

You're Invited! Deacon Joseph J. Califano will be the guest speaker on Monday, July 27 at 7:45 p.m. prior to the general meeting of the LI Coalition for Life. Deacon Califano is a full professor of moral philosophy at St. John's University specializing in Medical Ethics, Social Justice and Contemporary Moral Problems. He has been internationally recognized for his work and has numerous publications in Europe, Asia, the United States, Canada and Latin America on the above issues, especially those related to a defense of the right to life and the dignity of the human person. His topic is: "Embryonic Stem Cell Research a Sign of a Decadent Society Without a Moral Conscience."

The meeting will be held at the St. Regis K of C Hall, Pond Road & Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma. Light refreshments upon arrival. For further information call 631-243-1435 (between the hours of 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.).

All are welcome for all or part of the evening!



Letters, we've got letters, we've got lots and lots of letters. If you're of a certain age you'll remember that jingle from the Perry Como Show. Well we do have lots of pro-life letters to the editor and this time the hot topic was Obama at Notre Dame. Writers on this topic and it's implications included **Frederick Bedell Jr.** in the *New York Post*, **Thomas E. Dennelly** in *National Catholic Register*, **Lisa Honkanen**, **Jack Barthel**, **John P. Brolly**, **George Clancy** and **Elgin Alexander** in *Newsday*, and **Robert Power**, **Connie Bagnoli**, **Hilda Macejka**, **John F. Picciano**, **Charles Butera**, **Catherine N. Dillon**, **Anthony M. Bentivegna** and **Mary Ann Murphy** in *The Long Island Catholic*. Additional published pro-life letters on other topics were written by **Cathy Federici**, **Fino Giordano**, **Linda Honkanen**, **Michael P. Mulhall**, **James Gough** and **Edmond Farrell** in *The Long Island Catholic*, **Thomas E. Dennelly** in *National Catholic Register* and **Frederic R. Bedell Jr.** in the *New York Post*. Kudos to the successful letter-writers and sincere thanks to all letter-writers, published or not, for working to keep the pro-life message in the forefront. Please keep writing and please send us your published letters.

Thank you!



Rev. Motley

A special thank you to **Rev. Duane Motley** for over 25 years of hard work and for all he has done for the unborn. **Rev. Motley** has stepped down as the Executive Director for **New Yorker's Family Research Foundation (NYFRF)** and **New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms** and moved to a part-time position. He will continue to serve as the Senior Lobbyist and Consultant and work "as needed" until December. **Rev. Jason McGuire** will become Executive Director on July 1, 2009.



Rev. McGuire

Abortionist Dr. George Tiller, who did late term abortions, was murdered on Sunday, May 31. The Long Coalition for Life opposes acts of violence against abortionists as well as the violence committed by abortionists, taking the lives of unborn children.

Abortion: A Modern Day Genocide by Carolyn Vaeth

This speech won second place in the L.I. Coalition for Life Oratory Contest in March 2009 and first place in the NYSRTL Comm., Inc. Oratory Contest in May 2009.

The 20th century has been recognized as the bloodiest century in the history of mankind. We have seen the brutality of dictators and fascist governments that have sought the genocide of mankind because of political, religious, economic, and social reasons. Hitler, Pol Pot, Mao, and Lenin are some of the infamous leaders who sought the destruction of specific groups of peoples. In America, our own government disregarded the humanity of people groups such as the African slaves and the Native Americans. Today, we are confronted with a whole generation of people who are being exterminated unjustly in a genocide that exceeds any previous. Abortion is the willful destruction of a living human being.

What is genocide? Webster's New World Encyclopedia, defines "genocide" as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a national, racial, religious, political, cultural, ethnic, or other group defined by the exterminators as undesirable." That definition readily applies to abortion. The "national group" is Americans, and the "unwanted" are the unborn. They are now being destroyed at the rate of nearly 1 of every 3 conceived. In the United States there have been over 40 million abortions since 1972, 1.37 million yearly, or approximately 3,700 per day. Only 1% of all abortions occur because of rape or incest, 6% of abortions occur because of potential health problems regarding either the mother or child,



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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

SUPREME COURT--Pro-Life organizations fear Sonia Sotomayer, President Obama's appointee, is pro-abortion. On 6/08/09 lifenews.com reported that Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell won't drop the possibility of a filibuster against her confirmation.

FOCA--As of 5/28/09 U.S. Senator John Boehner (R.OH) has not received a reply from the 1/21/09 letter to President Obama urging the president to withdraw his pre-election pledge to sign the Freedom of Choice Act.

ABORTIONS DROPPING, PLANNED

PARENTHOOD (PP) POPPING-- Abortion have dropped every year since 1990, however, the number of abortion at PP clinics have almost doubled. At PP in 1997 there were 165,174 abortions. By 2007 the number had jumped to 305,310. PPFA took in over one billion in revenues during 7/01/07 to 6/30/08 of which over 350 million dollars came into PP in the form of government grants and contracts paid with taxpayers money. With the upcoming national health care plan, it is likely that PP will pocket even more money.

Adapted from *NRTL News* 4/09.

To discuss Federal Legislation call John Healy 631-598-0430.

--The bill could be used to undermine the state's maternity programs.

--The bill would repeal the requirement in current law that says only doctors can perform abortions.

--the bill disallows any criminal penalties for abortion.

On 6/8/09, Republicans in the State Senate executed a takeover of the majority in that house by including two Democrats. The Democrats had been pushing the Reproductive Health Act (in its previous form) for some time now, and some political observers believe the takeover in the Senate dooms the bill to failure.

But at this point, all bets are off. We must not be complacent. We must be vigilant. Two of the Democratic sponsors of the bill are Senators Espada (D - Bronx) and Monserrate (D - Queens), the two Democrats who joined with the Republicans to create the new "majority".

The regular legislative session is scheduled to end on June 22, **but the session could extend well beyond that date.**

ACTION-SAMPLE MESSAGE to your NYS Senator and Assembly Member:

Dear.....Oppose the Reproductive Health Act, S.5808. This bill is not simply an attempt to update New York 's abortion laws. It is a broad, unnecessary and dangerous bill that would radically alter New York abortion policy.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NYS Senate, Albany, NY 12247

Senate switchboard 518-455-2800

NYS Assembly, Albany, NY 12248

Assembly Switchboard 518-455-4100

FURTHER ACTION: Faced with the dangerous

"Reproductive Health Act" consider making an appointment to visit your Senate and Assembly Member in their local offices during the coming months. Let them know that you are "pro-life" constituents. Stay in contact on important bills. Often the NYS legislature is called back to vote in "Special Session" between July and November. Maintaining communications is the only way to have our views considered when important votes come up.

Personal visits are best but letters, phone calls, e-mails are also necessary.

For internet users a weekly visit to the following interactive sites allows you to send a prepared message on the "hottest" legislation with just a click:

NYS sites: nyfrf.org and nyscatholic.org

Federal site: NRLC.org



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

ALERT ---- "Reproductive Health Act" Introduced: Act Now

to Stop S.5808! On 6/5/09, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D - Westchester) and 23 fellow Democrats, introduced a new Governor's Program Bill called the "Reproductive Health Act." Sent to the Legislature as a priority from Governor David Paterson, this legislation (S.5808) is modeled on former Governor Eliot Spitzer's "Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act" of 2007. The bill, S.5808, has been modified in a few minor ways but **remains a dangerous, extreme proposal to loosen New York 's abortion laws and promote abortion-on-demand.**

There is no similar bill yet introduced in the Assembly, but this could happen at any time.

--The bill would establish a "fundamental right of privacy".

--The bill would ensure that abortions, possibly even "partial-birth abortions", are legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

--The bill could undermine conscience protection in current law.

HEALTH & SCIENCE

Frightening Trends in Medical Ethics



Wesley J. Smith reported on his blog (20 May 2009, "Outsourcing of Ethics: Biological Colonialism Approved by FDA"), "in a move geared to permit exploitation of the world's most destitute people, the FDA has apparently permitted drug companies to conduct research overseas that would be barred from the USA under pertinent ethical guidelines."

Smith cites Fiona Godlee, editor, *BMJ*: "Ethical standards are also being fudged at the US Food and Drug Administration. As Michael Goodyear and colleagues explain (doi:10.1136/bmj.b1559), trials performed outside the United States will no longer have to conform to the Helsinki Declaration even though they will be used to support licensing of drugs in the United States. Instead they will be regulated by the Good Clinical Practice guidelines: not an aspirational ethical code but a manual describing existing procedure for industry sponsored trials. This double standard could give the impression that the FDA is more interested in facilitating research than respecting the rights of people who are subjects of research." (*BMJ* 2009; 338:b1972)

Smith continued, "This is rank biological colonialism, permitting human research ethical rules to be ignored if done overseas, but then allowing the company to use the test results to justify its application for a license from the FDA for approval for clinical use of the products at home. The FDA excuses this rule on the basis that it has no jurisdictional control overseas. That may be true, but it can – and should — refuse to consider giving its approval to any product or drug that has not been tested under USA standards of ethics for human subjects — and animal care for that matter. This 'outsourcing of ethics' (a term I believe was coined by my friend William Hurlbut) says in essence, that people in foreign countries have less value and moral worth than Americans and can be used in ways in which we would not treat our own people. The FDA's unethical move needs to receive so much adverse publicity that the FDA quickly changes course."

On June 5th, Smith reported that biotechnology may be finding ways to replace animal research with experiments on human tissues. An article by Sam Lister, Health Editor, in the 5 June 2009 edition of

The Times Online entitled "Animal experiments could end in a generation," states, "The use of animal experiments could be replaced by research on 'virtual human beings' and tests on banks of living cells within a generation, scientists say. Computer modeling and advances in cell biology will allow researchers to assess new drugs far more precisely and without the involvement of animals. One innovation is the development of 'micro-lungs' — lung cells extracted from transplant tissue, grown in a laboratory culture and then tested with drops of toxicants such as cosmetics to assess the response." Smith doubts that animal research will ever be totally abandoned as there is sometimes a "need to study the impact on the entire animal, not just discreet parts of the animal. For example, animal research discovered that embryonic stem cells cause tumors when injected into the body. Merely injecting the cells into a mini lung might not have developed the same information."

Smith further warns that we "must make sure that these so-called 'virtual human beings' aren't really actual nascent human beings, or derived from destroying human embryos or fetuses. Alas, some in bioethics and biotechnology would be all too happy to use nascent human life in place of animals based on anti-human exceptionalism beliefs such as personhood theory, which measure moral worth based on cognitive capacities."

He continues, "Once technology develops allowing gestation outside of a woman's body, I predict that scientists and bioethicists will agitate for permission to research on living fetuses — an obscene instrumental use of human life (currently outlawed), which, as reported by Pamela Winnick in *A Jealous God*, was actually done in the late 1960's in the USA — one experiment on a 24 week living fetus even winning the Foundation Prize from the American Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology. (Along this same line, there have also been calls to use cognitively devastated patients in medical experiments in some of the world's most influential medical and bioethical journals.) Now, with so many among the intelligentsia thinking that biological humanity is, in and of itself, morally irrelevant, expect the drive to allow human experimentation on 'non persons' to become a huge controversy in the years to come."



2009 Diocese of Rockville Centre Respect Life Awards

Theme: "We are wonderfully Made by God." Congratulations to all!

Bookmark Design Level I

- 1st - Page Goldsmith, O.L.Q. of the Apostles School.
- 1st - Caitlyn Gibbons, O. L. Perpetual Help School
- 2nd- Emily Spizzirri, St. Martin of Tours School
- 2nd- Joelle Dakanay, O. L. of Victory School
- 3rd- Joseph Ferriso, Bro. Joseph C. Fox Latin S.
- 3rd- Rebecca Parabdin, Blessed Sacrament Parish
- 3rd- Tyler Tamulinas, Long Beach Catholic Reg.

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- 2nd- Myung Jo Chung, St. Dominic H.S.
- 3rd - Krystal Chuang, Kellenberg Memorial H.S.
- 3rd - Valerie Cayo, Holy Trinity Diocesan H.S.

Music Level I

- 1st - Ashley Wells, St. Martin de Porres Marianist S.
- 2nd- Amanda Ezechi, St. Mary School, East Islip
- 3rd - Thomas Palazzolo, St. Agnes Cathedral S.

Music Level II

- 1st - Nicole Piasio, O.L. of Mercy Academy
- 2nd- Monica Weitekamp, St. Dominic H.S.
- 2nd- Melody Sperl, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish
- 3rd - Kathryn Scuderi, Holy Trinity Diocesan H.S.
- 3rd - Victoria Ferrera, St. Patrick Parish, Huntington

Essay Level I

- 1st - Caroline Brown, St. Christopher School
- 2nd- Brigid Lavelle, St. Raymond School
- 3rd- Alannah Quinn, St. Agnes Cathedral School

Essay Level II

- 1st - Sarah Castellano, O.L. of Mercy Academy
- 2nd- Thomas Cunningham, Holy Trinity D.H.S.
- 3rd - Shannon O'Brien, Kellenberg Memorial H.S.

Poetry Level I

- 1st - Aliyah Allen, St. Mary Elem. S., Manhasset
- 2nd- Christopher Kuhner, St. Mary School, East Islip
- 3rd - Brooke Tarantino, St. Martin of Tours School
- 3rd - Jake Weiner, St. Matthew Parish

Poetry Level II

- 1st - Juliette DeVenoge, St. Mary H.S.
- 2nd- Michael Landro, St. Dominic H.S.
- 3rd - Jacqueline Celano, Sacred Heart Academy

Photography Level I

- 1st - Sarah Lynch, St. Mary Elem. S., Manhasset
- 2nd- Carolyn Brady, St. William the Abbot School
- 3rd - Paolo Fiore, St. Patrick School, Bay Shore

Photography Level II

- 1st - Russell Brown, Holy Trinity Diocesan H.S.
- 2nd- Ashlin Conroy, Kellenberg Memorial H.S.
- 2nd- Theresa Santos, St. Dominic H.S.
- 3rd- Patricia Mirando, St. Anthony Parish

Annual Birthright Boat Ride

Sat. July 25 - 4-8 PM

Departs Captree State Park

\$25 inc. food, beverages & music.

Must reserve.

Call Dick Campbell 516-781-2608.



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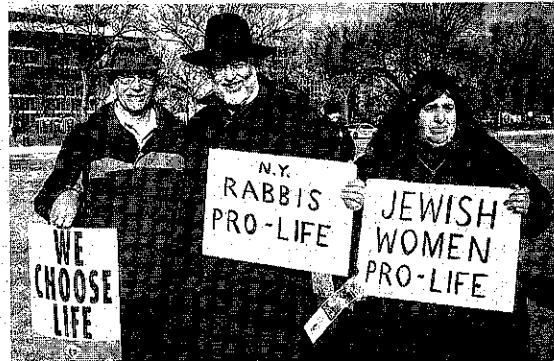
Pine Grove Campground, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Prayer & Witness

Contact 315-790-3551 frfrancis@ohsaratoga.com

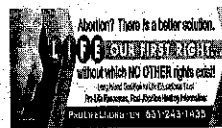
High School Newspapers

The LICL is interested in placing ads in high school newspapers. If your local high school has a newspaper and it has advertising, we would appreciate it if you would mail an old issue of the paper to our Nassau address: LICL P.O. Box 247, Old Bethpage, NY 11804. Thank you.



March
for Life
January
22, 2009

Bus Bench Ads



Have you seen the LI Coalition for Life bus bench ads located in Baldwin, Coram, Franklin Square and Levittown? There are currently 24 ads appearing on benches in

Nassau & Suffolk Counties! Help promote pro-life by distributing free business cards showing a colored picture of the bench message plus pregnancy care center contact information. On the back of the card is a handy chronology of the developing baby "Baby's Life Before Birth." Cards are available at our monthly LICL meetings.

JULY 2009 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR

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

PRO-LIFE WITNESSING SITES Prayer and Witness Save Lives!

Prayer vigil schedules at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer speak with the contact person listed below before going to a site and never witness alone. **PLEASE STAND WITH US. BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!**

Nassau County--Location

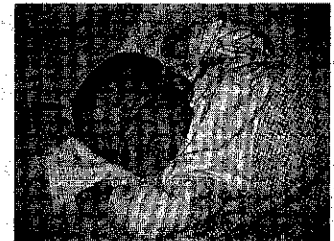
Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (516)
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-1 PM	741-3405
" " " "	(M) 4th Sa 10 AM	"
	Liturgy for Pre-born/Clergy	
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056
444 Community Dr, Manhasset	(W) Sa 7-8 AM	546-0290
64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead	(W) Sa 9-12 Noon	781-8699

IMPORTANT:

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

Suffolk County--Location

Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017
" " "	(M) 1 st Sa 9 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-7017
498 Rt 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-8217
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
240 Meeting House Ln-Southampton Hosp	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(M) 1st Sa 10:15 -11:30 AM	588-0168
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
755 New York Ave, Huntington	(W) Sa 11 AM-1 PM	796-7685
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 1 st Sa 10:15-11:30 AM	472-0033



Pro-Life Counseling Centers open on Saturday (in addition to their regular M-F schedule):

- 10 AM-Noon Life Center 35 Willow St, Massapequa at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle and next to Sizzler, 516-798-9100 and
- 10 AM-3 PM Life Center 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead 516-408-6300 (Bilingual counseling.)

PRO-LIFE VIEWING AND LISTENING - Programs weekly except Rev. Motley's "Open Mike."

- **LIFE ISSUES** -LICL (631-243-1435 www.ProLifeLI.org) All on Ch 20 (Public Access) Th 9 PM in eastern Suffolk; Sa 9 PM central & west Suffolk; and all Nassau Tu 9 PM. Send comments & suggestions for programs to LICL.
- **American Family Assn.** Cablevision: Ch 20 Th 8 PM, Ch 115 Mn 8 PM. Verizon LI Ch 38 Mn 8 PM, Sky Angel Ch 114
- **Contemporary Social Issues** Cablevision Ch 20 Nassau & western Suffolk Th 9 PM & central Suffolk Tu 1 PM
- **Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics-'Life Talk'** Brooklyn & Queens-Ch 34 (Time Warner) Ch 67 (Cablevision)-sch. pending. Hauppauge & Brookhaven-Ch 20 Mn 2:30 PM; Riverhead Ch 20 Mn 3:30 PM & Fr 1 PM; Woodbury Ch 20 8:30 PM
- **Telecare** Cablevision 29/Verizon 296-**Respecting the Gift of Life**, Su 12:30 PM, Mn 11:30 PM, We 4:30 AM & 1:30 PM, Fr 2 AM & 2:30 PM, Sa 3:30 AM
- **EWTN-TV "Defending Life"** Fr. Pavone, Sa 2:30 AM & Fr 10 PM, www.priestsfor life.org
- **Gospel of Life**-Angel One Ch 101 Sky Angel IPTV & Dish Ch 262 We 11:30 PM, on Catholic Familyland www.familyland.tv Su 1 AM, Mn 9 AM, We 3:30 AM & Th 11:30 PM
- **EWTN-Radio-Defending Life** Fr 1 AM, Sa 6:30 PM & Sun 5 AM www.ewtn.com; Catholic Connection-Priests for Life We 9:35 AM & Fr 9:10 AM
- **WMCA (570 AM) Focus on the Family** Mn-Fr 7:31 AM and 4:31 PM; **American Center for Law & Justice** Mn-Fr 12 Noon
- **WHPC (90.3 FM) Catholic Alternative** Su 8 AM, includes pro-life programming
- 90.7 FM Riverhead, **Rev. Duane Motley, Open Mike Program**, www.nycf.info/radioprogramindex.asp
- **On Line: National Pro-Life Radio** at NPLR.net; avemariaradio.net; ewtn.com

PRO-LIFE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES Needed: Prayer to change minds and hearts to respect all human life.

- Mn-Sa 7/1-31 Daily **ROSARY FOR LIFE** following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381
- Mn-Sa 7/1-31 Daily 9:30 AM **ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN/UNBORN** St Martin of Tours Bethpage, 516-938-1391
- Th 7/2 8/6 (W) After 7 PM **Mass ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE**, St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938
- Th 7/2 8/6 (W) 7-8 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration)
- Fr 7/3 8/7 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LIFE**, St Joseph, Kings Park
- Fr 7/3 8/7 (M) 9 AM **MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** and 4 PM Benediction, St Mark, Shoreham
- Fr 7/3 8/7 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park
- Fr 7/3 8/7 (M) 3-7 AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL**, St Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Su 7/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for Unborn

- Fr 7/3 8/7 (M) 8 PM-9 PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
- Fr 7/3 8/7 (W) 1:00 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540
- Fr 7/3 8/7 (M) 9 PM-3 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Miraculous Medal Church, Point Lookout, 516-593-8849
- Fr 7/3 8/7 (M) 7 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE & 8 PM MASS FOR LIFE** at Holy Name of Jesue RCC, Woodbury
- Fr 7/3 8/7 **NEW:** (M) 6 PM-9 AM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** (overnight), St Matthew (Chapel), Dix Hills
- Su 7/5 8/2 (W) 8-9 PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
- Mn 7/6 8/3 (W) 7 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St Catherine, Franklin Square
- Mn 7/6 8/3 (W) After 12:05 Mass **HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE** Notre Dame, New Hyde Park
- Mn 7/6 8/3 (W) 7:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, 516-889-5318
- Mn 7/6 8/3 (M) 10 AM-3 PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** St Rose of Lima, Massapequa (Fr Graham Chapel)
- Tu 7/7 8/4 (M) 9 AM-12:30 **MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENEDICTION** Sacred Heart, Cutchogue
- Fr 7/10 8/14 (M) 9 AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483
- Su 7/12 8/9 (M) 11:15 AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park
- Mn 7/13 8/10 (M) 8-9 PM **CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR** Molloy College, Sacred Heart Chapel 516-678-5000 x6304
- Th 7/16 8/20 (M) 1:15 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408
- Fr 7/17 8/21 (M) 9 PM-5:30 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa Park, 631-224-1089
- Mn 7/20 8/17 (M) 7:30 PM **ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY, LITANY FOR LIFE**, Christ the King, Commack, 631-486-2658
- Tu 7/21 8/18 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** St Patrick Church, Smithtown
- We 7/22 8/26 (M) 3 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE**, St Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 631-744-1676
- Fr 7/24 8/28 (M) 8-9 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, 516-541-3270
- Su 7/19 3 PM **DEANERY VI PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, 75 Parkside Dr, Pt. Lookout

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JULY

- Fr 7/3 1-2:30 PM **LICL'S FACE THE TRUTH**, Manorville. See Page 12.
- Fr 7/24-25 **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NAT'L CONFERENCE**, St Louis, Mo, 888-364-LIFE, info@lutheransforlife.org
- Sa 7/25 **ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT BOAT RIDE** Great South Bay, See Page 5.
- Mn 7/27 7:45 PM **LICL GENERAL MEETING**, Ronkonkoma. See Page 2.
- Tu 7/28 7:30 PM **KNIGHTS FOR LIFE**, Msgr. Delaney Council, Farmingdale. Keith Wilson 516-624-6328. All Welcome.

COMING EVENTS

- Sa 8/8 **LICL AT LONG ISLAND DUCKS GAME** (Allotment of LICL tickets all sold out. Thanks.)
- Fr 8/14-Su 8/16 **NYSRTL COMMITTEE'S PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP** for young Pro- Lifers See Page 12.
- Su 8/16-Sa 8/22 **OH SARATOGA!** Gathering for prayer, witness, etc. in Saratoga Springs, NY. See Page 5.
- Su 10/4 **STAND UP FOR LIFE** in Huntington & Manorville. See Page 1.
- Th 10/15 **LIFE CENTER DINNER DANCE**, Woodbury Country Club, Honoree: Msgr. James Vlaun. For info 516-318-3055
- Fr 10/16 **INFORMATIONAL EVENING OF HEALING & HOPE** from abortion. All are affected-all are invited. Christ the King RCC, Commack, 631-754-9141.



IN MEMORIAM - ANNA REMPE



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POLL: MORE AMERICANS CALLING THEMSELVES PRO-LIFE

by Associated Press writer David Crary. (Printed below is the first one-third of the full-page article.)

NEW YORK – a Gallup Poll released Friday [May 15, 2009] found that 51 percent of Americans now call themselves pro-life rather than pro-choice on the issue of abortion, the first time a majority gave that answer in the 15 years that Gallup has asked the question.

The findings, obtained in an annual survey on values and beliefs conducted May 7-10, marked a significant shift from a year ago. A year ago, 50 percent said they were pro-choice and 44 percent pro-life — in the new poll, 42 percent said they were pro-choice.

The new survey showed that Americans remained deeply divided on the legality of abortion — with 23 percent saying it should be illegal in all circumstances, 22 percent saying it should be legal under any circumstances, and 53 percent saying it should be legal only under certain circumstances.

The findings echoed a recent national survey by the Pew Research Center, which reported a sharp decline since last August in those saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases — from 54 percent to 46 percent. Taken together, the two polls have elated anti-abortion activists, who had been stung by the November election results that placed President Barack Obama and other abortion-rights supporters in power in Washington.

"Ironically, Obama's radical abortion policies and nominees may have helped make America more pro-life," said Wendy Wright, president of the conservative advocacy group Concerned Women for America.

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and 93% of all abortions occur for social reasons. (i.e. the child is unwanted or inconvenient.) We have seen the genocide of an entire generation of peoples.

Proponents of abortion act on the conviction that what is being aborted is less than a living human being. The historic Judeo-Christian view has been that life begins at conception. Only in our modern culture has the concept that an unborn child is not a human person been advanced.

The decision of *Roe vs. Wade* by the courts in 1973 legislated the concept of a woman's 'right to privacy'. In its decision, the Supreme Court held that an unborn child is not yet a person. *Roe vs. Wade* was not unlike the *Dred Scott* decision, which stated that African Americans were considered property and were not regarded as persons. In his medical textbook *Abortion Practice*, Warren Hern compares the unborn child to a 'parasite.' 'Parasite' was the exact word Hitler used to dehumanize Jews in his grotesquely anti-Semitic *Mein Kampf*. Slurs of this sort paved the way for Hitler, in 1935, to sign the Nuremberg Laws which codified the exclusion of Jews from German society. The next year, Germany's highest court would legalize the Holocaust. It then became legal to kill Jews. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe* did the same to the unborn in 1973, ruling that "the word person... does not include the unborn." It then became legal to kill unborn children. "What meaningful moral distinction can be drawn between the extermination of a newborn Jewish baby and the killing of any contemporary late-term unborn baby?" (Gregg Cunningham: Executive Director of Bioethical Reform).

In our own day the argument that pro-choice activists use to justify the killing of unborn babies is that a child in the mother's womb is merely a fetus; it is anything but a living child. Gloria Steinem, author, leader and spokesperson for feminism in the pro-abortion movement, said, "A woman should have the right to abortion just as she has a right to remove any parasitic growth from her body."

It should be self evident that a human life begins at the point of conception. The fertilized egg is alive and it possesses the genetic matter of a being distinct from the mother and father. At only two weeks after conception there is a discernible heartbeat. The circulating blood is the unborn baby's, not the mother's. At forty-three days brain waves are detectable, and there is evidence that the unborn child

can perceive pain. Since brain waves and heartbeat are considered 'vital' signs, why are some people so reluctant to admit that the unborn child is a distinct human life in the first trimester? In addition, the laws of genetics state that people make people, they do not make horses or mice. Thus, an unborn child conceived by a human female and a human male is a member of the human species. It is genetics that determine an individual's biological species.

Abortion--whatever else it may be-- is an act against nature. It violates natural law. Howard Feinberg defines natural law as, "God, or nature, or universal reason, has given humanity a law from which the norms of all human law must be derived." Natural law has a number of different sources. One of these is the laws of nations, by which, over the ages, regular patterns become apparent. An example of this would be the law against murder. Another is in 'first principles,' based in self-evident truths and universal sense of the way things ought to be. Yet another is in natural science, particularly the universal biological law of self-preservation. These Natural Laws provide arguments against the practice of abortion because abortion stands in contrast to the basic principle that all humans, whether born or unborn, have a right to life.

Throughout the Scriptures the truths that human life begins at conception cannot be legitimately challenged. Jeremiah, King David, and John the Baptist all speak of being known of God from conception (Jer. 1:5, Ps 51:5, Lk 1:15). The Scriptures also elevate the 'sanctity of human life', from conception, over and above all other creatures. It is because human beings are made in the image of God (Gen: 2:7, 5:1), that the unjust taking of a human life is considered murder (Gen: 9:6).

It is easy to destroy life when it is deemed inhuman. It is difficult to acknowledge our own responsibility for genocide, not unlike the citizen of Germany in the 1940's who allowed the destruction of over 6 million Jews. In our Nation's own history we too have witnessed the abuse and slaughter of Native Americans and African slaves. We likewise now struggle to rationalize our abortion brutality. It is sad to see a great nation such as ours, having fought and died for the freedom and rights of others, to become perpetrators of the largest genocide in the history of mankind.

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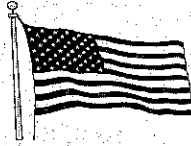
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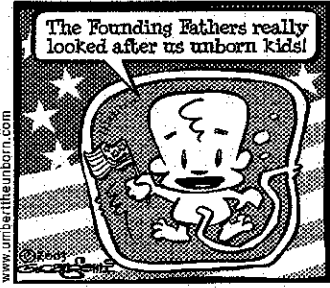
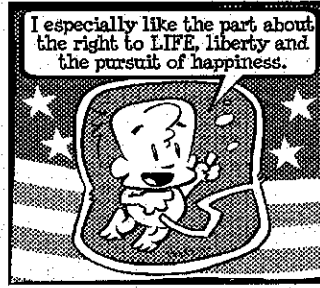
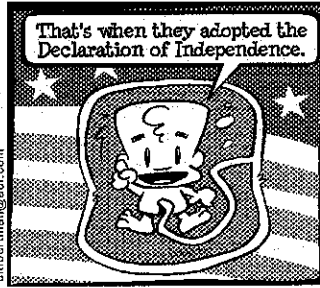
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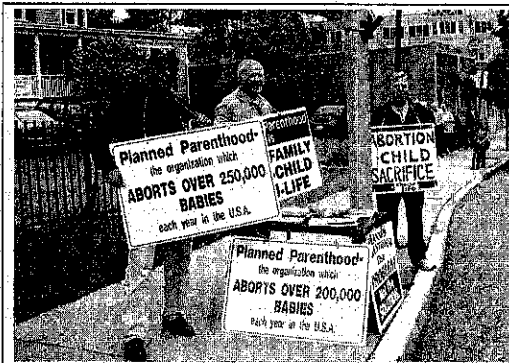
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