** at St. Regis K of C Hall; Ronkonkoma, NY. For Directions
Call: 516-243-1435 or 516-588-0168. **All Welcome! Special Guest Speaker: Helen-Marie Keogh see page 2**
- Tu 3/24 **LEGISLATIVE DAY 1998 - ALBANY CALL** Andy Carlson 516-261-6661.
Sponsored by **New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms.**
- Fr 3/27 (M) 12:15PM **MASS & ROSARY FOR THE PRE-BORN** St. Raymond's Church, 263 Atlantic Ave.,
Ea. Rockaway, NY. Mary Caffrey 887-2458.
- Fr 3/27 4/24 (M) 8PM-6AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL & DEVOTION TO OUR LADY** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC Church-
Chapel Massapequa Park. For details please call Anne Murphy: 234-6921.
- Saturdays ♥9:00PM **"DEFEND LIFE"** television series on Channels 25 & 64 from **Priests for Life - Fr. Frank Pavone.**
- Wednesdays ♥7-7:30PM **"THE GOOD NEWS"** television series on Channel 6-TCI Brookhaven Cable. Christian talk-show
featuring 'The Good Mourning Outreach' from the **LI Life Center**, for post abortive women. Call 516-744-8923.

PUBLICATION DEADLINE REMINDER - All **PRO-LIFE** items submitted for publication in **LIFE-NEWS** must be received by
 **the 5th day of the month** for publication the **following month.** E.G., items for **April '98** issue must be
RECEIVED BY MARCH 5TH. SEND ITEMS TO: L.I.C.L. CALENDAR ITEM, P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tu 4/7 **BUS TRIP TO ALBANY** CALL 588-0168.
- Tu 4/21 **SEX & LOVE: WHAT'S A TEENAGER TO DO?** Speaker: Mary Beth Bonacci -Nationally known Chastity
Educator. Corpus Christi RCC, Mineola, NY. Call: Father Batule 746-1223.
- Su 4/26 **ST. CHRISTOPHER PRO-LIFE COMMUNION BREAKFAST** *Speaker: Jean Head* Call: 868-2549.
- Tu 4/28 **25 YEARS OF TEARS** Prayer Vigil & Rally at the Capitol Steps in Albany, NY. CALL: (888) 855-9027.
Sponsors: Christian Coalition, NYS Right to Life; Catholic Conference; New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, etc.

BOOK SELECTION: Won for Life; Thomas Nelson Publishers; the autobiography of Norma McCorvey
is now available for ordering at most Religious Stores.



Pharmacists for Life publishes an outstanding newsletter, *PharmFacts*,
which is timely and useful. For details, **e-mail pfli@ix.netcom.com**
or write Pharmacists for Life International, P.O. Box 1281,
Powell, OH 43065-1281.

✠ IN MEMORIAM ✠

The Long Island Coalition for Life extends its sincere condolences to the families and friends on the passing
of Edward J. Fellows, Thomas Marin, Joseph T. Doyle, and State Senator Norman Levy.

THE ABORTION DECISIONS-25 Years Later

January 22, 1998, marks the 25th anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* that stripped away all legal protection for the unborn baby while at the same time finding that women had a constitutional "right" to abortion on demand for any reason and were guaranteed unlimited access to this procedure. The result, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been a staggering 36,076,770 unborn babies killed by abortion during this period--approximately 10% of the population.

How many future writers, scientists, doctors, lawyers, teachers, priests and religious were lost to us during the past quarter century? What beautiful songs and symphonies will never be heard? What great novels and plays will never be read or seen? What breakthroughs in science and medicine will not happen? A cure for Cancer, Alzheimer's or AIDS?

The sad part is we will never know. Even sadder is the fact that so many people don't seem to care. The truth is that abortion supporters would never have been successful in legalizing abortion except for the apathy of so many good people, including much of the clergy. They were caught up with the daily preoccupation of life and lulled by a sympathetic media so that they did not recognize the danger until it happened. Unfortunately, many still do not see the danger.

We now live in a nation where young people--those under 30 years of age and most affected by abortion--have no recollection of a time when abortion was illegal.

The debate goes on.

In 1996, the debate on legislation to ban partial-birth abortions seemed to make a crack in this wall of apathy. Few Americans were aware of the details of a partial-birth abortion, or for that matter, any other abortion procedure. Polls showed that people who were informed about the details of a partial-birth abortion overwhelmingly supported the bill to ban it.

Legislators had to take sides in the debate in Congress. Hard core pro-abortion supporters were in the unenviable position of defending the indefensible. Many critics described the procedure as infanticide. After long and heated debate, a majority of the members of the House and Senate passed a bill to ban partial-birth abortions. In spite of public opinion, President Clinton, who is actively pro-abortion, kept his word to his many pro-abortion supporters and vetoed the bill. Pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood, National Abortion Rights Action League, and the National Organization of Women, feared that a loss on this one procedure, no matter how grisly, would be the first step on the road to making all abortions illegal.

Clinton's outspoken support of partial-birth abortion and other pro-abortion legislation did not affect his successful bid for second term. Most experts agree that voters let the economy overshadow any concerns they had about issues or character.

Buoyed by his second term victory, President Clinton pushed even harder to incorporate abortion and contraception into his domestic policy and with even greater emphasis into his foreign policy. His administration has tried to change the Mexico City agreements, negotiated by the Reagan Administration and continued through the Bush administration,

which forbid the use of abortion as part of the US population control programs for developing countries.

Vice-President Gore recently confirmed that the administration sees increased availability of contraception and abortion to third world nations as a solution to many of the problems confronting the world today. It doesn't matter that not everyone, especially in the scientific community, agree that there really is a problem.

A second effort to pass legislation to ban partial-birth abortions passed the House by a veto-proof majority of 296-132. The Senate passed the bill with a majority just three short of the two-thirds needed to override a veto. The battle in both Houses was heated and intense. Hard core pro-abortionists dug their heels while many of their uncommitted pro-abortion colleagues caved in to public opinion and voted pro-life. In the end President Clinton vetoed the bill for a second time. An effort to override is promised for the next session of Congress.

The goal now for pro-abortionists is to maintain access to all forms of invasive surgical abortion, while at the same time promoting and experimenting with chemical abortions which they see as a less objectionable method of abortion in terms of public opinion. The bottom line is that any abortion, chemical or surgical, no matter how early in the pregnancy, kills an unborn baby.

The culture of death is growing.

When abortion was legalized 25 years ago, many predicted that it would soon be followed by an acceptance of euthanasia and assisted suicide. It has been a slow process, but it is a fact of life today. Dr. Kervorkian continues his well publicized killing spree unimpeded by law enforcement and with a great deal of public sympathy. States have passed legislation legalizing doctor-assisted suicide and many challenges to existing laws that protect life in its final stages are working their way through the court to an expected decision by the Supreme Court.

The culture of death is everywhere. Life is cheap. Killing and violence are an integral part of our lives that we witness everyday on TV and the movies. There are random murders, drive-by shootings, Post Office shootings, high school shootings, LIRR shootings--new born babies dropped in dumpsters, dropped in toilets, tossed in the woods--children tortured and abused. Spousal abuse and child abuse have skyrocketed. Even the elderly are not immune. Statistics on elder abuse have increased dramatically while the suicide rate for the elderly is the highest of any category.

Its time to stop killing!

If we look at the enormity of the problems afflicting our country, it appears that there is not much any of us can do. It can get pretty discouraging, especially for the individual. But, with God we are never alone. History has shown that trusting in Him there is a great power in one. There are many things one can do--stay informed, speak out, speak to friends and relatives, pray, pray in front of an abortion mill, volunteer at Birthright or another crisis pregnancy center, join a pro-life group, visit your legislators, write to your legislators, write to the President--tell him how you feel, go on the bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC, help the young neighbor who is in the midst of a crisis pregnancy. You can make a difference.

The above article was written by Jim Ross. Jim has not merely observed the Right-to-Life effort; Jim and his wife Theresa have been an integral part of our New York State Pro-Life movement since 1969.



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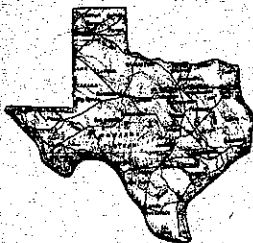
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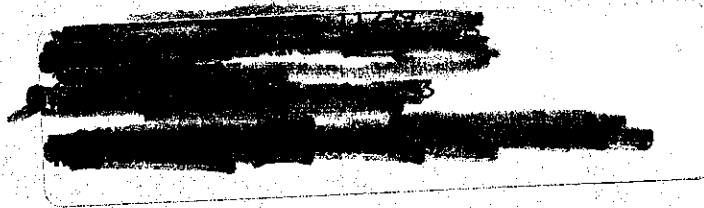
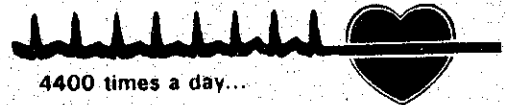
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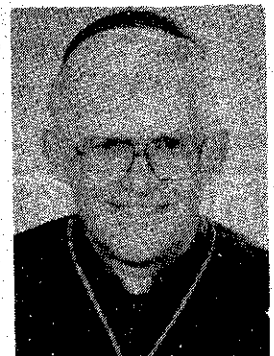
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