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"You say a prayer in your religion, and I will say a prayer as I know it. Together we will say this prayer and it will be something beautiful for God." - Mother Teresa, spoken while cleaning the gaping wounds of a dying patient. May we all be as devoted to the care and protection of dependent human life.

Your Presence Is Needed Please Attend a Pro-Life Rally On Capitol Steps



In 1973, Legalized abortion became the law of the land. Since then, over 35 million innocent, unborn children have lost their lives. In addition, millions of women have endured the exploitation and violence of the abortion industry.

1998 represents the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fateful Supreme Court decision -- Roe v. Wade. Come and join with us to commemorate and remember.

**25
YEARS OF
TEARS**

A Pro-Life Rally and Prayer Vigil

**Tuesday, April 28, 1998
Albany, NY**

Schedule of Events

11:00am Legislative Briefing
12:00noon Rally & Prayer Vigil on
Capitol Steps
2:30pm Lobby legislators on pro-life
issues.

Buses will leave from Suffolk, Nassau, and Queens. Call (516)588-0168 to reserve a seat.

To obtain information on how you can be involved, call toll-free: (888)855-9027

*"25 YEARS OF TEARS"
-- a Pro-Life Rally &
Prayer Vigil"*

is a joint effort of pro-life organizations from across New York State including:

- Christian Coalition
- Right to Life Committee
- Conservative Party
- NYers for Constitutional Freedoms
- Right to Life Party
- Citizens Concerned For Human Life
- Catholic Conference
- Lawyers for Life, and many others.

PLEASE NOTE

The April 27th L.I.C.L. general meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm and conclude at 9:30pm in order to accomodate those who will be traveling to Albany for the "25 Years of Tears" rally. (See page 1 for details.)

St. Christopher's Pro-Life Committee Communion Breakfast

Monsignor Lawlor Hall
St. Christopher Church

Baldwin, New York

Sunday, April 26th, 1998

following the 9:30 AM Mass



Jeanne Head, R.N.C.

Representative to the United Nations for International Right to Life Federation will speak on

A Watch on the World

Donation: \$10.00

Students: \$5.00

(Please make reservations before April 20th)

•Lucille Polizzi: 379-1526

•Marilyn Sandroni: 379-0123

•Helen-Marie Keogh: 868-2549

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Address _____ Number Attending _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

Please mail to Lucille Polizzi, 714 Silver Lake Place, Baldwin, NY 11510

Planned Parenthood - It's Not What You Think P.P. DOCTOR FINED

Planned Parenthood likes to tell the public about its wonderful medical services and its "quality care". Of course, this is all a front. In our summer issue, we told you about the book, The Scarlet Survey, which documents over 140 lawsuits that have been filed against Planned Parenthood of Niagara County (NY). It seems that the PPNC medical director, Dr. Rafael G. Cunanan, Jr., performed two abortions *without first asking the women if they wanted an abortion!*

That's right! This Planned Parenthood doctor has apparently bought into PP's agenda of population control so much that he decided on his own that these two babies should not live.

According to newspaper articles, Dr. Cunanan was disciplined by the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for these two abortions and also for "mistakenly sterilizing a third woman". The State Board fined Cunanan \$10,000 and placed him on probation for four years - during which time his medical work must be monitored by other physicians.

This is not the first time a doctor associated with Planned Parenthood has been involved in medical malpractice. It's time people started to realize the true nature of medical services at PP.

-Ryan Report - Dec. 1997

(To learn what you can do to stop Planned Parenthood, contact STOPP, PO Box 8, La Grangeville, NY 12540; phone: 914-473-3316; fax: 914-452-6209; e-mail: STOPPInt@aol.com; Web: <http://members.aol.com/STOPPInt/STOPPweb.html>)

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS THE LARGEST PROVIDER AND PROMOTER OF
ABORTION IN THE U.S.**

LEGISLATIVE WATCH**FEDERAL**

On 2/10, the US Senate, by a vote of 63-35, confirmed the the appointment of Dr. David Satcher as US Surgeon General. Pro-life opposed Dr. Satcher. Senator D'Amato voted pro-life. Senator Moynihan voted pro-abortion.



Harenberg. Against the Pro-Life position: Mazzaelli, Englebright, Sweeney, Sidikman, DiNapoli, Hill, and Weisenberg.

Note: For information on visiting your Assembly member locally and on use of petitions call 516-588-0168.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION PETITIONS

Thank you to all who sent petitions. Please continue petition signings at churches, group meetings, etc. Reprint petitions or call 516-751-8217 for more. The first use of the petitions will be during April visits to the NYS Assembly.

LICL 3/3/98 ALBANY LOBBY VISIT

Prior to our trip LICL learned that an attempt was to be made to force the Partial-Birth Abortion bill (A.8875) sponsored by Assemblyman Manning out of the pro-abortion controlled Assembly Health Committee using a method called a "motion to discharge". LICL has urged this method be used to force a vote of the Assembly as a remedy for pro-life legislation failing to be voted on year after year. This "motion to discharge" will be presented for a vote to the full 150 members of the Assembly. A majority (76 votes) are needed to discharge the bill from committee for a floor vote. Our 3/3 visit was spent updating Assembly members on the status of the important Partial-Birth Abortion ban legislation. The vote on the motion must take place before 4/14.



Now we have reached a critical moment. Your help is needed in these areas:

- 1. Write to thank** Assembly members who sponsored the legislation. Ask that they vote for the "motion to discharge". Nassau/Suffolk Assembly members who are sponsors of Partial-Birth Abortion ban legislation (A.8875) are: Wertz, Acampora, Alfano, Barraga, Becker, Boyle, Conte, Flanagan, Herbst, and Labriola. Thank them and ask that they vote for the "motion to discharge". The newly elected members, 17th AD Maureen O'Connell and 19th AD Kathleen Murray have indicated they will support the pro-life position.
- 2. Visit, phone, or write before 4/14** to the Assembly members from Nassau/Suffolk who, as of 3/17, were either undecided or have stated they will vote against us. Undecided: Thiele and

LETTERWRITING:

Address : NYS Assembly, Albany, NY 12248.

Sample letter:

In fairness to the people of NY State, we urge you to vote for a "motion to discharge" to allow a vote on bill A.8875 to ban the Partial-Birth Abortion procedure. Please encourage all members, regardless of political party affiliation to join the effort to stop this horrendous killing of children during the third trimester. This gruesome procedure in which the child is delivered except for its head, the brain sucked out, and the skull collapsed is more correctly termed infanticide. All must face the fact that this procedure continues daily in NY State. A Partial-Birth Abortion procedure ban has been enacted in 21 states. There is no justification for this procedure and we are in a position to enact legislation to stop it. Please reply. Thank you.

PHYSICIAN ALERT

On 2/11/98, Gerald L. Conway, Esq. Director, Div. of Governmental Affairs of the Medical Society of the State of New York, released a "Memorandum in Opposition" to S.5987/A.8875 (the Partial-Birth Abortion ban bill). He objects due to the fact that this legislation would amend the penal law thereby making most Partial-Birth abortions a crime.

Note: The American Medical Society supports a ban on the Partial-Birth Abortion procedure.

A copy of the one-page memo from the Medical Society of NYS and/or a copy of the one page letter of support authored by Dr. Seward, MD V.P. of the American Medical Association will be mailed or faxed if you call 516-751-8217.

ACTION-Physicians are urged to reply to: Charles N. Aswad, Executive V.P. Medical Society of the State of New York 420 Lakeville Road Lake Success, NY 11042

SCIENCE REPORT

THE MICHAEL FUND

Following the death of Dr. Jerome Lejeune in 1994, and the abrupt termination of his genetic research program funded by The Michael Fund at the Institut de Progenese of Paris, the concept of establishing a worldwide network of special clinics and treatment centers for Down Syndrome patients in his memory was developed by Dr. Marie Peeters and her colleagues.

The first Jerome Lejeune Center in North America has opened at the Children's Rehabilitation Center of St. Agnes Hospital, an affiliate of New York Medical Center, 305 North Street, White Plains, NY 10608. It is part of an international, interdisciplinary network of outpatient clinics for children and young adults with mental disabilities. The Director for the program is Dr. Marie Pici, and Dr. William Levenson is the Medical Supervisor in charge of administering the Lejeune Protocol. Dr. Marie Peeters, who worked closely with Dr. Lejeune at his Paris laboratory, is serving as a consultant to the new U.S. program.

According to Dr. Peeters, there are a number of sociological, demographic and medical trends in the United States and Europe, which increasingly militate against the provision of good medical care for mentally disabled persons. Dr. Peeters' insights, especially into the dangers posed by the rising tide of eugenics in the U.S. and abroad, is validated by the United Nations World Health Organization's ongoing campaign to legalize late-term prenatal killings for eugenic reasons in order to widen the numbers of handicapped children caught in the deadly eugenic net. For those handicapped pre-born children who escape detection by prenatal diagnosis, there is active euthanasia as currently openly practiced in Holland, or deliberate starvation and maltreatment of affected children as practiced in China.

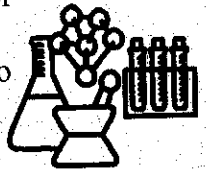
The primary task of the Lejeune Center is to provide good medical care on an outpatient basis for children and young adults with mental disabilities; to continue Professor Lejeune's research toward therapeutic possibilities as part of an international protocol; and to uphold the vision of the handicapped person as a unique gift of God to the world.

The cornerstone of Dr. Lejeune's research program in the field of Down Syndrome centered on the metabolic consequences of genetic imbalances and how nutrition can influence development and behavior. The Lejeune team discovered one of the important pieces of the mental retardation puzzle: the clinical and in vitro information that chil-

dren with Down Syndrome are more sensitive than other children to the dihydrofolate inhibitor, methotrexate.

The team developed a clinical research protocol based on the results of these studies. They examined the effects of high doses of folic acid (0.5mg/kg/day) in association with vitamin B12 and found:

- In 91 infants under 3 years of age a highly significant decrease in the incidence of subclinical hypothyroidism.
- A decrease in the characteristic in vitro sensitivity to methotrexate.
- A significant increase in the IQ of 51 children under 5 years of age.



Although much remains to be done, both in the field of fundamental research and in the design of clinical trials, the pioneer studies of the Lejeune team over the last 20 years have demonstrated that mental retardation (particularly those types associated with chromosomal anomaly) is often due to ensuing metabolic imbalances and that some of these are amenable to treatment. As part of its continuing research efforts into the multifaceted pathogenesis of mental retardation, the Lejeune Center will collaborate with and share its findings with other therapeutic research programs, including the work of Kent MacLeod of NutriChem and that of Dr. Paddy Jim Baggot, OB-GYN, who recently became Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine and Human Genetics at the Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. Dr. Baggot's project - Biochemical Analysis of Folate-Dependent Metabolites in Amniotic Fluid - will assay and evaluate archival (previously stored) amniotic fluid specimens from Down Syndrome and non-Down Syndrome pregnancies to determine specific biochemical deficiencies known to be relevant to the chromosomal disorder, including metabolites of organic acids, amino acids, neurotransmitters and carbohydrates.

For additional information or clinic appointment scheduling, please call 914-681-4684.

Article condensed from Friends of the Michael Fund Newsletters. For copies contact Dolores Andreski 781-5274 or Regina Carbonaro 795-7568.

MICHAEL FUND WALKATHON

Saturday, May 9, 1998, 12 Noon, Wantagh Park, LI. Call Dolores or Regina for information and/or sponsor sheets.

Birthright Inc. of Nassau & Suffolk
13th Annual Anniversary
Dinner Dance
Saturday, April 18th
8PM - Midnight

The Galaxie
1184 Route 109
Lindenhurst, NY

Featuring a delicious Dinner, Live Music, Liquid Refreshments, & Raffle of a Beautiful Hand-Made Quilt...made by the "Birthright Quilters". Donation: \$35.00 per person. [Ad deadline for Dinner/Dance Journal is April 1st]



For Reservations & Journal Advertising Information Call Birthright Inc. of Nassau/Suffolk (516) 785-4070.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
Prayer Service for the
LIFE OF A BABY

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH
3:00 - 3:30 PM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
 495 No. Ocean Ave., Patchogue, NY



Come and join us in the blessing of one of God's greatest gifts... the Life of a Baby, as we dedicate a plaque in commemoration of the 36,000,000 babies who have died by abortion in America since the Roe vs. Wade decision 25 years ago.

Please attend we need your support.

For more information please call: Richard Archer, Right to Life Coordinator 744-7413

Life is Precious!



in reparation for the sins of abortion
Friday April 24 8:00 pm
and
Every Last Friday of Each Month
at

Come See the Fatima Statue

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
 (Linden & Carmens Rd. - Massapequa Park)
 (Directions: 516-541-3270)

Sponsored by M&M Twins

- * Holy Hour & Investiture of Brown Scapular
- * Procession Inside Church Venerating Our Lady's Statue from Portugal
- * Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & All-Night Life Vigil immediately following
- **** Come see why over 800 people attended last month ****
- *Please park at Grand Union shopping center across from Church

Introducing the "Servants of the Gospel of Life."

A new religious community of pro-life women committed to teaching the GOSPEL OF LIFE, and promoting and defending the sanctity of human life through evangelization and works of mercy.

On June 23rd, 1997, Sister Diane Carollo unlocked the door to St. Paul's Convent, an empty building in Jersey City that formerly housed 30 Dominican Nuns. It will now be home and headquarters for a new order of nuns—the "Servants of the Gospel of Life."

If you are between the ages of 20 and 50 and would like to find out more about this pro-life community, **write to:** Sister Diane Carollo, c/o Archdiocese of Newark, Delegates for Religious, Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104. **Or call: 201-333-2443.**

Are you being called?

PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Whenever Two or More
Are Gathered in My Name..."

APRIL 1998 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(M) - This event held monthly. (W) - This event held on dates noted and on every week of the month.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ABORTION PROVIDER/REFERRAL SITES

IMPORTANT: Call your local contact person before going to site. Come ONLY at "DATES & TIMES" Prescribed By Your Contact Person and NEVER REMAIN AT SITE ALONE. **PLEASE JOIN US!** Additional participants are very much needed and welcomed.

NASSAU

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) GARDEN CITY	354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	T, W, F 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	536-4837	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM - NOON
(W) MINEOLA	741-6451	173 Mineola Blvd.	M, W, & Fri 4-5PM
(W) ROCKVILLE CTR	536-4837	495 N. Village Ave.	Tu 6-8PM & Fri 2-3PM
(W) SYOSSET	334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke.	Fri 8:00AM - 9:30AM
(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	M, W, Fri (Call for times)
(W) ISLANDIA	589-1575	1930 Veterans Hwy.	2 nd & 4 th Sat 7:30-9:30AM

SUFFOLK

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) DEER PARK	265-1081	2137 Deer Park Ave.	Tu 9AM-Noon; Fr 8-11AM; Sat 7-10AM
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	979-7017	70 Maple Ave.	Fri NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(M) STONY BROOK	751-8217	2500 Nesconset Hwy.	1st Fr & 3rd Sat (after 1st Fr) 8-10AM
(W) SOUTHAMPTON	283-6829	130 County Rd. #39	11:30AM every Friday
(W) BRENTWOOD	234-0933	42 First Ave.	8AM-9:30AM, every Saturday


NOTE: Peaceful Assembly & Prayer on Public Property near an Abortion Site is LEGAL. Prayer and Counseling are Important.


Th 4/2 5/7	(W) 7-8PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9:30-NOON-Adoration)
Th 4/2	(W) 7-9PM INTERSESSORY PRAYER GROUP FOR LIFE Good Shepherd Religious Store, Ronkonkoma, NY Prayer & Rosary for the Right to Life, from conception to natural death. Call 737-1777. REFRESHMENTS SERVED.
Fr 4/3 5/1	(M) 8-9PM ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR LIFE Notre Dame, New Hyde Park.
Fr 4/3 5/1	(M) 2-3PM ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
Fr 4/3 5/1	(M) 7-8 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.
Fr 4/3 5/1	(M) 7:30 PM BENEDICTION FOR LIFE St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.
Fr 4/3 5/1	(M) 9:30PM-8AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 242-0892.
Fr 4/3 5/1	(M) 9PM-5AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.
Fr 4/3 5/1	(M) 8PM-9PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.
Sa 4/4 5/2	(M) 3-7AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL at St. Aloysius RCC, Grt Neck; Fri.4/10 - 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn AND Rosary for Life Sat. 4/25 - 8-9AM. 482-6177.
Sa 4/4 5/2	(M) 8:45-3PM CONTINUOUS ROSARY FOR LIFE WITH ADORATION (Benediction at NOON) St. Patrick's RCC, Bayshore. Rosary for Life after 8:30AM Mass every Wed.
Sa 4/4	♥8:30AM MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE St. Cyril & Methodius Church, Deer Park Ave., Deer Park, NY. Call 516-678-5800 ext. 509. All Welcome to FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION to this event, leaving from St. Regis K of C parking lot (Ronkonkoma, NY) at 7:30AM. CALL: 588-0168. REFRESHMENTS (see back cover)
Su 4/5 5/3	(M) 11:15AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-343-2491.
Su 4/5 5/3	(W) 8-9PM HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst.
Mn 4/6 5/4	(W) 7PM ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.
Mn 4/6 5/4	(M) 10AM-4PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel).
Tu 4/7 5/5	(M) 7:30PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 289-7649.

THE AFA Television Programming can now be found in the Professional Directory - Features Pro-Life Programs.

CALENDAR EVENTS CONTINUED

*"Whenever Two or More
Are Gathered in My Name..."*

- Su 4/12 5/10 (M) 1PM **SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at "Bridge to Life" 41-23 Bell Blvd., 2nd Flr, Bayside, for single mothers. 718-225-2211. Queens residents may obtain the "Bridge to Life" newsletter - Call 718-225-2211.
- Su 4/12 5/10 (M) 1PM **PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
- Tu 4/14 5/12 (M) 9AM **MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON** - Rosary; Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 5PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
- Sa 4/18 ♥8PM-Midnight **BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU/SUFFOLK 13TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE** The Galaxie, 1184 Route 109, Lindenhurst, NY. For Reservations Call: (516)785-4070. (See Page 5)
- Su 4/19 ♥3-3:30PM **PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF A BABY** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, 495 No. Ocean Ave., Patchogue, NY. Plaque dedication in memory of the Unborn lost since Roe vs. Wade. Call 744-7413. (See Page 5)
- Tu 4/21 5/19 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
- Tu 4/21 ♥7:30 PM **SEX & LOVE: WHAT'S A TEENAGER TO DO?** Corpus Christi RCC, 155 Garfield Ave., Mineola, NY. Speaker: Mary Beth Bonacci -Nationally known Chastity Educator. For Information Call: **Father Batule 746-1223**.
- Fr 4/24 (M) 12:15PM **MASS & ROSARY FOR THE PRE-BORN** St. Raymond's Church, 263 Atlantic Ave., Ea. Rockaway, NY. Mary Caffrey 887-2458.
- Fr 4/24 (M) 8PM-6AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL & DEVOTION TO OUR LADY** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC Church-Chapel Massapequa Park. For details please call Anne Murphy: 234-6921.
- Sa 4/25  **9AM - Volunteers needed** - Donate an hour or two & help prepare May **LIFE NEWS** for mailing. At St. Joseph's Old School Gym! 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma - For Directions call: 588-4437. **SANDWICHES, CAKE & COFFEE SERVED!**
- Su 4/26 ♥**ST. CHRISTOPHER PRO-LIFE COMMUNION BREAKFAST** St. Christopher's RCC, Baldwin, NY. Following the 9:30AM Mass. *Guest Speaker: Jean Head.* Call: 868-2549. (see page 2)
- Mn 4/27 7:30-9:30PM - **L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING** at Joseph Barry Council K of C, Hicksville, NY. For Directions Call: 516-243-1435 or 516-588-0168. **All Welcome.**
- Tu 4/28 ♥**BUS TRIP TO ALBANY FOR THE 25 YEARS OF TEARS PRAYER VIGIL & PRO-LIFE RALLY** at the Capitol Steps in Albany, NY. Bus trip sponsored by the L.I.C.L. Call 588-0168. Rally sponsors: Christian Coalition; NYS Right to Life; NYS Catholic Conference; New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, and many more! **CALL Toll Free: (888) 855-9027. For details & information see Front Cover.**
- W 4/29 (M) 8PM **DEANERY SIX PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** St. Anthony's Church, 110 Anchor Ave., Oceanside, NY. Call Mary Caffrey 887-2458.
- Saturdays ♥9:00PM **"DEFEND LIFE"** television series on Channels 25 & 64 from **Priests for Life** - Fr. Frank Pavone.
- Wednesdays ♥7-7:30PM **"THE GOOD NEWS"** television series on Channel 6-TCI Brookhaven Cable. Christian talk-show featuring *'The Good Mourning Outreach'* from the **LI Life Center**, for post abortive women. Call 516-744-8923.

PUBLICATION DEADLINE REMINDER - All **PRO-LIFE** items submitted for publication in **LIFE-NEWS** must be received by  **the 5th day of the month** for publication the **following month**. E.G., items for **May '98** issue must be **RECEIVED BY APRIL 5TH. SEND ITEMS TO: L.I.C.L. CALENDAR ITEM, P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.**

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sa 5/9 **MICHAEL FUND WALKATHON** Wantagh Park, Merrick Rd., Wantagh, NY. Noon-3pm. Call Dolores Andreski 516-781-5274.
- Sa 5/9 **BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU/SUFFOLK MOONLIGHT BOWL** Wantagh Lanes, Wantagh, NY. Food, games, prizes, DJ, etc.; proceeds to benefit Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk Inc. Call 516-785-4070.
- Sa 5/17 **4TH ANNUAL JOHN L. SHORT MEMORIAL MASS** for Pro-Life Volunteers now deceased. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Massapequa Park, NY. Please contact Irene Cassillo 516-541-8056, with those you wish dedicated at Mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: **DATA ENTRY** from home for the **Long Island Coalition for Life**. For Information Please Call 751-8217. [*Ideally Suffolk Residents*]

THANKS TO BUS CAPTAINS

Nearly forty bus-loads of Long Island pro-lifers, including many young people, again made the trip to this year's **March for Life**. The Long Island Coalition for Life thanks all who participated and extends a special 'thank you' to the bus captains who put it all together. We are also grateful to those bus captains who submitted their bus lists so that first-timers could be added to the *Life News* mailing list.

The Long Island Coalition for Life encourages everyone to publish/reprint the Pro-Life events listed on our Calendar pages in your Group Newsletters, Church Bulletins, Local Newspapers, etc.

Abortion's Children

By Peggy Noonan

On the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we know certain facts. We know that at this point about 1.5 million abortions are performed each year in the United States. And we know that the fight over whether legalized abortion should continue has not waned with time, as many thought it would, but grown.

The debate has always been by adults about adults. What are the effects on women when they terminate a pregnancy? Do they suffer unusual depression a year or two after the procedure?

Opponents of abortion also talk about the effects of abortion on the fetus being aborted. Does it feel pain?

But there is another group of children who have been overlooked in the debate - the children who have grown up in the abortion culture, the children now 10 or 15 or even 20 years old who 'have had it drummed into them by television and radio and in magazines, what abortion is and why and how it became legal. It is part of the aural wallpaper of their lives. They have grown up knowing phrases like "abortion on demand" and "the right to abortion" and hearing nice adults, the I people next door, talk about supporting politicians who will "protect" these "rights."

I wonder if such talk has not left many of these children confused, so deeply that they do not even know they are confused, and morally dulled.

We all know the recent horror stories. According to prosecutors and news accounts, a girl at a prom delivers a baby in the bathroom and lets it die, then rearranges herself, washes up and goes back to the dance. A pair of college-aged lovers from "good families" in "pricy suburbs," as news accounts put it, rent a motel room, where he delivers their child, which they throw into a Dumpster.

Is it too much to see a connection between the abortion culture in which these young people came of age and the moral dullness they are accused of displaying? Of course, such crimes have occurred throughout time; history and literature are full of them. But what is new, I think, is the apparent surprise of the young girl at the prom, and of the young couple at the motel, at the disapproval society has shown toward them.

And why should society disapprove? What, after all, is the difference between what the girl at the prom is accused of doing and a late-term abortion, something she would have heard discussed, explained and defended on television and in the newspaper?

A late-term abortion means pulling a fully formed but not yet born baby out of the womb, piercing its brain with scissors, sucking out the brain, collapsing the skull and then removing the dead baby. In the girl's home state, New Jersey, this was legal. Why wouldn't she think there is no difference, really,

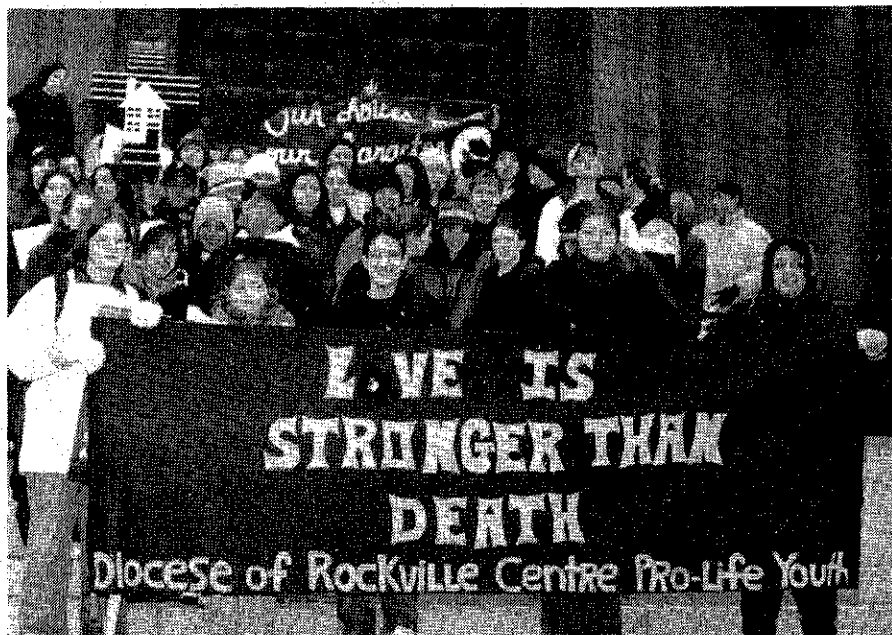
between that and choking a baby to death in a bathroom stall and then dropping it in a trash bin? And what, in fact, *is* the difference? Only that one death occurred in a bathroom stall, and the other happened in a hospital with clean white sheets and a doctor.

Consider, too, the young couple in the motel and the reasoning that may have left them free of any sense of sin or crime. If the accusations are true, what did they do that was wrong besides refuse to suck into life an inconvenient baby? Isn't that what the culture they were born into, and grew to young adulthood in, does?

I think that's the great ignored story - what we have done to our children by legalizing abortion and championing it. The daily abortion stories and abortion polls and abortion editorials and abortion pictures and stories showing how the movement to "protect these rights" is faring - all this has drummed into their heads the idea that human life is not special, is not sanctified, is not a life formed by God but a fertilized ovum that makes demands and can be removed.

What we teach the young every day is moral confusion about the worth of an ordinary human life. This has wounded, in a very real and personal way, big pieces of an entire generation. And I suspect it has left them frightened, too. (Source: *NY Times* 1/21/98)

Peggy Noonan, a former speechwriter for Presidents Reagan and Bush, is author of "Simply Speaking."



The young men & women above, representing parishes from Riverhead to Garden City, traveled to Washington D.C. on January 21, 1998 stayed overnight at Catholic University and participated in the March for Life. Marissa Gerome, president of a youth group, will be publishing a newsletter entitled Baby's Blanket. For information she can be reached at 516-957-1023



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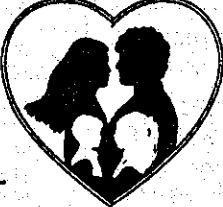
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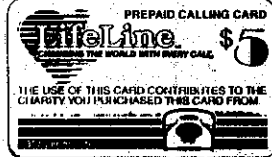
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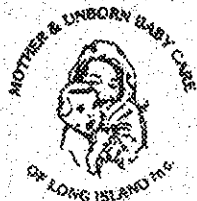
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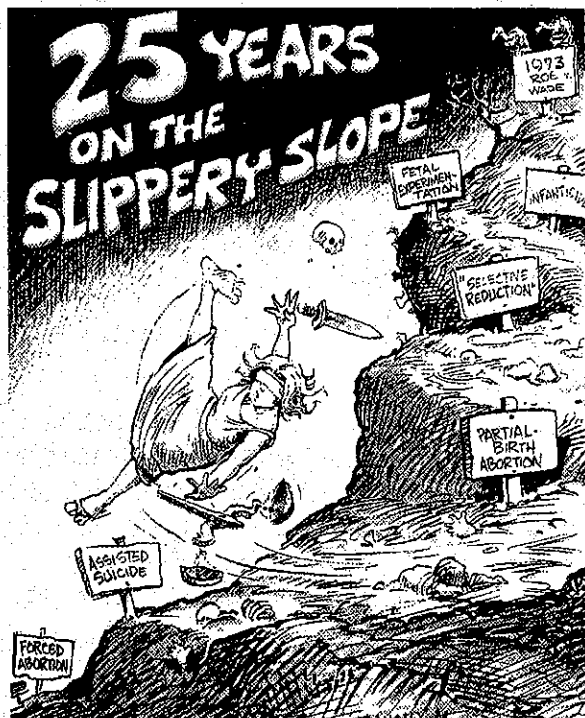
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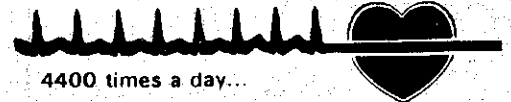
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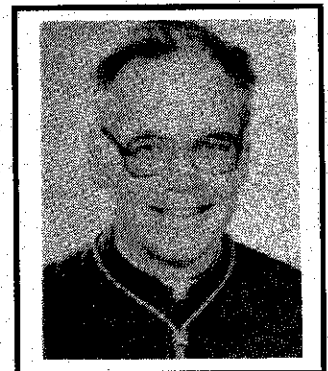
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