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Creating Dialogue on Abortion to Reach Hearts and Minds

Interactive Workshop with Steve Wagner, Executive Director of

JUSTICE FOR ALL

SATURDAY MARCH 9th, 2024

Sons of Italy Hall, 2075 Deer Park Ave., Deer Park

Part I: 9:00 AM - Noon (Check-in 8:45 AM) Part II: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Check-in 12:45 PM) Each part includes different content. Attend either part or attend both for the best experience. Pizza lunch: Noon - 12:45 PM: No charge for participants.

*** WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND? Find Your Passion For The Cause! *** The pro-lifer's goal is to bring more people into the right to life movement - that's how the killing ends. Join us and learn to create a productive abortion conversation.

No admission fee. Free will donation at the event (\$10 or any amount) to support the LICL



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Registration not required, but encouraged to arrange for food & materials. Indicate Part I and/or Part II, pizza. Get information about the workshop content & to register at www.jfaweb.org/2024-03-LICL or LICL: www.prolifeLI.org or info@prolifeLI.org or 631-243-1435 (speak clearly)

51st Annual MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 19, 2024 - Washington, D.C.

Pre-Concert - 11 AM - noon Rally - noon - 1 PM March - 1 - 4 PM Theme for 2024: With Every Woman, for Every Child



Visit marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life for ALL information.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

On Friday, January 19, 2024, Bishop Barres will be in Washington, D.C. for the March for Life and welcomes anyone to St. Joseph on the Hill for refreshments and a blessing for the return trip. For more info, visit drvclife.org/march-for-life/ or contact respectlife@drvc.org.

SAVE THE DATE! June 24, 2024 March for Life NY in Albany

Annual Respect Life Mass

Sun., Jan. 14 at 2 PM St. Patrick's Cathedral NYC For info: sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org Sponsored by Sisters of Life



Our Lady of Guadalupe Memorial Mass Wed., Dec. 27 - 7:30 PM

St. James R/C Chapel, 80 Hicksville Rd., Seaford Keith Wilson 516-633-1435 All welcome.

You're Invited The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Upcoming meetings are Mondays,

Jan. 22 at 7:45 PM at St. Joseph RCC Parish Center, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma and Feb. 26 at 7:30 PM at Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville.

Guest Speaker at Jan. meeting will be Joe Cipriano. Joe is part of March for Life NY and will have a slide-show presentation on the March as well as share more information. With abortion laws returned to the states, and NYS having extreme pro-abortion laws, we need to be vigilant and get involved.

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

March for Life in Albany, NY - June 24, 2024

2024 Oratory Contest

Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust

What: Pro-life speech (5-7 minutes in length) on a topic listed below. Eligibility: 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, including home-schooled students

When: Saturday, March 2. 2024

Where: Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville

Topics: Abortion, Assisted Suicide, Bioethics (as it relates to pro-life), Black Genocide (through abortion),

Cloning/Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Ectogenesis, Eugenics (as it relates to pro-life), Euthanasia, Fetal Development (in the context of abortion), Infanticide, Legal Points - Right to Life, Men &

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Questions: 516-672-3957 For more info visit ProlifeED.org/Events.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The 118th Congress begins its second year in January. Bill numbers from 2023 are retained. We support:

HR.398: the *Protecting Life and Integrity in Research Act*- bans HHS from funding or doing research using aborted fetal tissue. **HR.431:** *Life at Conception Act* - full

Constitutional rights.

HR.1074/S.471: Women's Public Health & Safety Act - to allow States to deny Medicaid funds to abortion providers. HR.1771: Pregnancy Resource Center Defense Act - sets penalties for attacks on PRCs or places of worship.

HR.1575/S.565: *Pregnancy Center Security Act* – The HHS Secretary must fund PRC's Security and Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades.

HR.5577/S.3017: FACE Act repeal.

HR.6459: *No Abortion Coverage for Medicaid* (and CHIP) *Act.*

HR.6460: No Taxpayer Abortions for Unaccompanied Minors Act.

HR.7/S.62 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion & Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act. (No LI Reps are Co-Sponsors) This bill modifies provisions relating to federal funding for, and health insurance coverage of, abortions. It prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions or for health coverage that includes abortions. Abortions may not be provided in a federal health care facility or by a federal employee. The Hyde Amendment contained this language. This bill makes the restrictions permanent and extends the restrictions to all federal funds rather than specific agencies. Exceptions for rape, incest, or where a physical disorder, injury, or illness endangers a woman's life unless an abortion is performed are included in the bill, as they were in the Hyde Amendment. The bill also prohibits qualified health plans from including coverage for abortions, and also must disclose abortion coverage up front. Currently, qualified health plans may cover abortion, but the portion of the premium attributable to abortion coverage is not eligible for subsidies. Contact your LI reps and ask them to Co-Sponsor this bill.

George Santos was expelled by the House at the end of November. There will be a Special Election on February 13, 2024 to fill the vacant seat for the 3rd Congressional District. Former Rep. Tom Suozzi is the Democrat nominee. As of the print date, the Republican nominee had not been announced.

In November, 27 GOP Senators wrote to Defense Secretary Austin demanding he end the Pentagon's policy of paying for servicewomen's abortion travel. On December 1st, 20 House GOP members lauded Sen. Tuberville for 'holding' the bulk promotions of 300+ military officers due to the abortion policy. On Dec 1st Sen. Tuberville withdrew the 'hold', except for 4-star generals as the Senate prepared to pass a resolution to bypass the hold.

When HHS tried to undo some Trump era Title X rules, 11 'red' States went to Court. The 6th Circuit ruled (Dec 1) that Title X recipients can now refer patients for abortions. News reports disagree on the mandate that family planning and abortions must stay strictly separated. The court's

ruling is for Ohio only. No other State proved they'd lost Title X funds.

HHS proposed rule changes to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) that would exclude PRCs (Pregnancy Resource Centers). Many states send some of the block-granted TANF funds to PRCs, as they meet most, or all of, the 4 main goals of the program. The Administration argued PRCs deal with women already pregnant, instead of preventing pregnancy. A coalition of pro-life Senators and Congressmen sent a letter to HHS Secretary Becerra stating the proposed rule would strip PRCs of vital funding and urged Becerra to withdraw the Proposed Rule immediately. The comment period for this proposed rule ended December 1st.

A case before the Supreme Court involves the Biden Administration, Idaho, and Texas. The EMTALA law says if a hospital takes Medicare, anyone who comes to the ER with a medical emergency must be stabilized. The Administration insists that includes abortion if the ER doctor says one is 'needed'. The States say that violates their pro-life laws, which *have life of the mother* exceptions.

Terrisa Bukovinac, a pro-life, progressive feminist, is running to be the 2024 Democratic Presidential Candidate. The FCC says TV stations can't censor campaign ads. Her ad shows the 5 late-term aborted fetuses she and others found at the DC Surgi-Center. Twitter (X) won't allow the ad.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The NYS Legislature is set to resume session in early January. There will be a major effort to pass the so-called Equality

Amendment (Bill S.108-A-Krueger/A.1283-Seawright). It will be on the November 2024 ballot. If this proposed state constitutional amendment is approved by the voters, it will create a state constitutional right to "Reproductive Healthcare and Autonomy," and engrave nearly unlimited abortion into the NYS Constitution.

Related bills are also being pushed to make sure that in New York, abortions will be made available for anyone, at any time, from anywhere, and when needed, at taxpayer expense. We must make an effort to defeat this legislation by voting and contacting our representatives.

Assisted Suicide will also be pushed again in this legislative session.

One piece of good news recently is that the Sisters of Life won their lawsuit against the NYS Department of Health regarding the privacy of pro-life pregnancy centers. The DOH was attempting to intimidate these centers by demanding access to sensitive information about the center's policies (including donor names).

ACTION ITEM:

Contact your representatives regarding these bills and policies. Visit their local offices. For contact info on legislators at all levels go to: prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative, or usa.gov/elected-officials

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

The Moral Position on Abortion



Carmel Richardson published an article entitled "It's Not the Pro-Life Argument That's Losing" at The American Conservative on 11/10/23. Reflecting on the Ohio ballot initiative which resulted in an amendment to the state constitution that sanctions abortion with almost no limits, she stated, "Winning is a skill that has eluded the pro-life movement from the beginning. The very existence of *Roe* was proof the movement had lost the rhetorical battle before it had begun. Its overturn in 2022 came far too late to matter in terms of public opinion, which was settled in favor of elective abortion many years prior. Results like Tuesday's [Ohio ballot initiative] are just the latest in a long line of proofs that what has been done to take back the public square since 1973 has been insufficient." Ohio Senator J.D. Vance stated, "We've spent so much time winning a legal argument on abortion that we've fallen behind on the moral argument."

Richardson wrote, "Not only have we fallen behind on the moral argument, many have all but abandoned it. The pro-life movement has been rhetorically apologizing for *Dobbs* ever since it was handed down, trying to prove its moderation with compromise and side-stepping, as though suddenly ashamed of the belief that human life begins at the moment of conception. To this end, a mere 15-week abortion ban has been touted as the winning measure in moderate precincts." She noted that the managing editor of The American Conservative, Jude Russo, said the movement needs to investigate the causes of all the failures and "regain confidence in the rightness of its own cause."

Just prior to the Ohio vote Governor DeWine said he would draft a new law with exceptions for rape and incest if the initiative failed, instead of standing firm against the initiative. Richardson commented, "Nothing suggests "there is no real moral case against abortion" like pro-life leaders continually moving the goalposts on when it is acceptable to kill an unborn child. The logic of moderation, which finds the middle point between two opposed ideas and sets up camp, is unconvincing always, but especially when life and death are involved. Meanwhile, the pro-death camp is racking up fantastic wins, not by compromise and moderation but by precisely the opposite tactic."

She concluded, "If life does begin at conception, the argument is neither too complicated for voters to comprehend, nor too bitter a pill to swallow. There is nothing backwards about laws against murder. There is nothing anti-woman about saving women's lives... If the pro-life leaders were willing to stand up and

make these arguments, the story in Ohio may have been an entirely different one. The pro-life movement would be in a very different place if its leaders spoke with the moral confidence of those who actually *believe* that life begins at conception, rather than harping on 15 weeks...The problem, then, is business as usual: The arguments for life have not been tried and found unconvincing, they have been found hard and not seriously tried. But the cause is right, and the truth will prevail if given a chance."

Abortion Statistics

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently released its report on abortion in the US for 2021. The proabortion Guttmacher and the Society for Family Planning organizations rely on abortion 'providers' for their statistics. The CDC uses voluntary submissions from state health departments. Not every state reports the same data, and some states don't report at all. But the CDC uses a standard format to identify trends and make comparisons. In 2021, abortions went up 5,000 from the previous year and abortion rates and ratios were at levels not seen for more than five years. The CDC reported 625,978 abortions for 2021. However, the full national total is between 900,000 and 1 million when estimates for the states that didn't report are included.

The abortion rate was 11.6 per thousand women of reproductive age (15-44), higher than any year since 2015. The abortion ratio (the number of abortions for every thousand live births) was 204 in 2021. It had not been above 200 since 2012. There were higher percentages of abortions in states with liberal abortion laws that bordered states with stricter abortion laws. Abortion rates dropped for most age groups but rose for women 30-34 years of age. The abortion rate for black women was four times that of white women (28.6 to 6.4). The abortion rate for Hispanic women was almost twice the rate for white women (12.3 to 6.4). However, many states with higher minority populations do not report this data to the CDC. Unmarried women account for 87.3% of abortions. 43.7% reported at least one previous abortion. 7.7% reported having three or more past abortions. Nine out of every ten abortions occur in the first trimester. 6.6% are done at 14 weeks or more, and 0.9% are done at 21 weeks or more.

The CDC reported that 44.8% of abortions were done at six weeks or less – an increase over previous years. This is the result of using MVA – manual vacuum aspiration as well as the abortion pill. The CDC stated that 56% of all abortions are now chemical (pill) abortions. Counting chemical abortions is difficult, especially since pills can be purchased online and sent by mail, even to women in states where it is banned.

Even though government agencies miss a significant number of abortion-related complications and maternal deaths, the CDC did report that 6 women died from legal abortions in 2020. (These reports are always a year behind the other reports.)

"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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Women First Pregnancy Options: (Four locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa), Smithtown 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave.

Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

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

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

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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.
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The Reproductive Rights Task Force (RRTF),

which was established in July 2022, recently 'celebrated' its record and promised more of the same. The DOJ has won 23 of the 24 cases prosecuted under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act since January 2021. The criminalization of pro-life activity has massively increased since the *Dobbs* decision. Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta stated the task force will "continue to work creatively and relentlessly to use all our available tools to protect" abortion. Attorney General Merrick Garland said the DOJ "will not cease its efforts" to keep the abortion pill legal. Gupta said the DOJ is "closely monitoring" any "emergent threats" presented by state laws that protect the unborn. "We are committed to doing all we can. There is no understating the devastation wrought by the *Dobbs* decision. It dealt a devasting blow to the abortion industry, increasing the urgency of our work, including enforcement of the FACE Act." The FACE Act supposedly protects abortion facilities and pro-life PRCs. Of the 130 uses of the act since 1994, 126 were to defend abortion providers and only 4 were for pro-lifers or churches, even though PRCs are 22 times more likely to be attacked than abortion facilities. Matthew M. Graves, US Attorney for the District of Columbia said pro-life advocates had to be brought to heel – "no one is entitled to deprive other people of their civil rights." The Senate bill to repeal the FACE Act S.3017 has 5 co-sponsors. The House companion bill HR.5577 has 24 co-sponsors. (Ben Johnson, LifeNews.com, 12/7/23)

Face the Truth - Jan. 21, 2024

While we celebrate the overturning of Roe v Wade, tiny children in the womb are still being aborted throughout Long Island, as abortion on demand through all 9 months is legal in NYS. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the



Truth event on Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow). This peaceful event is held as a public witness against the tragedy of abortion. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs available. Sponsored by LICL: (631) 243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

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