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"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." Dr. Mildred Jefferson

## In memory of Lawrence (Larry) Cervellino by George Frost

We lost another truly great pro-life warrior this past December. Larry Cervellino passed away into the

loving arms of Christ whom he served so faithfully throughout his entire life. Larry was a real leader in the fight against the culture of death.

Larry was an aircraft pilot for the 6<sup>th</sup> fleet from 1946 to 1955. In the latter part of his life Larry chose to do battle with one of the truly evil institutions in our society, Planned Parenthood. According to Planned Parenthood's own records, they have killed over 320,000 preborn babies in the U.S. last year, about one-third of all abortions.

As Chair of the Long Island Coalition for Life's Committee to challenge Planned Parenthood, he and his loving wife Johanna sent letters to high schools in Suffolk and Nassau Counties for many years, advising them of the dangerous impact PP was having on their students, particularly through their teen health conference, which thankfully no longer takes place.

Larry's indefatigable opposition to Planned Parenthood was most evidenced by the demonstrations he led outside of the Smithtown Planned Parenthood every Wednesday and Saturday mornings **for over twenty years.** During that time Larry documented over 200 turn-arounds (preborn babies saved). During February of 2015 we had four consecutive Saturday mornings with wind chill temperatures at or close to zero. This heroic man, almost 90 years of age, did not miss one Saturday morning! That, my pro-life brothers and sisters, is the personification of dedication to the pro-life movement.

Well done good and faithful servant. May the over 200 babies you directly saved remember you in their prayers and the millions of unborn victims of abortion welcome you to paradise.

**Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor hail** - no we aren't talking about the USPS, we're talking about the dedicated pro-life people around our Nation and those shown in the photos below.



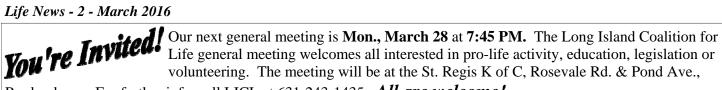
Prayer Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, Smithtown on January 22, 2015. Photo courtesy of J. Peters

In spite of the blizzard, tens of thousands of pro-lifers participated in the March for Life in Wash. D.C. Many Long Islanders were unable to attend; however, the young ladies pictured here were able to be there with their schools for the Friday morning events.



Photo courtesy of A. Miller





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



## **The Annual Oratory Contest** for 11th and 12th year students will be held on Sun., 4/24/2016 in Uniondale. For information call Maryjane McQuade at 516-599-5296, MiKev@verizon.net.



We have only one letter writer to report this month. We thank Robert Dougherty, Esq. whose letter appeared in the Garden City News. We urge all our pro-life friends to step

up their efforts with more letters to get out the message of our moral obligation to protect the unborn. Please send published letters to the LICL so we can acknowledge them in Life News.

Watch the Schools! Has the Planned Parenthood organization been invited to your school? If yes, contact LICL to arrange for pro-life speakers. 631-243-1435.





PRAYERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE, Mon., 3/7, 7:30 PM Christ the King RCC, 2 Indian Head Road,

Commack 11725 - Sponsored by CTK Respect Life Group, led by Deacon Lou Anetrella. Call Marion 631-486-2658 or Ann at 631-754-9141.

## ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL

Fri., 3/18, 9 PM – Sat. 3/19, 5:30 AM (34th Vigil Anniversary), St. Anne Church, Second Ave, Brentwood, in Convent Chapel. Mass 10 PM and 5 AM. Contact Anne 631-224-1089.



## Zika Virus

Mei-Li Garcia wrote at www.lifesitenews.com on 2/2/16, "The forces of death and misery of the pro-abortion industry are at it again, and they are doing their best to use a troubling item in the news to scare and intimidate strongly prowoman and pro-child Latin American countries into loosening restrictions on abortion. The Zika virus is the tool du jour....it becomes very clear that the publicity surrounding this story has very little to do with medicine and a lot to do with a convenient crisis that is being used by those pushing for the legalization of abortion around the world... According to the CDC, "Zika virus infections have been confirmed in infants with microcephaly, and in the current outbreak in Brazil, a marked increase in the number of infants born with microcephaly has been reported. However, it is not known how many of the microcephaly cases are associated with Zika virus infection. Studies are underway...including the role of other contributory factors (e.g., prior or concurrent infection with other organisms, nutrition, and environment)." Ana Carolina Caceres, a 24-year-old journalist with microcephaly stated, "People need to put their prejudices aside and learn about this syndrome [the Brazilian health minister] said that Brazil would have a 'damaged generation' because of microcephaly...What is damaged is your statement, sir...abortion is a short-sighted attempt to tackle the problem. The most important thing is access to treatment: counseling for parents and older sufferers, and physiotherapy and neurological treatment for those born with microcephaly...Microcephaly is an ugly name but it's not an evil monster...I survived, as do many others with microcephaly. Our mothers did not abort. That is why we exist."

## Highlights of the Marist Poll sponsored by the Knights of Columbus conducted Nov 15-22, 2015:

- \*81% of Americans would restrict abortion to, at most, the first trimester, including 82% of the women polled and 66% of the 'pro-choicers' polled
- \*77% of Americans say that laws can protect both mother and unborn child, including 79% of the women polled and 71% of the 'pro-choicers' polled (17% disagree)
- \*55% of Americans say that abortion ultimately does a woman more harm than good, including 56% of the women polled and 27% of the 'pro-choicers' polled
- \*60% of Americans say abortion is "morally wrong," including 61% of the women polled and 33% of the 'pro-choicers' polled
- \*68% of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, including 69% of the women polled and 51% of the 'prochoicers' polled (29% of Americans support taxpayer funding of abortion)
- \*61% of Americans support laws that would ban abortion after 20 weeks, except to save the life of the mother, including 60% of the women polled and 62% of the 'pro-choicers' polled
- \*51% of Americans believe health care providers and organizations should have the right to opt out of providing abortion services if they have moral objections, including 50% of the women polled and 34% of the 'pro-choicers' polled (Source: www.kofc.org/polls)



## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

As noted in the Jan/Feb 2016 issue of *Life News*, efforts were made in Congress late last year to include a *HealthCare Conscience Rights Act*, and the *Abortion Non*-

*Discrimination Act* in the *Labor/HHS/ Education Appropriations Act* (**HR.3020**).

But as Congress moved toward adjournment in mid-December, **HR.3020** was combined with many other bills, into **H.R.2029**, the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016* (aka Omnibus bill). HCCRA and ANDA did not survive the final negotiations over the bill, despite "a Herculean job, extraordinary job" by Speaker Ryan to keep them in, said pro-life Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ). Our LI Reps vote on the final 'Omnibus' bill - King & Zeldin: *Yea* / Israel, Meeks, Rice: *Nea*. Pres. Obama signed 12/18/15.

**HR.2820**, the *Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act*, became Law 12/18/15. Introduced by Rep. Smith (R-NJ), it reauthorizes the National Cord Blood Inventory program and a Cell Transplant program, through FY2020. Both help to match bone marrow and cord blood to non-related patients. House & Senate passed it unanimously (Note: these are <u>Adult</u> Stem Cells).

On 1/8/16, **HR.3762** *Restoring Americans Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act*, was vetoed, as promised, by the President. (*LN*, Dec 2015, p.3 describes this bill). The House announced an over-ride attempt, first for Jan. 22, then Jan. 26, but came the blizzard. The House attempted an override vote on Feb 2, but at 241-186, it was short of the 290 needed. [King & Zeldin: Yea / Israel, Meeks, Rice: Nea. (Yea vote = override)

On 1/12/16 U.S. District Court (southern OH) Justice Susan Dlott granted class action status to approximately 300 conservative/ Tea Party organizations who had applied for IRS tax exemptions, but said they were delayed by requests for excessive and intrusive info. Their suit can now proceed. [*investors.com*, 1/14/16]. A recent GAO report suggests the IRS hasn't stopped its unfair scrutiny. Grover Norquist (*Americans for Tax Reform*) said the IRS's delaying tactics may have swung the 2012 election to Pres. Obama. The *Washington Examiner* had reported (5/17/13) that Coalition for Life of Iowa was asked by the IRS, 'Please detail the content of the members of your organization's prayers'.

On Jan. 14 Planned Parenthood sued David Daleiden, (of *Center for Medical Progress*) maker of the undercover 'aborted baby-parts' videos for, 'a scheme of falsehoods to demonize PP'. Daleiden said he looks forward to the suit: it will allow him to take depositions from PP CEOs. On Jan. 25, Daleiden and Sandra Merritt, (his assistant), were indicted by a Harris County (TX) Grand Jury, charged with creating and using forged ID to make the 5th video in Houston. They're also charged with buying aborted baby parts, yet PP (the alleged seller) will not be

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charged, said the DA. Operation Rescue said that in 2013, the same DA failed to have charges returned against a notorious local abortionist.

In Iowa, Hillary Clinton said Barack Obama would make a fine Supreme Court justice. He later demurred the honor.

*Zubik v. Burwell*, a request for full exemption from the HHS abortifacient/sterilization/contraceptive Mandate, by seven religious non-profits, (including the *Little Sisters*), will be argued before the Supreme Court on March 23.

With the impending blizzard, attendance at the 2016 March for Life was down, and nearly invisible on the "main -stream" media. But the stories of the returning mid-west students, stuck on the PA Tpke., finally broke through.

#### ACTION ITEM: Sample message to your Representa-

**tive:** Since the 'Omnibus' bill failed to keep Conscience Protection, I urge you to please bring **HR.940**, the *HealthCare Conscience Rights Act*, up for a YES vote."

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## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

A search of the New York State Legislative agenda shows several bills related to

"reproductive health."

There are two **physician assisted suicide bills** currently in committee in the NYS Legislature: **A.5261B** (Paulin)/ **S.5814** (Bonacic) and **A.2129A** (Rosenthal)/ **S.3685** (Savino). A lawsuit has also been filed by an assisted suicide advocacy organization to overturn NY's ban. New York's current law prohibits assisting in suicide by anyone, including doctors who prescribe lethal doses of drugs. This law was challenged in 1994 and upheld as constitutional by the US Supreme Court in Vacco vs. Quill in 1997. (See page 4.)

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

## LOBBY OPPORTUNITITES IN ALBANY

- **Tuesday, 3/15/16** New Yorker's Family Research Foundation (NYFRF) Legislative Day 585-225-2220, www.newyorkfamilies.org
- Wednesday, 4/13/16 New York State Right to Life Committee Lobby for Life Day 518-434-1293, www.nysrighttolife.org

## HEALTH & SCIENCE Physician Assisted Suicide



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The 2011 Code of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association states, "Allowing physicians to participate in assisted suicide would cause more harm than good. Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks." The 2015 position statement of the Medical Society of the State of New York reads in part, "Compelling arguments have not been made for medicine to change its footing and to incorporate the active shortening of life into the norms of medical practice."

The Memorandum of Opposition of the New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) states, "Assisted suicide legislation reinforces the idea that people with disabilities are burdensome and our lives are not worth living. Fears of becoming disabled and facing functional loss are often reported by doctors as reasons patients request assisted suicide. Proponents of assisted suicide often cite a loss of dignity as a reason to terminate one's life. The disability community strongly opposes the belief that requiring the assistance of another individual for activities of daily living such as dressing, bathing and toileting is undignified or a legitimate reason to legalize physician assisted suicide.

"Proponents of physician assisted suicide often argue that this option is necessary to prevent suffering at the end of life. This is not the case as there are alternative options to prevent suffering. It is already legal in New York for individuals to create an advance directive to cease treatment under any circumstances they choose and to refuse treatment at any time. Palliative care is available and can provide pain relief to ensure a person is not in pain...New York should invest in educating the community about these options and focus on promoting and expanding palliative care so that it is an available option to anyone facing a painful illness...The concern arises when a physician is permitted to sanction and actively facilitate such an act. People trust their doctors, yet doctors are sometimes wrong. Certainly there are numerous instances where individuals have been told they have a terminal illness, only to live long, fulfilling lives. A CBS report last year found that 12 million Americans annually are misdiagnosed. Yet patients tend to trust their doctors and may choose assisted suicide if it is presented as the best option without accurate informed consent, giving up good months or years of life.

"Furthermore, there is a significant risk that people may be steered into this decision for financial reasons. Government and private health insurance companies and health care providers would find physician assisted suicide far less expensive than providing lifesaving treatments. Direct coercion is not even necessary. If insurers deny, or even merely delay, expensive life-saving treatment, the person will be steered toward assisted suicide. People with disabilities and serious illnesses should not be pressured into assisted suicide for economic reasons.

"The proposed legislation is based on the laws in Washington and Oregon, which have proven to have ineffectual safeguards against abuse. There is nothing in the legislation to effectively prevent a coercive family member or caregiver from doctor shopping with the individual to find a physician who will provide the fatal drug. There is nothing in the proposed legislation that would prevent an abusive caregiver or family member from steering the individual toward physician assisted suicide, witnessing the request form, picking up the lethal dose, and even administering the drug. With no independent witness required at the death, there is no assurance of self-administration or even consent.

"Finally, the New York assisted suicide bills contain no reporting requirements aside from a few entries in the medical record and the request form, which are subject to the strict confidentiality requirements of HIPAA. The proposed bills are simple immunity statutes, protecting everyone involved in the death except for the patient, no questions asked."

The NYS Catholic Conference position paper on assisted suicide states, "New York State rightly spends millions of dollars each year in efforts to prevent suicide.... legalizing assisted suicide would send an inconsistent message by saying that *some* lives are not worth living. This double standard would be based entirely on disability, as patients fear "losing autonomy" or "being a burden" to others because of their disabilities from terminal illness. Lifting New York's ban on assisted suicide would provide a deadly, unnecessary option to patients, many of whom fear pain, depression and abandonment. These persons can be significantly helped through pain relief, palliative care, and the hospice environment and compassionate loving care."

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

Nassau County - Location 540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead " " " 35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	Day/Time (W) Sa 8 AM-Noon (M) 3rd. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy (W) Sa 10:30-Noon	Contact Phone (516) 741-3405 741-3405 541-8056	<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful
Suffolk County - Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)	First Amendment right.
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-7017	
" "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-7017	
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) We 10-10:30 AM	667-2532	
	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630	
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(W) Sa 9:45-11:45 AM	265-2736	
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111	- 1 JU
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894	
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-0033	
" "	(M) 2nd Fr Noon-1 PM	790-6629	
595 Hampton Rd. S. Hampton OB/GYN	(W) Fr 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	807-6001	
180 Sunrise Highway, W. Islip	(W) Sa 9-11 AM	957-9161	

#### **Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:**

Life Center of L.I. (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 Mo10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-3 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 6 E. Main St., Ste. 2, open Mo, We, Fr 10 AM-4 PM

Local Pro-Life Viewing – All programs weekly on CableV Ch 20 (except where noted) through Sept. 30, 2016:

Life Issues – hosted by LICL – Nas/W Suf Tu 9 PM, CSuf Tu 9 PM & Rvhd We 9 PM

Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics - Nas/W Suf Sa 6:30 PM Rvhd We 9 PM

Defending Life - hosted by Priests for Life on EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 We 2:30 AM & Th 11 PM

Long Island Teen Freedom Sexual Integrity and Risk Avoidance-a product of Life Center of L.I. Nas/W Suf Tu 3 PM, CSuf Mo 4:30 PM, Rvhd We 3 PM

AFA of NY: Mo 8 PM, Ver. Ch 40; CableV Nass Fr 8 PM & W Suf Mo 8 PM Ch 20

Contemporary Social Issues: Mo 9 PM Ver. Ch 40; CableV Nass. & W Suf Fr 9 PM Ch 20

## In Memoriam: Aileen Schaefer & Donald Connelly

## EVENTS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE IN LIFE NEWS

Sa 3/19 - Post-Abortion healing: **Entering Canaan, Day of Prayer & Healing for Women**,; hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org, 866-575-0075 or Lumina@postabortionhelp.org, 877-586-4621

<b>Did you know</b> The National Catholic Bioethics Center offers free ethics consultations? www.ncbcenter.org/resources/ncbc-offers-free- ethics-consultations; 215-877-2660	<b>Life Center of Long Island News:</b> • Fri., April 1 9 AM-3 PM Theology of the Body K of C Bishop McGann Council, 1341 5th Ave., Bay Shore 11706. Presenter: Mrs Laura Gianuzzi-		
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## YOU CAN CHANGE MINDS AND HEARTS BY YOUR PRESENCE, YOUR SIGN, AND YOUR SILENT PRAYER AT A PUBLIC PRO-LIFE EVENT OR VIGIL (look through this issue for places & times).

## Good Friday Silent Vigil On Behalf of Unborn

March 25, 10:30 AM -Noon (rain or shine) in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of



Good Friday 2015

life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided at site. Call 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org. Sponsor: LI Coalition for Life. **VISIBILITY MATTERS!** 

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Movie Night Mon., March 21 - 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Cl. #725,

38 W. 1st St., Patchogue 11772. Dinner provided by Knights; followed by the movie *Bella.* Sponsored by Patchogue K of C; Presented by LI Coalition for Life. For info 631-289-2095 or email LICoalition4Life@outlook.com.

## Holy Saturday Annual Liturgy for the Pre-Born

Sat., March 26 10 AM in front of Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave., (Rt. 24), Hempstead. Sponsored by Cathedral Church



Cathedral Church Holy Saturday 2015 of the Intercessor 516-599-3780 seekfirst@verizon.net. All are invited and encouraged to participate!