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#### March for Life, Wed. Jan. 22, 2014

Hazardous driving conditions in Nassau and Suffolk forced cancelation of all buses scheduled to leave on Wed. 1/22 to attend the March for Life. Several student groups left a day or so earlier and participated in the



Students from
Stony Brook
University's
Catholic
Campus
Ministry at the
2014 March
for Life in
Washington,
D.C.

March and student activities. EWTN aired the Pro-Life Mass on the eve of the March and the entire March on 1/22 and in reruns later. Many national TV stations mentioned the March.

Braving the cold, speakers including religious leaders of many faiths (Pope Francis tweeted his support), Senate and House Members, and pro-life leaders spoke words of encouragement. Marchers from France, Italy, Belgium the Netherlands, Canada and Lithuania stated this march influences people around the world. Mini Marches and Rallies in opposition to Roe v. Wade were held in San Francisco (50,000-60,000), Nebraska, Wisconsin, Georgia, Washington state and Idaho.

Young adults from Church of the Intercessor, Malverne, at the 2014 March for Life in Washington, D.C.



## "STOP" ABORTION EXPANSION in N.Y.S. – the 2014 challenge.

LICL opposes any part of the Women's Equality Act that would expand abortion under NYS law. Oppose abortion expansion whether it comes in a 10-point plan (the "Women's Equality Act" A.8070) or a stand-alone bill (S.438 or S.5881). (See page 3.) In 2013 pro-life organizations stood strong and defeated Gov. Cuomo's effort to make abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy. **We can do this in 2014!** On 1/27/14 the N.Y.S. Assembly passed the "Women's Equality Act" which includes abortion expansion. Next, the battle moves to the N.Y.S. Senate. We must immediately register objection to abortion expansion with our Senator by phone, letter, e-mail, through the LICL petition drive (see page 3) and by a strong presence in Albany at one or more of the following:

- Tues., 3/18 for "Legislative Day" with NYFRF theme: "Liberty on the Line." Register at 585-225-2220 or NewYorkFamilies.org. Speaker: Bishop Harry R. Jackson, Jr., Hope Christian Church, Beltsville, Md. Day includes. 7-12 Grade Teen Track.
- Wed., 3/19 for "Catholics at the Capitol Day" with N.Y.S. Catholic Conference 518-434-6195 nyscatholic.org. Day includes N.Y.S. Knights of Columbus Prayer Rally 631-807-4568, including N.Y.S. Catholic Daughters 631-588-0168. All are urged to contact NYSCC to register and be placed with a team visiting legislators. In addition, all from DRVC must register for 3/19 and either the 2/27 or 3/8 briefing by calling 516-733-5827.
- Wed., 4/30 (Note: New Date) for the N.Y.S. Right to Life "Lobby for Life Day" held in "The Well" of the Legislative Building. To register call 518-434-1293 or www.nysrighttolife.org

"Defend the unborn against abortion, even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you."

Pope Francis while Cardinal 2005

You're Invited!

The Long Island Coalition for Life will hold our general meeting on Mon., March 24, at 7:45 PM. Several LICL member groups will be invited to speak. The meeting will take place at the St. Regis K of C Council Hall, Pond Rd., & Rosevale Ave., Ronkonkoma 11779. All welcome! For further information call 631-243-1435 (between 9 AM-7 PM).

### Join the Long Island Coalition for Life at a Long Island Ducks game

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#### Rachel's Helpers

Two 10-week bible study programs for women and men who are seeking a spiritual healing from an abortion-related experience.

Women: "Forgiven and Set Free," Mon., 3/10-5/12, 7:30-9:30 PM, 718-939-6646.

Men: "Healing a Father's Heart," Thurs., 3/6-5/15, 7:30-9:30 PM, 718-296-7969.

> No fees. Bring bible. Light refreshments. All calls confidential.



Pro-lifers gathered outside Hempstead Planned Parenthood for a candlelight vigil on the Feast of the Holy Innocents (12/28/2013). About 35 pro-lifers prayed the Rosary and sang Christmas hymns.

## The Annual Oratory Contest for 11th and 12th year students will be held

on Sun. 4/13 in Uniondale. For information call Maryjane McQuade at 516-599-5296 MjKev@verizon.net.





#### Speakers from LICL are available

for schools, organizations, small or large groups, to present any aspect of pro-life concern. Call 631-243-1435.

## Ave Maria Vigil

Tues., 3/25 10 AM

Join Deanery 8 for a prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown 11787 Prayer - Witness - Song Contact 631-754-9141.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

**Pro-Life Training** in Hicksville Fri., 3/28 and Sat., 3/29 for students and adults. Learn to speak confidently; how to "get to the point"; answer questions from both the undecided and those describing themselves as hard core pro-abortion; and, explain vour personal commitment to the life effort. Help by extending the invitation to all. See Page 8.

### LICL Educational

**Trust** – educating for life:

The Pro-Life Kiosk, currently at the Westfield Sunrise Mall (1s floor), Massapequa, offers a beautiful 4-D view of the pre-born on DVD.



#### "Abortion rate lowest since 1973" is the title of a recent AP article.

This is good news. Unfortunately, with the exception of brief reference to "the recent wave of laws restricting abortion access", the article gives little credit to the tireless efforts of pro-lifers. More on this news report will appear in the April issue of *Life News*.

**Total US Abortions** since 1973 as of 2/12/14:

57,110,072

#### FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On 1/28/14 the House passed the *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2014* [HR.7]. It bans all taxpayer funding of abortions, via any federal

funding route, including ObamaCare. (Except for rape, incest or life-threatening conditions; as certified by a physician). HR.7 bans federally paid workers or facilities (including D.C.) from performing abortions. It states all ObamaCare health-plans must make it clear whether or not the plan covers abortion. Both HR.7 & HR.1979, the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*, await Senate action. [Note: LICL opposes the anti-life parts of ObamaCare. It takes no position on the rest.]

UPDATE: DRVC et al. vs. the US Department of Health and Human Services (regarding the HHS Contraceptive/Sterilization/Abortifacient Mandate). Judge Brian Cogan's 12/16/13 ruling is the latest action in the suit. DRVC General Counsel Tom Renker says the Judge gave Catholic Health Services of Long Island a "resounding victory" by issuing an injunction to protect CHS from any enforcement of the Mandate. The Govt. said on 2/12/14 that it will appeal Judge Cogan's decision. DRVC's Parishes were already exempt from the Mandate, but the fate of some other Catholic organizations that were not plaintiffs in the suit is not yet clear.

The Supreme Court will hear oral argument on the cases of Hobby Lobby/Conestoga Wood vs HHS Mandate on 3/25/14. These are for-profit companies that object to some of the terms of the Mandate. As of 2/12/14, 84 Amicus Curiae (friend of the court) briefs have been filed in this case by a diverse group of entities. More than two-thirds of the briefs oppose the mandate, including 15 Congressmen & Senators who signed the Religious Freedom Act, K of C, USCCB, Nat. Assoc. of Evangelicals & the ACLJ. Some groups supporting the mandate are Guttmacher Inst., ACLU, AmCol of ObGyn, states of CA, MA, CT, DE, HI, IL, IA, ME, MD, NM, NY, RI, OR, VT, WA and Wash. D.C. A decision is expected late in June. No cases involving nonprofit organizations, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, have reached the Supreme Court yet. Tom Renker noted that he believes that the Sisters' case will get there, after the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals issues its ruling. **ACTION ITEM:** Tell your representatives to vote YES

on The Health Care Conscience Rights Act (HR.940/S.1204) because it will protect institutions, individuals, insurers and pharmacists from the HHS mandate and from forced or coerced participation in abortion. It also protects medical professionals from government retaliation if they refuse to be involved with the performance of abortions. CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Actions to be taken:

## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

**Oppose Abortion Expansion in N.Y.S.** Let Governor Cuomo and the Legislature know that, despite his wishes, Pro-Life New Yorkers are here to stay and we will make our voices heard!

⇒Visit your N.Y.S. Senators in person or call, send letters, e-mails, etc. (see page 1). Note: The NYS Assembly passed abortion-expansion as part of the Women's Equality Act on by a vote of 88/43 on 1/27/2014. Contact information below.

⇒ Organize a Petition Drive using LICL's 2014 petition: "We Oppose Abortion Expansion in New York State." Petition drives are an excellent way to raise awareness of this attempt to make abortion legal in NYS through all nine months. Obtain the petition at www.ProLifeLI.org or call LICL at 631-243-1435.

The Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation of NYS assists low-income, young pregnant mothers and babies through pregnancy programs run by Catholic Charities, MOMMAS House, and the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk.

## ACTION ITEM: Sample Message to NYS Senate and Assembly

During NYS Budget negotiations please include continued funding of The Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation of NYS to help low income mothers to raise healthy children. Thank you.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Senate Switchboard 518-455-2800
via nyssenate.gov – send message/find bill status
Assembly Member\_\_Legislative Bldg., Albany, NY 12248. Assembly Switchboard 518-455-4100
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<u>VACANT:</u> the 8<sup>th</sup> SD seat (Nassau) formerly held by Sen. Fuschillo. Gov. Cuomo may call a Special Election or leave the seat vacant until the November election.

**Note:** NYS State Legislature proceedings are televised on Channel 116 on Cablevision.

To discuss federal legislation: Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss state legislation, Jim Miller, at jimmiller9@aol.com.

#### **HEALTH & SCIENCE**

Our Struggle With Indifference

Brad Mattes, CEO, Life Issues Institute, 1/22/14

We face opposition in this battle for life. On one side, you and I stand passionately for life, and on the other are those who vehemently advocate for abortion. But if we focus solely on this head-to-head confrontation of "pro-life versus pro-abortion," there's a large segment of society that remains overlooked—those who don't identify with either side. Unfortunately, one of the challenges we have to address is indifference.

From the start, abortion has been politicized and polarized, and many have simply chosen to opt out of the debate. Often, these are the people who say they "cannot make the decision for someone else." Even if they personally are against abortion, they may feel as if taking a position would be forcing their beliefs on others. However, the reality is that if they aren't standing for life, they're an unwitting accomplice allowing abortion to continue claiming the lives of millions of babies. If we're to engage those who are indifferent, it requires taking a different perspective and re-framing the issue away from politics and alienation.

In her own words, Julia Herrington was a bonafide and boisterous feminist. Following that value system, she accepted the political mantra that abortion was a woman's right. She admits that her attitude toward abortion was apathetic. She justified her position through a series of questions: "Who am I to presume to know what is right for another woman? Am I, as a feminist, willing to assert that abortion isn't right? Would I not be robbing women of authority over their own personhood, something women have fought arduously for, for far too long?" Yet, inside she had doubts that she couldn't reconcile. In a blog posted on patheos.com, Julia shares how a year of soul searching and even working at a pro-life pregnancy resource center changed her mind about abortion.

First, abortion has long been positioned by proabortion activists and the mainstream media as a woman's rights issue. That propaganda has fueled the pro-abortion movement for decades. It was intentional in design to link abortion to social justice. However, the truth is just the opposite. **Abortion doesn't liberate women; it oppresses them.** Julia examined the abortion procedure itself and what she found is contrary to what feminism is supposed to stand for. "In

every other facet of feminism, we celebrate a woman's body; we honor her identity as a female. Abortion requires the silencing of a woman's body and the unmitigated dismissing of her gender." Rather than empowering, abortion silences and dehumanizes. Julia went on further to question the roots of abortion—the lie that sex without consequences is a possibility. "Sexual liberation has made slaves out of women; it has only perpetuated and glorified their objectification. The worst part is, these women think that they are free," she concluded. Healthy sexuality is responsible and respectful, which is why it's intended for the marriage relationship. As a culture, when we devalue our own bodies, it's apparent that a child in the womb would be deemed disposable. We see this same logic within the *Planned* Parenthood business model. It preys upon children and teens with graphic sexualized messages. Their "anything goes" philosophy of sexuality is indoctrination. They encourage young people to have sex. If an STD is contracted, Planned Parenthood provides testing and treatment. Then, if an unplanned pregnancy occurs, Planned Parenthood is there with abortion services. The abortion industry feeds off of unhealthy sexuality. As a result, men, women and babies are all victims.

Lastly, Julia comes to the conclusion that apathy is not an acceptable response. Edmund Burke was right when he said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." It's important that we help those who are indifferent see that by not taking a stand, they're enabling abortion to continue to kill the pre-born and emotionally devastate their parents.

While working at a pregnancy resource center, Julia's eyes were opened to the life-affirming alternatives to abortion. She now believes in a holistic and proactive approach to all issues of life from *educating about healthy sexuality* to *supporting young mothers* and families to involvement with the *foster care* system. Realizing how abortion is interconnected to other issues can aid us in connecting with others. Unfortunately, not everyone is willing to go through such a self-seeking journey as Julia did. That's why we need to learn from her experience, examine our own perspectives and be willing to try different approaches to reach out to the indifferent.

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Written by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435.

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	Day/Time	Contact Phone (516)
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	741-3405
" "	(M) 1st Sa 10 AM Liturgy/C	Clergy 741-3405
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056
444 Community Dr, Manhasset	(W) Sa 7:30-8:30 AM	741-3405
Suffolk County - Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-10 AM	979-7017
" "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/	Clergy 979-7017
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
240 Meeting House Ln-SHampton 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	(W) Sa 9:45-11:15 AM	265-2736
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	1 472-0033
755 New York Ave, Huntington	(M) 3rd Tu 2:30-4:30 PM	875-2245

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, (bilingual) open Mn, Tu, We, Th, Fr 10 AM-4 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.

Life Issues (presented by LICL) can be seen on Verizon Ch 40 at 9 PM each Th in March, April & May.

#### EVENTS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE IN LIFE NEWS

Sa 3/8 RETREAT FOR SIBLINGS OF ABORTED BABIES, Bronx. lumina@postabortionhelp.org 877-596-4621.



Su 3/9 1:30 PM **St. Patrick Parade**, Ronkonkoma. Line up-1000 ft. S of Portion Rd on Patchogue/Holbrook Rd. Walk with Families For Life float. Pro-life banners welcome. No individual signs please. Sponsor: St. Regis K of C. 631-588-0168.

Fr 3/21 9 PM – 5 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL**, (32nd Anniversary), St. Anne, 88 Second Ave, Brentwood, in Convent Chapel. Mass 10 PM & 5 AM. 631-224-1089.

Th 3/27 7 PM **DRVC RESPECT LIFE STUDENT CONTEST AWARDS** at St. John the Baptist H.S. All welcome. 516-678-5800 x626 & 381

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Mo 4/7 7:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE. Christ the King RCC, 2 Indian Hd. Rd., Commack 11725. 631-754-9141.

#### IN MEMORIAM - Nikki Waskowitz, Edward Golden and Marie Brand

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#### <u>Catholics for Freedom of Religion Events.</u> <u>All welcome</u>.

Wed 3/5 7:30PM Corpus Christi, Mineola, 11501. Speaker: Thomas Renker, Esq., General Counsel DRVC.

**Tues., 3/11** 7PM St. Joseph Church Hall, 35 Church St., Ronkonkoma 11779. Speaker: Dr. John Hassett, MD on *Affordable Care Act (aka ObamaCare)*.

**Tues. 4/8** Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Deer Park 11729. Time/Speaker/Bldg. TBA.

www.catholicsforfreedomofreligion.org 631-896-8331. Religious Freedom must be maintained to protect conscience rights of all health care providers.

VEVV LOCATION

**The Life Center of LI** will soon be opening a new office in Riverhead. Volunteers (men and women) are needed. Call Gloria Schreiber 516-798-8746.

**Theology of the Body:** A learning tool to encourage respect for life DVD available from DRVC Respect Life Office 516-678-5800 x626 & x381 respectlifeoffice@drvc.org.

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Info on pro-life activity, speakers, legislation 631-243-1435 updates ProLifeLI.org

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**Pregnancy Care Center locations:** Life Center (AAA Pregnancy Options):

Baby Safe Haven-Don't abandon – no questions ...... 877-796-4673

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......631-630-9779 **Regina Residence:** Catholic Char.

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

To protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death through education, legislative action, prayer and peaceful presence.

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## Join the LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust for a Pro-Life Training Weekend!

CASE for LIFE

Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville 11801

presented by Scott Klusendorf, President of Life Training Institute.

Fri., March 28, 7PM - 9 PM

The Case for Life - understanding and articulating pro-life truths.

Sat., March 29, 9AM - Noon

Handling modern day relativism; Effective tactics; Credibly responding to abortion advocates.

Weekend Registration: \$20; \$10 students, inc. presentation notes, a copy of "Stand for Life: Answering the Call, Making the Case, Saving Lives" and refreshments.

Learn how to persuasively defend the pro-life position in the public square.

"We must equip ourselves to engage." Scott Klusendorf

Courtesy RSVP to FORTYDFLLI@gmail.com or 631-243-1435. **ALL ARE INVITED!** 

#### Chinese Auction/Pasta Dinner Sun., April 6, 2014 1-5 PM

benefit the Life Center of LI at Our Lady of Perpetual Help K of C Hall, 400 S. Broadway Ave., Lindenhurst Donations for Chinese Auction appreciated. Contact Margie at 631-839-2854 or margie@Lifecenterli.org

## Good Friday Silent Vigil in Defense of the Right to Life

April 18 10:30 AM-Noon (rain or shine)



Nassau U Medical Ctr., where abortions are committed. Prolife women, men and children stand in peaceful witness to the loss of children sacrificed by abortion at this hospital and throughout LI.. Nearly one baby an hour is dying from

abortion in Nassau and Suffolk. We stand on the public sidewalk (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow) as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided. Call 631-243-1435 or e-mail fortyDFLLI@gmail.com. Sponsor: LI Coalition for Life. VISIBILITY MATTERS!

#### Holy Saturday Annual Liturgy for the Pre-Born Sat., April 19 10 AM



in front of Planned

Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave., (Rt. 24), Hempstead. Sponsored by Cathedral Church of the Intercessor 516-599-3780 seekfirst@verizon.net

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