

Life News

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20th Century Reflections

"What about abortion, of the killing of 1.6 million unborn American children annually? Will people a hundred years from now think of us as we do about ordinary Germans of the Nazi Era: As willing accomplices to mass murder?"

~ Rod Dreher, N.Y. Post, 12/29/99

DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE

a two day **CELEBRATION OF LIFE ISSUES FOR
THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2 ,
5 p.m.-midnight and SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 8:30 a.m-6 p.m.**

**at the MONTFORT MISSION CENTER
26 Saxon Avenue, Bay Shore, New York**

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE GOD'S PROMISE- OUR RESPONSE

Conference is sponsored by:

*The Office of Family Ministry
Diocese of Rockville Centre
Rockville Centre, New York*

For reservations & information call

Ellen Frank 516-678-5800 x221

No cost to participants

Friday evening.....planned especially for the teen members of the Diocesan Family..... events include.....BBQ, music, Evening Prayer, outdoor candlelight procession, etc. Saturday.....teens and entire families are invited.....events include.....Celebration of the Eucharist, Multi Media Procession for Life, lunch for all, Dads for Life - a Discussion; Moms for Life - a Discussion; Children for Life - a Creative Arts Workshop..... refreshments, LIFE TEENS-Musical PrayerThe CONFERENCE ends with 5 p.m. Mass for the entire Diocesan Pro-Life family.

ALL WELCOME



PLEASE JOIN US

Austin Ruse, President of the Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute (C-FAM), will be guest speaker at the Monday, May 22nd general meeting of the L.I.C.L. to be held at St. Regis K of C Hall in Ronkonkoma at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Ruse, whose career was in magazine publishing, left that field of the business world in 1995 to apply his talents to the religious & political arena. His writings have appeared in the National Catholic Register, The Wanderer, Catholic World Report, PRI Review, Alberta Reports, and Insight Magazine. With his help, C-FAM was founded in 1997 as a new pro-family initiative at the U.N. It is the only full-time, pro-family office working at U.N. Headquarters in N.Y. City. As C-FAM's chief lobbyist, Mr. Ruse has lobbied a number of U.N. world conferences, including the five-year reviews of Beijing World Conference on Women, The Cairo Conference on Population & Development, and The Copenhagen Conference on Social Development. Mr. Ruse also serves as editor of C-FAM's Friday Fax, the only weekly source of pro-family news coming out of the U.N.

Mr. Ruse's topic will be "The Attack on Life & Family at the U.N." For directions call (631) 243-1435.

Take Back Your Rights As Parents

The following presentation was given at the Smithtown School Board Meeting on March 14.

"I am here to voice my strong opposition to any involvement of the Smithtown School District with the controversial organization, Planned Parenthood. As parents, we were never notified that Planned Parenthood was invited into the school last Fall to present their agenda to our children.

The principal was not aware that no notification was sent home to the parents. My husband and I have a letter from an attorney on file with the school to avoid this very thing happening. This is why I urge the Board to consider having an opt-in program for all health or sex education classes. This way the school would not be leaving themselves open to lawsuits and the parents would be able to take back their role as their children's primary educators of health and sex education.

Working as a facilitator with unwed, teenage mothers involved in crisis pregnancies, I see first-hand the results of Planned Parenthood and their programs. I was told by one of these young woman, who just graduated from Smithtown High School, that it is common among many of her friends in the school to have up to four and five abortions - they are using abortions as birth control. The psychological, emotional, and physical damages to these exploited, young women is immense, along with the long-term effects this could have on the fathers of the babies. As these young women pointed out to me, you never hear from the mother or father who was lead to have an abortion by Planned Parenthood. Since the arrival of Planned Parenthood, there have been over 6,000 abortions in the Smithtown area - Planned Parenthood's message is NOT working.

I suggest removing Planned Parenthood from our school district, just as other Long Island School Districts have done. Smithtown School District should take a leadership role in addressing these problems head on, and not be a follower of Planned Parenthood: an organization with a very poor track record in solving the problems they claim they want to correct.

Smithtown School District needs to provide abstinence-based programs - the only real safe sex alternative; which set high goals, enhance a student's sense of self-worth, and foster an environment of respect for themselves and each other. Planned Parenthood aims at the lowest common denominator (which is always achievable) but with horrendous results. We must do better than this! Please do all you can to implement an opt-in program, provide ongoing abstinence programs, and seriously consider removing Planned Parenthood from our school district. Thank you for your consideration."

My husband and I implore all parents to take an active role and see what Planned Parenthood is teaching our children, without our consent or knowledge. Take back your rights as parents!

Lynne-Marie & Thomas Liggan - St. James



Pro-Life Honor Roll



The L.I.C.L. invites its readers to submit the name of a clergyman who they believe should be given recognition for his outstanding work in the defense of Life. For example: Does he often give pro-life sermons; witness at abortion mills, etc. Please send your choice to L.I.C.L., P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. 11779. Give us the full name of the person and his church, his position, and congregation or organization. **The deadline for submissions to the Honor Roll will be June 1, 2000.**



LEGISLATIVE WATCH FEDERAL

SALE OF ABORTED BABY PARTS--Sen. Bob Smith-(R,NH) told the March For Life Rose Dinner audience, on 1/24/00, that "the sale of baby parts will bring down the abortion industry." 20/20, on 3/8, aired an investigative report on "trafficking fetal organs". On 3/9 the House held a hearing on the topic and promised future hearings. The Senate plans to take up the issue.

The **REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in Philadelphia 7/28 to 8/4/00. Please contact Convention Delegates, Congressmen Rick Lazio and Peter King, asking that they encourage the Platform Committee to adopt all measures which call for stopping the killing of innocent unborn children. The current Pro-Life Platform must be retained to insure every human being from conception to natural death a fundamental individual right to life.

Address for both:

U.S. House of Representatives, Wash., D.C. 20515

BAN ON PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTIONS (PBA)--On 4/5/00 the ban on PBA passed the House by a vote of 287-141, a wide enough margin to override a presidential veto. This bill now moves to the Senate where previously Sen. Moynihan voted to ban PBA but Sen. Schumer voted for PBA.

How our Nassau/Suffolk Congress Members voted on Partial Birth Abortion: Reps. Forbes, Lazio and King voted to ban PBA. Reps. McCarthy and Ackerman voted to continue the Partial-Birth Abortion procedure.

Action: Letterwriting-Sample letter:

Dear Senator _____: Your vote is needed to ban the horrific Partial-Birth Abortion procedure which kills a partially delivered child. This act is truly infanticide. Please reply. Thank you.

Write to: Senator Daniel P. Moynihan

and to Senator Charles Schumer

Mail to: U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Note: See Health and Science, Page 4, for additional information on Partial Birth Abortion.

For information on Federal legislation call John Healy at 631-598-0430.



NEW YORK STATE

SAFE HAVEN ---S. 6688/A.9955--This bill would give counties permission to set up "Safe Havens". Suffolk County, on 3/28, passed such a resolution offered by Legislator Michael D'Andre.

Action: Letterwriting-Sample letter:

Dear _____:

Please support the Safe Haven bill, S. 6688/A.9955, to give counties permission to set up "Save Havens" for infants. These safe drop-off sites could be hospitals or health centers where desperate mothers would leave their newborns in good care without facing threats of criminal charges. Please reply.

Write to: your NYS Senator

and to your NYS Assembly Member

Refer to your coded LIFE NEWS mailing label.

Find the number of your NYS Senate District and NYS Assembly District. Using the number find the names of your Senator and Assembly Member in your local phone book's blue pages. Mail to their Albany address: NYS Senate, Albany, NY 12247
NYS Assembly, Albany, NY 12248

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE BILL-

S.2186/A.9402 Permits Catholic hospitals to continue to refuse to perform abortions, etc.

Action: Letterwriting-Sample letter:

Dear _____:

You are urged to support the Catholic Health Care Bill-S.2186/A.9402. Several proposals have been put forward in recent sessions which would force Catholic hospitals and other private health care providers to violate their deeply held moral beliefs, or abandon their health care ministry entirely. Please support legislation to allow Catholic hospitals to refuse to perform abortions and to refuse to offer services which violate their basis religious beliefs. You are asked also to support conscience protection for all health care providers and employees and to oppose all bills that would weaken freedom of conscience protection. Thank you.

Mail to: your NYS Senator and NYS Assembly Member as instructed in the Action letter above.

For information on New York State legislation call Mary Arden Smith 516-825-4852.

Voters in the 11th Legislative District of Nassau are reminded of the Special Election on 5/2/00.



HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

TRUTH AND INJUSTICE

An upcoming US Supreme Court decision and 3 calls in one week from medical personnel about facts on partial birth abortion (PBA), persuaded us to do another article on this horrific abortion procedure. Whatever it's called, a D & X (dilation and extraction) abortion is infanticide. Pro-abortion advocates perpetually attempt to draw attention away from the truth of this gruesome procedure by belittling our use of the terminology "partial birth" as being medically incorrect or nonexistent. They are attempting to get us to use a title that does not describe as vividly what is really taking place.

We repeat here the barbaric procedure, which we feel is not only an inhuman injustice to the baby, but is totally unnecessary and dangerous to the mother:

"The surgeon introduces a large grasping forceps... through the cervical and vaginal canals into the corpus of the uterus. When the instrument appears on the sonogram screen, the surgeon is able to open and close its jaw to firmly and reliably grasp a lower extremity. The surgeon then applies firm traction to the instrument causing a version of the fetus (if necessary) and pulls the extremity into the vagina. . . With a lower extremity in the vagina, the surgeon uses his fingers to deliver the opposite lower extremity, then the torso, the shoulders and the upper extremities. The skull lodges at the internal cervical os. . . The fetus is oriented dorsum or spine up. At this point, the right-handed surgeon slides the fingers of the left hand along the back of the fetus and 'hooks' the shoulders of the fetus with the index and ring fingers (palm down). . . While maintaining this tension, lifting the cervix and applying traction to the shoulders with the fingers of the left hand, the surgeon takes a pair of blunt curved Metzenbaum scissors in the right hand. He carefully advances the tip, curved down, along the spine and under his middle finger until he feels it contact the base of the skull under the tip of his middle finger. . . the surgeon then forces the scissors into the base of the skull. . . Having safely entered the skull, he spreads the scissors to enlarge the opening. The surgeon removes the scissors and introduces a suction catheter into this hole and evacuates the skull contents. With the catheter still in place, he applies traction to the fetus, removing it completely from the patient."

Remember, the baby is alive and often moving during the brain suctioning, and numerous studies have shown that a fetus does feel pain, perhaps even more than a young child.

Some of the risk factors for the mother are: The turning of the fetus to a breech position causing amniotic fluid embolism or placental abruption, according to Dr. Warren Hern, author of the textbook, "Abortion Practice." The booklet *For Mother and Child* by Dr. Mary A. Nicholas includes the testimony of Dr. Pamela Smith at a Senate hearing that forcefully dilating and opening the cervix could cause an "incompetent cervix," which might prevent a woman from carrying a subsequent

baby to term. Another risk is a perforated uterus. If the abortionist perforates a major artery, a woman could die in 5 minutes.

The pro-abortion website of The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI) (<http://www.agi-usa.org>) contains misinformation and avoids the facts: It reports on the 12/96 meeting of the American Medical Association where one of their considerations was supporting the criminalization of D&X abortions. They report that the Reference Committee recommended that the AMA "reaffirm its pro-choice policy" and that "governmental interference into the practice of medicine is inappropriate and ultimately harmful to the patient." They never mention that at the 5/97 meeting, the AMA endorsed the federal ban on PBA, saying the procedure should be criminalized because it is "not good medicine." Drs. M. LeRoy Sprang and Mark Neerhof say in the 8/26/98 *Journal of the AMA* "PBA is unsafe for pregnant women, painful for children, and unethical because of fetal viability." The AGI report projects a total of 650 D&X abortions in 1996 and 201 in the first half of 1997. However, Ron Fitzsimmons, Exec. Dir. of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers estimates that 3,000-5,000 are performed annually. In 1997, *The Record* in Bergen, NJ, reported 1,500 PBA's at one NJ clinic alone!

According to "Reproductive rights activists" in the AGI report, D&X abortions are necessary for "postviability pregnancies gone terribly wrong—when the fetus is severely incapacitated or the women's health or life are at grave risk." However the NYS Catholic Conference reports that the physician who developed the PBA method, Dr. Martin Haskell, has acknowledged that the large majority of these procedures, 80% by his estimation, are "purely elective"—performed on healthy mothers carrying healthy babies.

At the Senate hearing, Dr. Pamela Smith testified that "there are absolutely no obstetrical situations encountered in this country which require a partially delivered human fetus to be destroyed to preserve the life or health of the mother."

Nebraska's ban of PBA is before the US Supreme Court this term. A decision should be handed down in June. The House of Representatives recently passed another PBA ban bill.

"The baby parts market makes PBA abortion more popular than ever. The PBA technique delivers an almost entirely intact, fresh 'specimen' to the baby parts traffickers—which means top dollar for the abortionists. Likewise, other abortion techniques require the abortionist to bear the expense of disposing of some portions of the 'cadaver.' With PBA, there are no leftovers—and, in fact, the 'traffickers' actually pay the abortionist for the privilege of carting off the corpse." (Coral Ridge Ministries Media, Inc. 2000)

Write, call, and pray that the PBA ban will not be vetoed.

Documentation available on request.

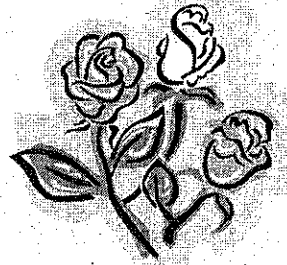
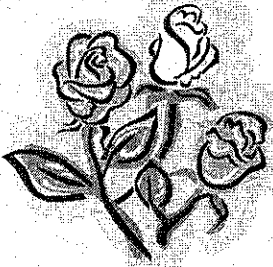
Dolores Andreski (516) 781-5274
Regina Carbonaro (516) 795-7568

John L. Short Memorial Mass

For all deceased Pro-Lifers

Sunday - May 21, 2000
2:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church
855 Carmans Road
Massapequa Park, N. Y.



- Principal Celebrant: Fr. Robert Mason
- Concelebrants: All clergy are invited to concelebrate
- Memorial roll call
- Refreshments immediately following Mass at Senior Citizen Center on Church grounds
- To have names of deceased Pro-Lifers included in this memorial service, please call:
Irene Cassillo (516) 541-8056

Sponsored by: The Life Center of Long Island
(Note: This Mass satisfies Sunday Mass obligation.)

**ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
DIVISION 8
DANCE TO BENEFIT PRO-LIFE
Saturday, May 20, 2000 8 PM**



Msgr. Joseph K. Curley, speaker

Entertainment by Pat Roper-Irish Tenor
Cost: \$10 refreshments & cash bar

Hibernian Hall
Magnolia Dr and Washington St.
(north of Rt. 25) Selden.

Call: John McGowan at 631-331-2111 or
Joseph McDermott 631-588-7587

Pro-Life Holy Hour

Friday May 26th 8:00 pm

ALL ATTENDING WILL HAVE THE
PRIVILEGE OF VENERATING THE
ACTUAL GLOVE OF PADRE PIO.

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



Come See the Fatima Statue
Sponsored by
M&M Twins

- * Confessions * Holy Hour & Investiture of Brown Scapular
- * Procession Inside Church Venerating
Our Lady's Statue from Portugal

*** Come see why over 900 people attended last month ***
*Please park at Grand Union shopping center across from Church

MAY 2000 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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! PRAYER & WITNESS ARE IMPORTANT!**
(M) - This event held monthly. (W) - This event held on dates noted and on every week of the month.

NASSAU

TOWN	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) GARDEN CITY	354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	T, W, F 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	867-3409	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM - NOON
(W) SYOSSET	334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke.	Sat. 8:00-9:30AM
(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	W 9:30-10:30AM
(W) JERICHO	867-3409	380 Broadway	Sat. 8-9AM

***ROCKVILLE CENTRE**.....Presence at Rockville Centre has stopped temporarily since Dr. Cestari had his license suspended 1/31/2000, effective for 6 months, for irregularities in billing. Source: Professional Discipline Website

NOTE: Peaceful assembly & prayer on public property near abortion site is LEGAL.

SUFFOLK

TOWN	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) DEER PARK	265-1081	2137 Deer Park Ave.	W 9AM-Noon; Sat 9AM-Noon
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	979-7017	70 Maple Ave.	Fri NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(M) STONY BROOK	751-8217	2500 Nesconset Hwy.	2 nd & 4 th Sat, 8-10AM
(W) SOUTHAMPTON	283-6829	595 Hampton Rd.	11:30AM every Friday
(W) BRENTWOOD	234-0933	42 First Ave.	8AM-9:30AM every Saturday

- May
- ♥ Mn 5/1 10PM & Tu 5/2 10:30AM "FIRST COMES LOVE"; A Pro-Life video Ch. 70 E. Suffolk.
 - Tu 5/16 3PM & W 5/17 9PM "ALMOST BORN"; on Partial Birth Abortion. Ch. 71 Nassau/W. Suffolk.
 - American Family Association cable programming. Call Frank Russo: 516-944-3544.
 - (M) 10AM-4PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)
 - (W) 7PM ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.
 - ♥ SPECIAL ELECTION IN 11TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT NASSAU - VOTE PRO LIFE!
 - (W) 7-8PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)
 - ♥ 8PM CELEBRATE JESUS EASTER SHOW the Tiles Center, CW Post Campus, Brookville, NY.
 - Featuring Fr. Charles & Laurie Mangano. For tickets & information call 516-299-3100. Proceeds to benefit FAN; a non-denominational food & nutrition program.
 - (M) 7:30 PM BENEDICTION FOR LIFE St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.
 - (M) 9:30PM-8AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520.
 - (M) 9PM-5AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.
 - (M) 8PM-9PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.
 - (M) 8PM PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR St. Paul the Apostle RCC, Route 107, Brookville, NY.
 - (W) 1:00PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540.
 - (M) 7-8 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.
 - (M) 8-12PM ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY.
 - (M) 9:30AM-4PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor, NY. 631-725-5915.
 - ♥ 12-3PM MICHAEL FUND WALKATHON Call Dolores Andreski 516-781-5274 Rain date 5/13 (See page 7)
 - (M) 3-7AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Fr. 5/12- 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770.
 - ♥ NEW 6 PM RIGHT TO LIFE ROSARY St. Margaret of Scotland RCC, 81 College Rd., Selden, NY.
 - An outdoor Rosary at the statue of Our Lady. Call Tom Bosco 631-732-2224.
 - (W) 8-9PM HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst.
 - (M) 11:15AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-343-2491.
 - (M) 3PM DEANERY SIX PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR St. Joseph's Church, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett, NY.
 - For information call Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458.
 - ♥ New (M) 7:30PM EASTERN LONG ISLAND CATHOLICS FOR LIFE MEETING
 - St. Rosalie K of C Council, Hampton Bays, NY. Call 1-800-253-5218 or 631-728-2311.



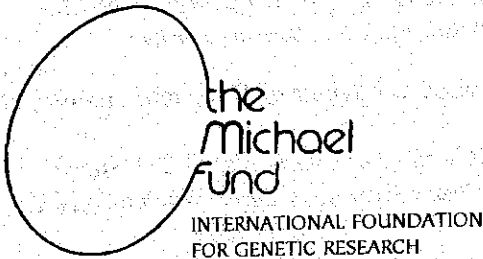
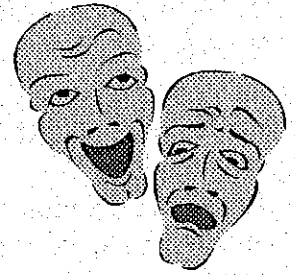
MOMMAS House Lunch and Theatre Party

Sunday, June 11th - Molloy College, Rockville Centre

12:30: Lunch at Lincoln Inn
3:00: Theatre presentation of:

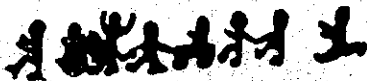
"THE KING AND I"
at
Center Stage

"THE KING AND I"
is presented by Broadhollow Players
Cost: \$45.00 (Lunch & Theatre)
Proceeds to benefit MOMMAS House
Contact: Joan Phillips at 516-868-7314
or MOMMAS Office at 516-781-8637



WALKATHON

Saturday
12 Noon - 3 PM
May 6, 2000
(Rain Date May 13)



WANTAGH PARK, L. I.

Please join us _____

Walk, jog, skate, hike or come in your wheelchair...

Help us fund Life-giving research, support systems, an out patient clinic, adoption networking, therapy, referral services and educational resources.

Much has been done. Much remains to be accomplished. Studies have demonstrated that mental retardation, particularly those types associated with chromosomal anomaly often are amenable to treatment.

Our research will focus in on this area and the time space in fetal development before retardation has been observed.

Thank you for all your help in the past that has made all of the above possible.

MICHAEL FUND WALKERS' SPONSOR SHEET

Because I believe birth defects, and not the human beings handicapped by them, are undersirable, on my honor, I

Name _____
Address _____
Town _____
Phone _____

pledge to walk _____ miles.

Saturday May 6, 2000 anytime between 12 and 3
(Rain Date May 13)

Wantagh Park, Merrick Road, Wantagh
Walk, jog, skate, bike or come in your wheelchair...

I gladly donate the amount shown next to my name below as a sponsor contribution:
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MICHAEL FUND

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Additional sponsor sheets will be given to you or mailed to you upon request.
If you have any questions, please call:

THE MICHAEL FUND
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OLD BETHPAGE, NY 11804

DOLORES ANDRESKI (516) 781-5274
PATRICIA SHORT (516) 249-5207
REGINA CARONARO (516) 795-7568

If participant in under 18 yrs. old, the following **MUST** be **SIGNED** by a parent or guardian: I, the undersigned, agree that my child may participate in The Michael Fund Walkathon and I agree to release and hold The Michael Fund and persons in charge of the Walkathon harmless of any claims and/or rights which may be asserted by or on behalf of the entrant.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DID YOU KNOW? Good News!

Pro-Abortion Assembly Resolution Withdrawn!

On Monday, April 10, 2000, Assembly Majority members Richard Gottfried (D-NYC), Sheldon Silver (D-NYC) and others introduced Assembly Resolution Number 2102 to "commemorate the 30th anniversary of the New York State Legislature's historic April 11, 1970 vote establishing legal abortion" in the state. The resolution recognized a group called "Champions of Choice," scheduled to have a luncheon on April 11, 2000 to "celebrate the anniversary of legalized abortion."

Seven Assembly members in a row, Democrats and Republicans, pro-life and pro-choice, stood to vehemently object to the resolution. They called it "disrespectful," "outrageous," "insulting," and "demeaning to those who oppose abortion on moral grounds." Several noted that they could not recall anything like it before in the history of the Assembly.

Even members with pro-abortion voting records such as Nancy Calhoun (R-New Windsor) and George Winner (R-Elmira) stated that the issue divides the people of the state, and the legalization of abortion is not something to be celebrated. Assembly member Joel Miller (R-Poughkeepsie), while noting his pro-choice feelings, stated, "To dance on the graves of the unborn is a terrible thing to do."

The seven members who spoke on the floor of the Assembly to object to the resolution were:

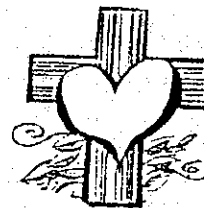
- ❖ Anthony Seminerio (D-Queens)
- ❖ Nancy Calhoun (R-New Windsor)
- ❖ Chris Ortloff (R-Plattsburgh)
- ❖ Denis Butler (D-Queens)
- ❖ Patrick Manning (R-Hopewell Junction)
- ❖ Joel Miller (R-Poughkeepsie)
- ❖ George Winner (R-Elmira)

The outrage was clear, and in an unprecedented action, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried stood to withdraw the Resolution.
(Emphasis added)

~ Source: N.Y.S. Pro-Life Reporter 4/13/00

The Rachel Ministry

Office of Family Ministry
Diocese of Rockville Centre



The Rachel Ministry welcomes all parents who have been unable to bring their children to birth.

(Miscarriage, Still born or Abortion)

You are invited to a Night of Hope and Healing Hosted by

*St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church
25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, N.Y.
631-878-0009*

On Thursday Evening May 18th 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Sponsored by the following Parishes:

*Mary Immaculate, Bellport, Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point,
St. Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue, Resurrection, Farmingville,
Good Shepherd, Holbrook, St. Jude, Mastic Beach,
St. Sylvester, Medford, St. Francis de Sales, Patchogue,
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue*

Can You Help?

Life Center Counselor Training Schedule

Registration: Call (631) 243-2373

Wednesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:30	
5/10/00	CPC- Introduction to Counseling
5/17/00	CPC- Taking the Call
5/24/00	CPC- Development Stages
5/31/00	CPC- Counseling the Sexually Active Young Person
6/7/00	PAS- Introduction to Post-Abortion Syndrome

The Life Center of Long Island
Deer Park, New York

CALENDAR EVENTS CONTINUED

- Tu 5/9 6/13 (M) 9AM MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON - Rosary; Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
- Fr 5/12 ♥ 7:30PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** St. Jude, the Shrine Church, Mastic, NY.
- Su 5/14 6/11 (M) 1-4PM **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 5/14 6/11 (M) 1PM **PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
- Tu 5/16 6/20 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
- Th 5/18 ♥ 7:30PM **NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING** for men & women who have been unable to bring their child to birth due to miscarriage, stillborn or abortion. St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, NY. Call 631-878-0009. (See page 8)
- Th 5/18 6/15 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR LIFE** St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY. 516-694-2938.
- Fr 5/19 6/16 (M) 9PM-6AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC -Chapel Massapequa Park. For details please call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921.
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- Sa 5/20 ♥ 9-11AM **3RD ANNUAL 5K WALK/STROLL FOR LIFE** Flushing Meadow/Corona Park at the Unisphere. **REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLES!** Any participant who raises \$20 or more will win an event T-shirt. Special prizes will go to the youngest, oldest, and top fund-raiser! Proceeds to benefit **THE BRIDGE TO LIFE**. CALL: 718-225-2211. Sponsor donations are tax deductible, ask your employer if your company has a matching gift program. A Supporter donating \$25 or more will have their names listed on our flyers & at this event! **BRING A FRIEND!**
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- Sa 5/20 ♥ 8-12PM **HIBERNIAN PRO-LIFE DANCE** AoH Hall, Selden, NY. Speaker: Msgr. Joseph Curley (see page 5) Call John McGowan 631-331-2111 or Joseph McDermott 631-588-7587.
- Su 5/21 ♥ 2:30PM **MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRO-LIFERS** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY Sponsor: the Life Center of Long Island. Call Jack Eschmann 516-781-8699 or Irene Cassillo 516-541-8056. Please call to supply Jack or Irene with the names of those you wish to have prayed for at Mass. (See page 5)
- Mn 5/22 (M) 7:30PM - **L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING** at St. Regis K of C, Ronkonkoma, NY. 631-243-1435. All Welcome! Special Guest Speaker: Austin Ruse (see page 2)
- Fr 5/26 (M) 8-9PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR & DEVOTION TO OUR LADY** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY. For directions call 516-541-3270.
- Sa 5/27 ♥ 8:00 AM **MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE** St. James RCC, 80 Hicksville Rd., Seaford, NY. 516-678-5800 ext. 509. **FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION** to & from this event, leaving at 7:00 AM from St. Regis K of C parking lot (Ronkonkoma, NY) Call 631-588-0168. (See Page 10)
- Sa 5/27 **9AM-1:00PM We need extra people!** - Donate an hour or two & help prepare the June **LIFE NEWS** for mailing, at St. Joseph's Old School Gym! 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma - For Directions call: 631-588-4437. **LUNCH SERVED! All Welcome! Folding is a great SERVICE PROJECT for Confirmation Students!**
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- Fr-Sa 6/2-3 **DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE** Montfort Missions Retreat Center, 26 Saxon Ave., Bayshore, NY. Weekend program for Teens & Adults. For more information call the Office of Family Ministry, Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 509. (see front cover)
- Th-Sa 6/29-7/1 **NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE 2000 CONFERENCE** Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington, VA. 202-626-8800 ext. 142.
- Su 6/11 **MOMMAS HOUSE THEATRE PARTY & LUNCHEON** 12:30PM Center Stage at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY. For tickets call Joan Phillips 516-868-7314 or MOMMAS office 516-781-8637. (see page 7)

NOTE: When support or participation by pro-lifers is needed for late breaking events affecting our pro-life goals, you may call L.I.C.L. Nassau Vice Chair Patricia McAniff 516-795-5079 or L.I.C.L. Suffolk Vice Chair Lawrence Cervellino 631-243-1435.

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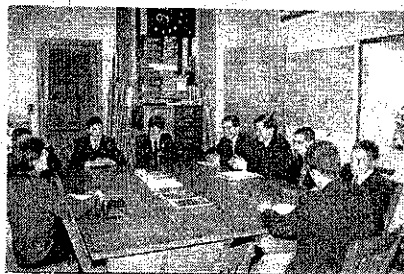
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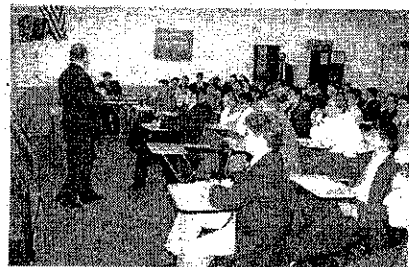


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UNDERPOPULATION VS. ECONOMIC VITALITY

February 17, 2000: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in recent testimony before Congress, has said he wants to increase the annual immigration quota by 130,000 to meet the needs of a tightening labor market. Help wanted signs are blossoming in cities and towns throughout the country and employment levels are at historic highs. At the same time, President Clinton is paradoxically preparing to extract from the U.S. taxpayer record sums aimed at further reducing the number of babies born at home and abroad. America's present-day labor shortage was in part created by policy decisions made three decades ago. By 1970 the national media were claiming that the most pressing issue of the day was overpopulation. John D. Rockefeller pushed the Nixon administration to act to curb the US population growth rate claiming above-replacement birth rates threatened "the vitality of business". In other words, he got things exactly backwards. By 1977, America's birthrate had dropped below replacement levels and it is interesting to note that the 1977 shortfall in births was approximately 130,000, exactly the number Greenspan noted we now need annually! In view of our current labor shortage, the Clinton administration's effort to increase funding for domestic population control programs by \$35 million seems particularly shortsighted. We are already experiencing a birth dearth of historic proportions that is threatening to cripple the economy. Why should we spend tens of millions of dollars more to make the baby shortage even worse? www.pop.org; weekly briefing 3/3/00

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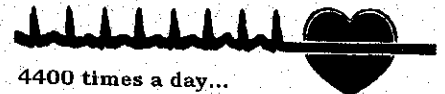
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Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, and Rudolph Giuliani have all vowed to keep this procedure legal. They all favor killing babies, even in the gruesome and painful manner described above.

Pro Life Answers ^{to} Pro Choice Arguments

Argument: "The Anti-Abortion position is a religious belief that threatens the vital separation of church and state."

Answer: **The Abortion issue is really a human life issue, a civil rights issue.**

It is not simply a religious issue, anymore than the rights of Jews and Blacks is simply a religious issue. Though most governments are secular, there is hardly a nation in the world where abortion was legal prior to World War II. You do not need to be a Christian, nor subscribe to any religion, to believe that the unborn are children and that it should not be legal to kill them.

Laws related to church and state were intended to assure freedom *for* religion, not freedom *from* religion.

Neither the words "separation of church and state" nor the concept as we now know it are found in the Constitution. The First Amendment's establishment of religion clause was devised to protect religious liberty, not to banish religion's influence on society. But even if we adopt the later terminology of a separate church and state, the "church" that was to be separate from the state was a single denomination or sectarian group, not religion in general. The founders of our country did not want one church or denomination to control the state. They definitely *did* want religion, specifically the Christian religion, to influence the moral principles and laws of the state." America's colonists came here to have freedom of religion, not freedom *from* religion. Their intention was that the moral principles founded religious beliefs should permeate the social order.

Randy Alcorn