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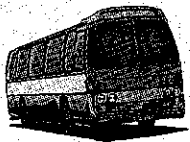
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"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel..." Matthew 1:23

2013 LICL and LICL Educational Trust Events - - 2014 Event Dates

Thanks to the many who answer the call, the many who join LICL in presenting a constant, visible, pro-life message throughout Nassau and Suffolk.



LICL buses to lobby in Albany in Jan. & May 2013.



LICL FTT Witness in Jan. & March at NUMC; July in Manorville. **2014 dates:** FTT Sun. Jan. 19 & Apr. 18 at NUMC; July 3 in Manorville.



Huntington 2013
Stand Up For Life **2014 date:** Oct. 5, 2014!



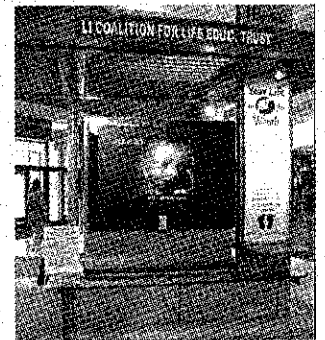
LICL Unmasking PP April & October in Bethpage State Park.



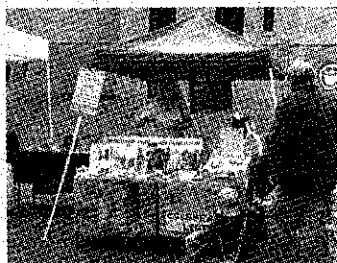
LICL Love Them Both Vigil, Feb. in Brentwood. **2014 date:** LTBV Feb. 15 in Massapequa.



LICL Ed Trust Oratory Contest April, Uniondale. **2014 date:** April 13



LICL Ed Trust Kiosk now at Westfield Sunrise Mall, Sunrise Hwy. & Carman's Rd., Massapequa 11758. Visit the kiosk when Christmas shopping.

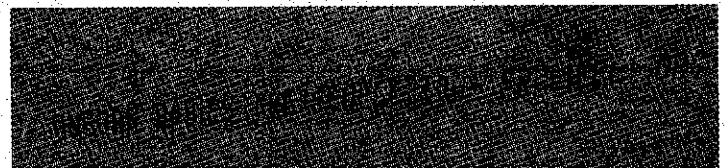


LICL booths at over 20 Street Fairs.

LICL Ed Trust presented Dr. Angela Lanfranchi at W. Islip Public Library Oct. 12.



LICL 40 Days for Life, Hempstead, Closing Day Rally, 11/3. **2014 date TBA**



LICL Ed Trust presented the pro-life message across LI beaches in July & August.

GET INVOLVED!
Join with the
LICL!

Please plan now to add one or more of these events to your right to life group, your youth group and your personal 2014 calendar! Your participation is important. Visibility matters!

Dear Defenders of Life,

There are many ways you can support the pro-life cause. You can do it through prayer, peaceful protests at abortion mills, and letters to editorial pages. You can also lobby against anti-life legislation like the so-called Reproductive Health Act in the New York State legislature which would enshrine in New York State law abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy. Finally you can support the pro-life cause through a financial contribution.

It is the last I am asking for in this letter. All of your contributions go directly to pro-life work. None of our officers or committee members receive any financial compensation. We are a totally volunteer organization. Our main purpose is educational. We publish our newsletter, *Life News*. We send speakers free of charge to high schools and colleges here on Long Island. We have sponsored training sessions for pro-life people so that they can spread the pro-life message to relatives, friends, and coworkers in a loving and respectful manner. We sponsor the largest pro-life event on Long Island, Stand Up For Life, on the first Sunday of October. This is a peaceful protest in front of the Huntington Mall on Rt. 110 and in Manorville, L.I. We also provide pro-life booths at community events, like street fairs, complete with fetal models of the unborn.

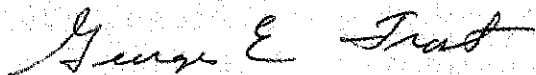
All of these efforts cost money. There have been fifty-five million abortions in the U.S. since the infamous Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. We know through modern ultrasound technology that these are tiny innocent human beings that are being killed. Abortion is not a religious issue. It is the fundamental human rights issue of our time. Our founding document the Declaration of Independence says that every human being has an inalienable right-to-life.

It is the old sad story that has been repeated down through the ages, those with power exclude from the human community some human beings without power. Slavery, genocide and abortion all spring from the same poisoned well: the end justifies any means; might makes right; the weak can be destroyed by the strong.

Who is more innocent and defenseless than the pre-born baby in the womb? Please help us end their slaughter with whatever contribution you can afford and together we can win the fight for all those little ones who cannot defend themselves and whose silent screams from abortion plead with us to at least **do something**.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

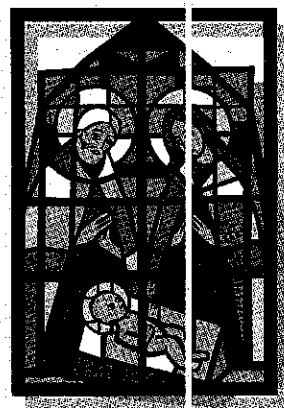
For His Innocents,



George E. Frost, Chair
Long Island Coalition for Life

P.S Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope and the coupon on page 7 to volunteer and/or send your year-end donation as soon as possible. We want to keep Long Island moving in the pro-life direction. Thank you.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Some members of the LICL have made the staff of *LifeNews* aware of replies they have received from their member of Congress - letters which defend the HHS contraceptive/sterilization/ abortifacient mandate. Quoting the 10/18/13 letter from Rep. Bishop as an example, (quotes are bolded), this column will respond to the three main points Rep. Bishop makes in defense of the mandate:

1) **"As you may know, a provision in the Affordable Care Act requires insurance companies to cover contraception without a co-pay. This requirement also includes a "conscience clause," wherein a religious organization whose doctrine prohibits contraception would be able to opt out of this rule, but only if their employees were predominantly of the same religion. It is important to note that this provision has been the law in New York since 2002."**

The Pro-Life reply - The NYS 'Clause' was part of the *Women's Health & Wellness Act*. Dennis Poust, (NYS Catholic Conference) called it... "a useless conscience clause." [See *NY Times*: April 4, 2002 & June 13, 2002] As the Becket Fund points out, with state mandates, "...religious organizations can simply opt out by self-insuring, or dropping prescription drug coverage." But the HHS Mandate requires "no cost" contraceptive & sterilization coverage for almost all persons.*

2) **"Some groups, including a number of Catholic charities and hospitals, view this clause as too narrow, excluding religious organizations whose employees are not predominantly of that religion. In response, the Obama administration announced a compromise where the cost of providing birth control coverage is taken on wholly by the insurer, not the organization. This modification has been welcomed by a number of religious affiliated organizations, including the Catholic Health Association, Catholic Charities, and the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. I believe this modification to the rule protects rights of conscience while also guaranteeing that women will have access to free birth control."**

The Pro-Life reply - This puts the Federal Government in charge of deciding what IS or IS NOT a religious institution. As James Madison said "Religion is wholly exempt from [the] cognizance" of political authority.' [Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments - 1785] Administration officials speak of "freedom of worship," not of broader "freedom of religion." As Cardinal George has said "...in the...former USSR...the church...could do nothing except conduct religious rites in places of worship -- no schools, religious publications, health care institutions, organized charity, ministry for justice and the works of mercy that flow

naturally from a living faith. All of these were co-opted by the government...." Following release of the HHS Mandate's final version (6/28/13), the US Conf. of Catholic Bishops said the "Accommodation" it contained addressed neither religious ministries or faithful secular employers. It was "a shell game" in which the insurers claimed to provide the objectionable services "for free," while the Church paid for everything else. [see www.USCCB.org] The Assoc. of Jesuit Colleges & U's, and Catholic Health Assoc. (not to be confused with the Catholic *Medical* Assoc., which opposes the Mandate) are both in support of the HHS Mandate. When the first 'Accommodation' was announced last year, Catholic Charities quickly said they were glad, but then withdrew support upon reflection. Catholic Charities is now part of many lawsuits against the Mandate. [see BecketFund.org]

3) **"I support the right of women to make their own decisions regarding reproductive health, and thus I support access to affordable birth control. One way to decrease the instance of abortion is by working to see that women have the resources and information they need to prevent unintended pregnancies. I will continue to work to ensure that all women have access to safe and affordable contraception."**

The Pro-Life reply - The Alan Guttmacher Institute is the former statistics wing of Planned Parenthood. Their 2006 and 2008 reports show that: 54% of woman were using the pill or a condom during the month they became pregnant, and women who have never used any birth control method account for 8% of abortions. Keith Riler suggests in *Americanthinker.com* (3/24/12) that most people who go on contraception are planning increased rates of sex. Thus, more pregnancies. See www.lifenews.com/2011/01/11/report-shows-contraception-failure-54-used-before-abortion, and www.womensissues.about.com/od/reproductiverights/tp/Ten-Abortion-Facts.htm.

* NOTES: a) Sterilization is a *surgical* procedure. b) *Plan B* and *ella* (morning after pills) are covered. We say they are abortifacients, because *Plan B's* BOX has the warning: "It may also prevent fertilization of a released egg...or attachment of a fertilized egg to the uterus (implantation)." www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2006/021045s0111bl.pdf

To discuss federal legislation: Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net.

To discuss state legislation, contact Jim Miller, at jimmiller9@aol.com.



Great Christmas Gift - bring a teen/college student to the **March for Life** on Wed., **Jan 22, 2014** in Washington D.C.
Visit marchforlife.org or call 202-234-3300.

HEALTH & SCIENCE

PVS, Euthanasia, & Assisted Suicide



Wesley J. Smith's article, 'The V-Word is as Bad as the N-Word' at www.firstthings.com (11/1/13) states, "Using the word 'vegetable' to describe people with a cognitive disability or impairment is profoundly dehumanizing. The victims of this characterization are as diverse as America: Members of the castigated class come from all races, ages, nationalities, genders, sexual orientations, and any other human identifier one can conjure. Indeed, any one of us could find ourselves entered among this disparaged group, and all of us have-or had-loved ones who could be so identified. [the V-word serves] to cast aspersion, debase, and degrade-toward the end that the victims of the epithet be seen as a lower order of being-and hence, as less worthy of respect and dignity."

Smith continued by recalling an episode of *Family Guy* which referred to Terri Schiavo as having 'mashed potato brains.' "There is more at stake here than hurt feelings. Demeaning any human being as no more important than a rutabaga opens the door to profound abuse. Indeed every day people with profound cognitive impairments are made to die slowly by dehydration by being denied tube-supplied food and water...It would have once been unthinkable to deny helpless patients basic sustenance. But as the cognitively impaired have become increasingly dehumanized-being branded 'non-persons' by mainstream thinkers in bioethics, is another example-it has become easier to do to them what is a horrible crime if done to a dog or horse. Not only that, if we come to see the cognitively devastated as merely the moral equivalent of plant matter, what's to stop us from harvesting their organs as we reap corn or wheat? Indeed, advocacy to do just that is becoming ubiquitous in the world's most influential medical and bioethics journals. For example, earlier this year an article published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* advocated 'changing homicide laws' so that organs could be removed from cognitively devastated patients before they die."

Smith acknowledges that this type of 'harvesting' is not happening yet, but he warns us that it has become 'respectable' to argue for it. He concludes, "Activists who struggle against racism and other forms of discriminatory thinking have long understood that the words we use matter in how we treat others. The same is true for our cognitively devastated brothers and sisters. If we are to have a truly equal and moral society, if our health care system is to have any chance of caring properly for the least of those among us, to use a Biblical turn of phrase, we need to watch our mouths as a means of cleansing our hearts. A good place would be to stop using the V-word to define any human being."

The website www.bioedge.org contained an article by Xavier Symons, 'Leading academics endorse euthanasia for

the 'weary in spirit'" (11/2/13), which states that bioethicists are now supporting euthanasia for those "weary of life". Symons reports that articles in the *Journal of Medical Ethics* push for law reform and "suggest that euthanasia is ultimately justified by existential suffering - a despair in life - and not some kind of physical illness. As existential suffering can come in many forms, be it a 'diagnosable' illness or non-medical despair, it should be permitted for those who, though not ill, have lost hope and have no prospect of regaining meaning in their lives." Symons states that one of the authors, Jukka Varelius, "suggests that questions of the worth, meaning and value of life are the key considerations when deciding whether to grant euthanasia. He proposes that the presence of medical illness may not be as important a consideration as we once thought."

Michael Cook reported on 11/9/13 at www.bioedge.org ("Belgian debate over child euthanasia heats up") that Belgium doctors are now debating euthanasia for minors. An open letter by 16 pediatricians asked, "Why deprive minors of this last possibility? Experience shows us that in cases of serious illness and imminent death, minors develop very quickly a great maturity, to the point where they are often better able to reflect and express themselves than healthy people." The letter acknowledges that the practice is already taking place and legalization will take it out of a "dark zone".

Wesley J. Smith reported at www.nationalreview.com on 11/8/13 (Oregon Tightens Duty to Die on Cancer Patients) that Oregon is further limiting access to care for low-income patients in their Medicaid program. Smith quotes from an opinion piece by Peter J Pitts in the *Statesman Journal*, "These new guidelines require that Medicaid deny coverage for certain cancer treatments for patients that have been deemed 'too' sick, haven't responded well to previous treatments, or can't care for themselves...Oregon bureaucrats are severely restricting access to care and dooming potentially thousands of local patients to a premature death...Oregon's new Medicaid guidelines take treatment decisions out of the hands of doctors and patients and put them in the hands of distant state bureaucrats willing to cut costs no matter the human toll."

Judy Brown at American Life League states, "It is vitally important to understand that everyone's most basic right-the right to life-is in jeopardy when our law and collective morality no longer view all persons as equally worthy of life, solely on the basis of our common humanity...we must educate ourselves and others about the growing threat of euthanasia, vigorously oppose its legalization and pray for the wisdom and compassion to properly comfort, care for and dissuade those considering suicide."

Written by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1135

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

PRO-LIFE WITNESSING SITES PLEASE STAND WITH US. BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!

Prayer vigil schedules at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. Never witness alone.

Nassau County--Location

540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead

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35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa
444 Community Dr, Manhasset

Suffolk County--Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

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595 Hampton Rd, Southampton
240 Meeting House Ln-Sthampton Hosp
42 First Ave, Brentwood
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge
540 E. Main St, Riverhead
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue
755 New York Ave, Huntington

Day/Time	Contact Phone (516)
(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	741-3405
(M) 1st Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	741-3405
(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056
(W) Sa 7:30-8:30 AM	546-0290

Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)
(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017
(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-7017
(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
(W) Sa 9:45-11:15 AM	265-2736
(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894
(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-0033
(M) 3rd Tu 2:30-4:30 PM	875-2245

IMPORTANT:

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



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites: Life Center of L.I. (three locations):

Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, open Mn, Tu, Th, Fr 10 AM-4 PM, Wed 10 AM-8 PM & Sa 9 AM-Noon; Hempstead 516-408-6300, 507 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (Bilingual) open Mn,Tu,We,Th,Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9 AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, open Mn 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-3 PM. (Closed Sa);

Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk, Smithtown, call for hours 631-360-7707.

EVENTS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE IN LIFE NEWS

Tu 12/3 7:30 PM Dr. John Hassett speaks on **THE CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE UNDER THE NEWAFFORDABLE CARE ACT**. Seminary, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington, NY 11743. Sponsor: www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org., 631-896-8331.

We 12/4 7PM Barbara Samuells to speak: **THE HHS MANDATE AND THE WORK OF CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION**. Corpus Christi School, Youth Ministry Rm., (entry level) 155 Garfield Ave. & NewHyde Park Rd, Mineola 11501. Sponsor: www.catholicforfreedomofreligion.org, 631-896-8331.

Fr 12/20 9 PM - 5 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL**, St. Anne, 88 Second Ave, Brentwood, in Convent Chapel. Mass 10 PM & 5 AM. 631-224-1089.

We 1/22/2014 **MARCH FOR LIFE**, Washington, DC marchforlife.org . Register bus with LICL, DRVC, and March For Life office 202-234-3300.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN A. BERTONE

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GOOD NEWS: Miss World 2013 Megan Lynne Young



The 23-year old has stated: "I'm against abortion." "My beliefs are, no abortion."

Source: LifeNews.com 10/14/13

R.I.P. Lawrence Washburn was one of the leading pro-life attorneys representing peaceful prayerful protesters outside of abortion clinics to save the lives of babies who were about to be aborted. He died in Vermont on 10/13/13 where he had retired with his wife. In *Byrn v. NYC Health and Hospitals Corp.* he sought to have Prof. Robert M. Byrn of Fordham Law School named Guardian Ad Litem to protect babies who would have been aborted under the new New York State abortion statute. He also handled the famous "Baby Jane Doe" case, *Weber v. Stony Brook Hospital* (1983), and many other cases. He was known as a true gentleman of the law.
- Submitted by Rebekah Sherry and attorney Robert Winnemore.

You're Invited!

The Long Island Coalition for Life will hold our general meeting and elections on **Mon., Dec. 16 at 7:45 PM** at the Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville, 11801. Please join us for the meeting as well as refreshments to thank our member groups and celebrate Christmas. **ALL ARE WELCOME !** Info call LICL: 631-243-1435 between 9 AM - 7 PM.

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Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today,
Tomorrow & Forever,
for Thine is the Kingdom,
the Power, & the Glory
are Yours now & Forever.
Amen

Dominick J. DeFiore & my special son Michael.


"Salvation is from our God who is seated on the throne and from the lamb!" Rev. 7:10

"Praise and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving and honor power and might to our God forever and ever. Amen!" Rev. 7:12

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Website: Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org.



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Sun., Dec. 15 2-6:00 PM

Swan Club, 90 Glenwood Rd., Roslyn 11576
Honoring Patricia Pryor-Bonica
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8:30 AM St. Frances de Chantal, 1309 Wantagh Ave.
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Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Prayer Vigil/Rosary

Sat., Dec. 28 5:45PM

In front of Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave (Rt. 24), Hempstead. About 1 mile west of Hostra. Dress warmly. For info: fortyDFLLI@gmail.com

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Sun. Jan. 19 1:30-3 PM

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