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"How can access to abortion, the very act that should have ended my life, simultaneously be my fundamental right to exercise...There's something deeply disturbing about the reality in our world that I have a right to an abortion but I never had the simple right to live." Melissa Ohden, Abortion Survivor

LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE, EDUCATIONAL TRUST 19TH ANNUAL ORATORY CONTEST

The Nineteenth Annual High School Oratory Contest, sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust, was held on March 25 at Knights of Columbus, Joseph Barry Council in Hicksville.

Students in grades 11 and 12 were invited to research, write and deliver a 5-7 minute original speech on the life issues such as abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or cloning/stem cell research.

The judges praised the excellent quality and fine presentations of the speeches, resulting in difficult judging! The first place winner was Kathleen Hovestadt from St Pius V High School, 2nd Place winner was Elizabeth Halpin who attends Kellenberg Memorial High School, and 3rd Place was awarded to Olivia Hand who also attends St. Pius V. Prizes of \$1000, \$600 and \$400, along with plaques were awarded to these excellent speakers.

Also participating were Nora Butler From Kellenberg, Nicholas Maisano who attends Chaminde High School, and Catherine Ryan who is homeschooled. All participants did a fine



job and we sincerely thank them for their participation! Thanks also to their parents for supporting them in this worthwhile endeavor.

Robert L. Dougherty Esq. is the generous supporter who provided prize money for the contest. Judges were George Frost, Kathy Feldman and Fred Peritore.

Thanks to Sr Marie Chabanel and Sr. MaryAnn from St. Pius V, and Brother Michael Gillen from Kellenberg, who all encouraged/coordinated with students and attended the contest.

Thanks also to Charlie and Kathy Feldman for always arranging the refreshments at the event, Bob McEntee for organizing, recruiting participants, and sending out numerous emails and Dan Sherry who encouraged participants and helping to make this a very successful event. It was so wonderful to hear the younger generation speaking up for LIFE!

The LICL Educational Trust is running 30-second ads on WBLI radio - 106.1 FM from Monday, April 10 to Sunday, May 28 - that's 343 times in seven weeks. Listen in and let us know if you hear the ad.

You're Invited The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. The next general meeting will be **May 22** at 7:45 PM at St. Joseph RCC Parish Center, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma

All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

LI Ducks Baseball Season Opens with LI Coalition for Life Ad

The LICL's message of protecting preborn babies is being brought to a new venue this year. We placed an ad on the back of the Long Island Ducks 2023 Pocket Schedule. Though small in size (slightly larger than 2" x 2"), these handy schedules are distributed by the Ducks in various ways, including to fans who attend games and in locations around the Island. Our ad is on the back of the schedule and reads: "Play Fair. Be Fair. Welcome All: even the littlest leaguers. CHOOSE LIFE" along with our name and website. With a print run of 100,000, we hope that putting the donations of LICL 'fans' into the ballpark will help more people pause to think about the plight of the preborn and possible abortion decisions. Thank you for your support.



ABORTION PILLS TO BE DISPENSED BY PHARMACIES

To allow mifepristone to be dispensed or mailed by pharmacies, the FDA weakened the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) requirements. Rite Aid, CVS, and Walgreens have announced they plan to seek certification to dispense the abortion pill. Walgreens has said it would not dispense abortion pills in states with abortion laws that prohibit their use. Rachel M. Cohen reported at Vox (3/17/23) that AmerisourceBergen, the sole US supplier of "Mifeprex – the brand-name drug for the abortion pill mifepristone first approved by the Food and Drug Admin. in 2000 – circulated a list to its corporate clients in January naming 31 states that it would not supply the abortion medication to." The list was created using the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute's website which identified "state abortion restrictions". Cohen stated, "advocates are trying to persuade AmerisourceBergen to adopt a less risk-adverse stance on abortion-pill distribution."

Walgreens spokesperson Fraser Engerman said they will dispense the drug "in any jurisdiction where it is legally permissible to do so." When Walgreens announced they would not sell the abortion drug in pro-life states, California's Governor Newsom threatened to pull back the state's \$54 million contract with Walgreens for medications for the state's prison system. Also, the state paid Walgreens \$1.5 billion last year through their Medicaid program. However, it was reported on April 11th that the state "has no intention of taking any action that would violate federal Medicaid r equirements, or that could undermine access for low-income individuals," and Walgreens was once more invited to apply for the prison contract.

As of April 1st, the following stores have not announced plans to dispense abortion pills: Walmart, Publix, Kroger, Ahold Delhaize supermarkets (Food Lion, Stop & Shop, Giant), Costco, Southeastern Grocers (Winn-Dixie, Fresco y Mas, Harveys), H-E-B, Albertsons, Hy-Vee, Meijer, Wegmans.

GreatLife Teens

GreatLife Teens is dedicated to supporting teens with a mission and stance on the pro-life movement. GreatLife works to form communities that respect and uphold the dignity of life. Its goal is to inspire youth to stand up for life and defend it at all stages. GreatLife connects teens to their local communities and with other pro-life teens who can then share peer to peer education. Besides its website (www.greatlifeteens.org), GreatLife is also active on Instagram (greatlife_teens).

Jewish Pro-Life Foundation

The Jewish Pro-Life Foundation (jewishprolifefoundation.org) was founded in 2006 by Cecily Routman MSW, to bring the pro-life message to those in the Jewish community who feel abortion is moral and acceptable. JPLF mission is to save Jewish lives by promoting life-saving solutions to unplanned pregnancy in the Jewish community. The organization's website includes resources for those with an unplanned pregnancy and after abortion healing programs. You can also learn "Jewish Pro-Life Replies to Jewish Pro-Abortion Claims."

A quote by Elie Wiesel on the JPLF website importantly reminds us: "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Governor Hochul's Latest Abortion Plans

On April 11th, Governor Hochul announced a series of dangerous, taxpayer-funded abortion expansion actions. NYS will stockpile enough Misoprostol (used with Mifepristone or, in Europe it is used alone) to abort 150,000 preborn children over the next five years and will force health insurers to cover it. In addition, abortion providers will receive another \$20 million in taxpayer funds on top of last year's \$35 million.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

S.701 Women's Health Protection Act 2023 which would ban almost every U.S. abortion restriction, was re-introduced in the Senate. Both NY senators are co-sponsors. There is no House companion bill as of April 5. **More Anti-Life Bills:**

S.317 Reproductive Freedom for All Act. To codify Griswold, Roe, and Casey in Federal law.

HR.62 Safeguard Healthcare Industry Employees from Litigation and Distress (SHIELD) Act. To protect 'health care providers' and people seeking 'reproductive health care'.

HR.445 HHS Reproductive & Sexual Health Ombuds Act. "Ombuds" will educate the public re 'reproductive services' and insurance coverage, and collect data and protect its privacy.

Pro-life Bills Introduced in House (HR.) or Senate (S.): HR.1074/S.471 Women's Public Health & Safety Act. To allow states to exclude abortion providers or abortion-involved organizations from receiving Medicaid funds. HR.398 Protecting Life and Integrity in Research Act — Would ban HHS from conducting or funding research using human fetal cells obtained through induced abortion. All fetal tissue research must meet current standards for therapeutic fetal cell transplants, and bans acquiring or soliciting donations of aborted fetal tissue, except for purposes of autopsy or burial.

HR.1771 Pregnancy Resource Center Defense Act - would amend the FACE Act to set penalties for attacks on PRCs and places of worship. Not a companion bill but similar, is S.565- Pregnancy Center Security Act - to require the Secretary of HHS to give PRCs funds for security and ADA upgrades.

S.686 RESTRICT Act aims to mitigate threats from foreign communications tech (such as TikTok) by giving the Dept. of Commerce broad powers to act against these 'risks.' But some pundits fear this power could be used to squelch opinion/news in U.S. (such as pro-life). The late political scientist Angelo Codevilla had warned that the surveillance apparatus we set up to protect the U.S., post 9/11, could very well be turned against disfavored Americans. **HR.5** Parents Bill of Rights 'to ensure parents of public-school students have their rights honored and respected'

passed the House March 24. The words "abortion" or "reproduction" aren't in the text of the bill. "Health" is there only as part of committee names, or as "mental health". A similar bill in S. Carolina reads "...to prohibit certain government infringement...except in limited Circumstances." But who makes that call?

In March, the **US Supreme Court**, by 8-1 (Chapman v. Doe) limited the ability of a pregnant minor to abort without parental consent. Teen 'Jane Doe' was told by Missouri circuit clerk Chapman she could not have an abortion unless her parents were told. Jane had the (covert) abortion in Illinois and then, with the ACLU, sued Chapman for violation of her rights. The 8th Circuit ruled State law didn't require Doe's parents' consent, and the 14th Amendment gave Jane the 'right' to abort. After the Dobbs ruling, Chapman appealed to SCOTUS, saying the ruling was now moot. Dobbs says there's no Federal interest in

abortion (i.e., 14th Amendment), so SCOTUS, with no opinion or explanation, sent the case back to the 8th Circuit, telling them to dismiss. The dissenting vote was proabortionist Justice Jackson. She objected to SCOTUS citing a 1950's case, to say the 8th Circuit's claim that the 14th Amendment gave Jane the right to skip parental consent, can no longer be cited as precedent.

Heritage Foundation and Advancing American Freedom filed suit against the Dept. of Justice, claiming no response to their FOIA request for information on how the Dept. of Justice is addressing the attacks on Pregnancy Resource Centers and houses of worship.

The Dept. of Defense promotes and funds abortions (and travel expenses) for servicewomen. Democrats defend the practice, saying it's 'needed to preserve military readiness.'

Four Red Rose Rescuers will spend 1-3 months in a Florida jail.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The Assisted Suicide bills, A.995/S.2445, have been sitting in the Assembly and State

Senate Health Committees since mid-January. Whether they advance beyond this stage during this legislative session is questionable. Two staff members indicated it is in doubt during post-lobby trip phone calls. With a few exceptions, the legislators were not in Albany on March 7 due to a Legislative Session scheduling change. Those who participated in the LICL lobby trip on March 7 handed out, and emphasized, several points from an informational sheet prepared by the Patients Rights Council. Some of the staff/ lawmakers said they had not considered the following pitfalls in the bill that we brought to their attention: Some of the supposed 'safeguards' in the legislation require the person who wants to end their life to get two doctors to approve the request for the pills. And the "patient" must submit both a verbal request for the pills, and a written request signed by two witnesses. However, the two doctors can be employed at the same medical practice. And one of the two witnesses can be a person who stands to inherit something from the (soon to be departed) "patient," and the other witness can be a friend of the first witness. The whole process, from the doctors' approval to pills being dispensed, can happen in one day.

The NYS Assembly is advancing legislation (A1395-B) to provide abortion drugs to students on all public college (SUNY/CUNY) campuses. The social pressures and availability of harmful substances combine to make campus a wholly inappropriate place to offer dangerous medication to young women, some as young as 17. Despite claims to the contrary, the abortion pill is not "one of the safest and most effective medications." This bill is dangerous.

ACTION ITEM: Contact your NYS Legislators regarding Assisted Suicide and Abortion Pills for SUNY/CUNY students. To contact your legislators, go to: http://prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative You will find 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

Abortion Pill Lawsuits



On April 7th, U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk of the Northern District of Texas issued a ruling blocking the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of the abortion pill. His ruling in *Alliance for* Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA halts the FDA approval of the chemical abortion drug mifepristone. The order will go into effect seven days later, allowing the federal government time to appeal to the Fifth Circuit. The Department of Justice filed a notice of appeal the same night to the 'conservative leaning' 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. At the same time, U. S. District Judge Thomas O. Rice issued a ruling in the State of Washington v. FDA that preliminarily enjoins the FDA from "altering the status quo and rights as it relates to the availability of Mifepristone under the current operative January 2023 Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy under 21 U.S.C.§ 355-1 in Plaintiff States." This decision will likely be appealed to the 'liberal leaning' 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Kacsmaryk wrote, "The Court does not second-guess FDA's decision-making lightly. But here, FDA acquiesced on its legitimate safety concerns – in violation of its statutory duty – based on plainly unsound reasoning and studies that did not support its conclusions. There is also evidence indicating FDA faced significant political pressure to forego its proposed safety precautions to better advance the political objective of increased 'access' to chemical abortion – which was the 'whole idea of mifepristone." In addition, he ruled that mailing the abortion pill likely violates the Comstock Act. [The plaintiffs have a] "substantial likelihood of prevailing on their claim that defendants' decision to allow the dispensing of chemical abortion drugs through mail violates unambiguous federal criminal law."

Kacsmaryk continued, "Over twenty years ago [FDA] approved chemical abortion ("2000 Approval"). The legality of the 2000 Approval is now before this Court. Why did it take two decades for judicial review in federal court? After all, Plaintiffs' petitions challenging the 2000 Approval date back to the year 2002, right? Simply put, FDA stonewalled judicial review – until now. Before Plaintiffs filed this case, FDA ignored their petitions for over sixteen years, even though the law requires an agency response within '180 days of receipt of the petition.'...Had FDA responded to Plaintiffs' petitions within the 360 total days allotted, this case would have been in federal court decades earlier. Instead, FDA postponed and procrastinated for nearly 6,000 days."

The ruling noted, "Most readers would not define pregnancy to be a serious or life-threatening illness. Even FDA does not earnestly defend that position. True, complications can arise during pregnancy, and said complications can be serious or life-threatening.

But that does not make pregnancy itself an illness." In terms of the dangers of the pill, Kacsmaryk wrote, "One study revealed the overall incidence of adverse events is "fourfold higher" in chemical abortions when compared to surgical abortions. Women who underwent chemical abortions also experienced far higher rates of hemorrhaging, incomplete abortion, and unplanned surgical evacuation." Pro-life Congressman Chris Smith said, "Judge Kacsmaryk wrote that FDA's actions are likely to cause 'irreparable injury' and cited Plaintiffs' concerns about the 'many intense side effects' and 'significant complications requiring medical attention' resulting from the FDA's actions noting, 'Many women also experience intense psychological trauma and post-traumatic stress from excessive bleeding and from seeing the remains of their aborted children."

Regarding the often-repeated statement that a chemical abortion is like taking Advil, Kacsmaryk wrote, "Contrary to popular belief and talking points, the evidence shows chemical abortion is not "as easy as taking Advil." Compelling evidence suggests the statistics provided by FDA on the adverse effects of chemical abortion understate the negative impact the chemical abortion regimen has on women and girls. When women seek emergency care after receiving the chemical abortion pills, the abortionist that prescribed the drugs is usually not the provider to manage the mother's complications. Consequently, the treating physician may not know the adverse event is due to mifepristone. Studies support this conclusion by finding over sixty percent of women and girls' emergency room visits after chemical abortions are miscoded as "miscarriages" rather than adverse effects to mifepristone. Simply put, FDA's data are incomplete and potentially misleading, as are the statistics touted by mifepristone advocates."

Kacsmaryk ruled the FDA cannot allow chemical abortion to be prescribed via telemedicine or without an in-person doctor's visit. Rice's ruling said the FDA must continue providing the abortion pill in accordance with Biden's rule changes. The Rice ruling only applies to twelve states, but it is in direct conflict with the Kacsmaryk ruling. Kacsmaryk issued a nationwide injunction, which means the ruling would take effect across the country (even in pro-abortion states like New York) in a week, unless a higher court issues a stay. These "dueling" rulings will likely lead to an abortion pill case being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life stated the Kacsmaryk decision "shines a light on something that the Biden Administration wants to sweep under the rug – that these drugs do not treat or cure disease but kill unborn children and expose their mothers to dangerous side effects. The FDA should be in the business of ensuring safety, not taking lives. The abortion industry has pushed for lowering protections for women undergoing a chemical abortion, while it peddles lies about the ease of the method." Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon, Ph.D., director of Education and Research for National Right to Life stated, "Promoters of these pills like to trumpet high safety rates, but neglect to mention how that with hundreds of thousands of women taking these pills, even a couple of percentage points of women hemorrhaging, dealing with infections, and ectopic pregnancy, represents thousands of women desperately seeking treatment which may or may not be nearby."

Submitted by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435

"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. Note: Vigils & Witnesses are **NOT** sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

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<u>Suffolk County - Location</u> (631)

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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:

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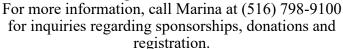
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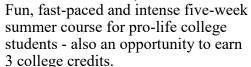
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WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- 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.
- Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue every Thurs. at 7 PM. For more info call 631-475-4739.

NOTE: The American Family Association of New York is now American Family Advocates. Still doing the same great work. Americanfamilyadvocates.org.

New York State Right to Life Camp Esther

August 4-6 Utica, NY

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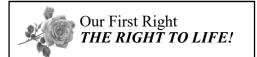
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Good Friday Face the Truth

As pro-lifers continue to stand in the gap against the abortion industry, public outreach is an important part

of our toolbox to seek justice for the right to life of preborn babies. The LICL thanks those who participated in our Good Friday Face the Truth event in front of Nassau University Medical Center (E. Meadow).



About 70 pro-lifers stood along Hempstead Tpke. as a visible reminder and witness against abortion.

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Mother's Day Rosary for Life

Sat., May 13 at 10 AM

in front of Planned Parenthood
70 Maple Ave., Smithtown
Sponsored by Suffolk Chapter K of C. Council
members are requested to wear their council jackets
and hats and bring your pro-life and pro-mom signs.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend this
peaceful, prayerful rally.

Writers for Life



Unfortunately, we have not received any prolife letters to the editors in local newspapers recently. Please write prolife letters to the editors and let us know when and where they are published. If you see

any from someone else, please also let us know. Thank you.

NYS School Board Elections Vote

Tues., May 16 Know before you go! Ask candidates their views on the life issues and on inviting Planned Parenthood to your school.