



Bob Walsh

YOU ARE INVITED

Robert Walsh will be the guest speaker at the Monday, July 24th General Meeting of L.I.C.L. Bob is president of Pro Life Internet Services and a past Board Member of the Life Center of Long Island among many other positions of leadership in the local, national, and international pro-life movement.

His talk will begin at 7:45 PM at St. Regis Council Knights of Columbus building (upstairs) in Ronkonkoma. The regular monthly meeting follows. For directions call LICL 631-243-1435. **All welcome—bring a guest.**

'TAXPAYER MONEY SWELLING PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S COFFERS'

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) released its 1998-1999 Annual Report in February. The document drew immediate criticism from STOPP International director Jim Sedlak.

"The Annual Report makes clear the inordinate amount of profits PPFA makes from its operations", said Sedlak.

"Each year, since 1995, PPFA has showed a steady rise in its profits (income in excess of expenditures)," commented Sedlak, "but its \$125.8 million profit this year is just obscene. For an organization that frequently laments that it needs government support and deserves special pricing from drug companies, to post this kind of profit, year after year, is reprehensible."

Sedlak, whose organization publishes an annual report of PPFA's finances, pointed out that PPFA has had a total profit of \$355.6 million over the last 13 years and "not once, in that time, did it ever report a loss."

"PPFA reported in its Annual Report that it currently has net assets totaling \$536.3 million. It increased its net assets by \$131.5 million in just one year," said Sedlak.

"These numbers may be wonderful if PPFA was just a normal business," said Sedlak, "But the organization claims to be a charity and wants all kinds of special deals - including reduced-rate advertising in the media. *It's time the American public saw PPFA for what it is, a business intent on making as much profit as it can!*"

"Taxpayer money is swelling PPFA's coffers," said Jim Sedlak, director of STOPP International.

The PPFA Annual Report states that, in its 1998-1999 fiscal year, PPFA received \$176.5 million in government grants and contracts. Sedlak estimates that 75% of that comes from the federal government and the remainder from state and local governments. This means that PPFA gets approximately \$132.4 million from the federal government. The PPFA Annual Report stated that its net assets increased by \$131.5 million during its last fiscal year. "The numbers reveal the truth," said Sedlak. "All the federal money to PPFA was not needed to cover its expenses. It went, instead, to swell its bottom line. *American taxpayers are scrimping and saving to pay taxes that are being used simply to increase the bank accounts of Planned Parenthood. It's an outrage!*" Sedlak noted that Clinton's proposed 2001 budget does not cut back on money to Planned Parenthood, but rather, *will actually increase taxpayer money to the organization.*

"Over the last 13 years, the taxpayer has dumped over \$1.8 billion into Planned Parenthood with no observable benefit - unless you count more money in PPFA's accounts as a benefit. It is time we put an end to this government largesse."

Sedlak called on every citizen to contact members of Congress and insist that they begin to cut government funding of Planned Parenthood. "I call on every candidate for public office," Sedlak concluded, "to declare their intentions to cut this wasteful spending and end government funding of Planned Parenthood."

-Voices for the Unborn April, 2000

NOTE: *PPFA is America's Largest Abortion Provider.*



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CONGRATULATIONS DUE--the most radical proposals put forth by pro-abortionists at the U.N. Conference (Beijing+Five), in N. Y., 6/5-6/10/2000, have thus far been held at bay by pro-life lobbyists. Quoting from the Washington Times, 6/12:

Conservative nations routed liberal and radical feminists at the finale of a U.N. special session on women's rights over the weekend, forcing Western powers to drop homosexual rights, sex rights for children and promotion of abortion from a new five-year U.N. agenda for women's advancement.

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

FEDERAL



The REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION-see 5/00 Life News, is to be held 7/28 to 8/4. The Pro-Life plank in the Republican National Platform is in great jeopardy. If you have not written on this matter, please write or FAX immediately urging that the current Pro-Life plank in the Republican Party remain intact.

Action: Letterwriting-Mail to:

Gov. Thompson, Chrm. Platform Committee
Republican National Convention
310 First St. S. E.
Washington, D.C. 20003
FAX-202-863-8820

NEW YORK STATE--The New York State Legislature will recess for the year at the end of June 2000. Bills not passed by both the N.Y.S. Senate and Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Pataki must be reintroduced in the 2001 Legislative Session. For information on the status of N.Y.S. legislation call LICL Legislative Committee member Mary Arden Smith at 516-825-4852.

THE PASSING ON OF A GREAT PRO-LIFE LEADER—We are saddened by the recent death of two term Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania Robert Casey. A staunch pro-lifer, he succeeded in conjunction with his state legislature in passing:

1. A state Parental Consent Law,
2. A Right to Know law, and
3. A 24 hour waiting period before an abortion.

Governor Casey, a potential presidential candidate, was locked out of his own party's National Convention in the early 1990's due to his strong stand for the protection of fetal life. May his courage and concern for human life encourage all of us to do just a little more and strive a bit harder.

PREPARE NOW FOR THE NOV. 7th, 2000 ELECTIONS (and Primary Day Sept. 12th)

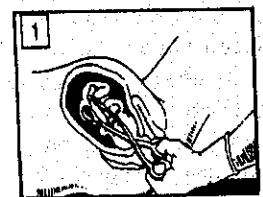
- Hold a voter registration drive. This is a legal church activity. Obtain forms from the Board of Elections or call LICL 631-243-1435.
- Ask each candidate his/her position on the life issues of abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia. Make a note of their answers to inform others.
- Read all requests for funding. If you are not going to contribute because of the candidate's stand on the life issues return the letter with a note saying his/her stand on the life issues is not acceptable.
- Remember: Pro-Life candidates on all levels need your volunteer time. The item on Gov. Casey, above, reminds us that proclaiming respect for all human life makes a candidate's road more difficult.

THE STATUS OF THE BAN ON PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTIONS (PBA)—The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the PBA ban on 4/5/00 by 287-142. The U.S. Senate is about to vote on a ban on PBA with similar wording.

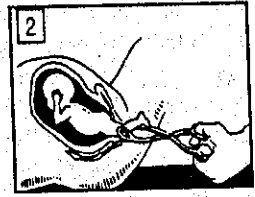
Thirty-one state legislatures have also passed bans on PBA, some of which have been struck down by their own state's courts for vagueness. Nebraska's 7th Court of Appeals declared their state's ban unconstitutional after abortionist LeRoy Carhart appealed. Presently we await a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the ban on PBA passed in Illinois and Nebraska.

WHY THE OUTCRY OVER PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION? WHY IS THIS PROCEDURE (ALSO KNOWN AS THE D&X ABORTION) BEST DESCRIBED AS INFANTICIDE?

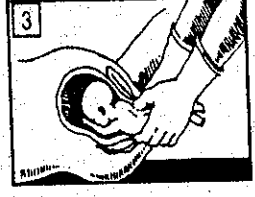
The partial-birth abortion procedure is used after 20 weeks (4½ months) of pregnancy-- often to six months, seven months, and even later. The difference between partial-birth abortion and homicide is a mere three inches ...



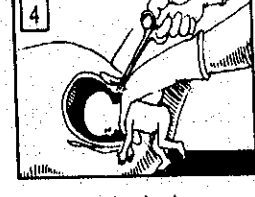
1 Guided by ultrasound, the abortionist grabs the baby's leg with forceps.



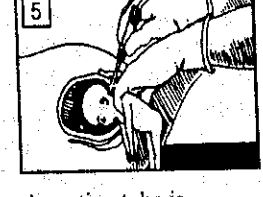
2 The baby's leg is pulled out into the birth canal.



3 The abortionist delivers the baby's entire body except for the head.



4 The abortionist jams scissors into the baby's skull. The scissors are then opened to enlarge the hole.



5 A suction tube is inserted. The child's brains are sucked out, causing the skull to collapse. The dead baby is then removed.



HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Who will be making your life-sustaining decisions? What are life-sustaining treatments? Let's start with the legal definition of life-sustaining treatment as used in the Family Health Care Decisions Act in the NYS Senate and Assembly: "means any medical treatment or procedure without which the patient will die within a relatively short time, as determined by an attending physician to a reasonable degree of medical certainty." If we were unable to drink or eat on our own, would our inability to supply our needs for nutrition and hydration (food and water), which would have to be supplied via gastric (stomach) tube or IV, be considered a procedure over and above comfort needs? The answer is YES! Could someone decide to stop these "procedures"? The answer is YES! How can this be in legislation that is 25 pages long, and seemingly so involved in every aspect of health care decisions? Easily, by being deliberately vague on specific patient needs and obliterating culpability. For example: the legislation leads off with, "This legislation establishes a procedure to facilitate responsible decision-making by surrogates on behalf of patients who do not have capacity to make their own health care decisions." Who decides on a patient's capacity and what does capacity really mean? Which of Webster's definitions apply: legal qualification, competency, power, fitness, ability, caliber, power to grasp and analyze ideas and cope with problems, potentiality?

A surrogate or health care agent may have been selected by the patient, but if it is deemed that clear and convincing evidence of their treatment wishes is not available and if an attending physician determines the patient lacks decision-making capacity to "a reasonable degree of certainty..." decisions to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment "may be made." Health care providers shall not be required to inform the patient or surrogate of the confirmation of "lack of capacity."

The legislation further reads: "Nothing in this article shall obligate health care providers to seek the consent of a surrogate if an adult patient has already made a decision about the proposed health care, expressed orally or in writing, including a decision about withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining treatment." How can anyone prove what was supposed to have been said orally? How could a surrogate make a future informed decision if he was not informed? The legislation also throws the decision making in the health care provider's hands if no surrogate is reasonably available, willing and competent to act..." That's an open invitation to usurp decision making!

What about culpability? Section 2995-0, Immunity, says it all: No Ethics Review Committee, No Health Care Providers or employers, No Surrogates, Patients, Guardians, "No Person shall be subjected to criminal or civil liability or be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct..." All our fears should then dissipate, for the legislation goes on to read, "Nothing in this article is intended to permit or promote suicide, assisted suicide, or euthanasia." Now doesn't that make you feel better? Why would they think we would ever come to those conclusions?

Eileen Doyle, RN, of NYS Nurses for Life, Inc. has written a wonderful pamphlet on the Family Health Care De-

isions Act. The title page reads, "Too Much Power for the Surrogate—Too Little Protection for the Patient." She goes on to say, "Patients who are not imminently dying but are diagnosed as permanently unconscious could be denied food and water by feeding tube. Death would result from dehydration and starvation rather than from their underlying disability... The diagnosis of permanent unconsciousness is not always as accurate and predictable as the public has been led to believe. Some of these patients who would have eventually recovered will lose their lives as a direct result of denying them their most basic right to care." She states from the *Archives of Neurology*: "of 84 patients with a firm diagnosis of persistent vegetative state (PVS), 41% became conscious by 6 months, 52% by 1 year, and 58% within 3 years. There was no way to predict at the onset which patients would eventually recover." Other studies showed that 95% of PVS patients were not terminally ill.

Bishop James T. McHugh, Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY said: "Food and water does not cure the PVS patient; it maintains life. It does not cause suffering for the patient nor is it considered exceptional or experimental medical technology. If the nutrition is discontinued, then the patient will die because a new cause of death has been introduced, that is, from a deliberately intended deprivation of nourishment, or, in common language, from starvation."

We use the Family Health Care Decisions Act as an example. There are pro-euthanasia bills in many state legislatures. We must be more observant, we must act immediately to secure the protection from our representatives in Congress and State Legislatures for basic life protections, especially when we are most vulnerable. Will we vote in courageous leadership? Msgr. James Lisante recently said that without life, what other injustices would really matter?

"Social scientists tell us that our society has reached an imbalance between generations," writes Drew DeCoursey in his book, *Lifting the Veil of Choice Defending Life*. "The elderly are becoming more numerous; the youth more scarce. Even retirement is in jeopardy. It is the young workers who pay the Social Security benefits of the retired...As our generation moves beyond productivity into retirement, we may find it is we who have become inconvenient. The young may impose on the mature what we taught them through the fruits of Roe v Wade: if a life is inconvenient, we may choose to terminate it."

We believe that proponents of Euthanasia and Doctor-Assisted Suicide are stimulating a fear in the elderly as to what awaits them as their longevity brings on a greater possibility of terminal illnesses and body insufficiency. In their *Handbook on Euthanasia*, Susan M. and Robert L. Sassone write: "If we give our dying the proper care, the demand for euthanasia would disappear." They quote Dr. Richard Lamer-ton of Hospice "...Once a patient feels welcome and not a burden to others, once his pain is controlled and other symptoms have been at least reduced to manageable proportions, then the cry for euthanasia disappears." A caption under a cartoon in their book says "A Euthanasia law would help the angel of death kiss you on the nose before you're ready." We love angels and ask for their assistance, but with your help, may we be able to thwart this stalker!

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PROCESSION FOR LIFE

**Saturday,
July 8th**

St. Ignatius Loyola
R.C. Church
129 Broadway, Hicksville

Mass: 8:30 AM

*Office Of:
Family Ministry,
Diocese of
Rockville Centre, N.Y.*



Rosary Procession:
380 Jericho Turnpike
(Car Pool to Sears Parking Lot)

Benediction:
Following Rosary Procession

~ Refreshments Served ~

ALL WELCOME!!

*Members of ALL faiths and All who
believe in the sanctity of Life
are invited to join
in the Procession.*

Special Invitation To Teens and Young Adults To Join Us!

Directions: LIE: Exit 41 South or **Northern State:** Exit 35 South Travel approximately one mile and bear left at the fork. Go beneath railroad trestle and proceed two blocks to the Church (Left hand side of road).

Southern State: Exit 29 North. You will travel approximately 10 minutes directly to the Church. (Hicksville Road - 107 North). At fork, stay to the left. Church is on the right side of the road.

~ NEXT MONTHLY MASS/PROCESSION: St. Patrick R.C. Church, Glen Cove ~

Convention 2000

New York State Right to Life

Millennium Thrust

Saturday, September 23rd 2000

Ramada Inn, Schenectady, NY

Education! Motivation! Mobilization!

Featured Speakers: Nat Hentoff ✕ Alveda King ✕ Richard Doerflinger ✕ Dave Malutinok ✕ Rev. Duane Motley ✕ Denise Coccione ✕ Sandy Merle ✕ Mark Pickup ✕ Dr. Tony Levatino ✕ Project Reality ✕ Fr. Frank Pavone & More

For Convention Details Call:

**The New York State Right to Life
Committee, Inc. at 518-434-1293**

Also, come to the Political Action reception and support Pro-Life Legislators Friday evening, September 22nd at 8PM, Ramada Inn

During the past several months a variety of presidential hopefuls have vied for their party's endorsement for a chance to be on the ballot in November. On the Democratic side, front runner Vice-President Al Gore has made a variety of clear statements espousing his support for the Roe v. Wade decision and not only continuing but expanding the practice of abortion in the United States and around the world. He has twice spoken at National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) luncheons and has opposed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Gore also believes that future Supreme Court Justices should support the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

The front runner on the Republican side, Texas Governor George W. Bush, believes that Roe v. Wade should be overturned and supports the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. He also believes that future Supreme Court Justices should strictly interpret the Constitution and not use the bench to legislate on issues before the court.

JULY 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 weekly on dates noted.

NASSAU

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) GARDEN CITY	516-354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	T, W, F 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	516-867-3409	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	516-781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM - NOON
(W) SYOSSET	516-334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke.	Sat. 8:00-9:30AM
(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	516-887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	*Time subject to change, please call ahead.
(W) JERICHO	516-867-3409	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

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	631-979-7017	70 Maple Ave.	Fri NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(M) STONY BROOK	631-751-8217	2500 Nesconset Hwy.	2 nd & 4 th Sat, 8-10AM
(W) SOUTHAMPTON	631-283-6829	595 Hampton Rd.	11:30AM every Friday
(W) BRENTWOOD	631-234-0933	42 First Ave.	8AM-9:30AM every Saturday

DEER PARK CLOSED! Thanks to God & all the dedicated Pro-Lifers who faithfully offered their presence & prayers each week.

- July
- ♥Tu 7/18 3PM & Wed 7/19 9PM Political Parties & Moral Issues-Life Issues; Ch. 71 Nassau & W. Suffolk.
 - ♥Tu 7/11 3PM & Wed 7/12 Planned Parenthood-The Untold Story, with Johanna Cervellino & George Frost; Ch. 71 Nassau & W. Suffolk. ♥Tu 7/25 10PM Almost Born; Ch. 25 C. Suffolk & Ch. 70 Brookhaven & E. Suffolk. ♥Tu 7/25 10PM Ultra Sound-Window to the Womb; Ch. 70 Brookhaven & E. Suffolk.
- American Family Association cable programming-Call Frank Russo: 516-944-3544. Website: www.afany.org
- Sa 7/1 8/5 (M) 3-7AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Wed. 7/12- 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770.
- Sa 7/1 8/5 (M) 6PM **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.
- Su 7/2 8/6 (W) 8-9PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst.
- Su 7/2 8/6 (M) 11:15AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-343-2491.
- Mn 7/3 8/7 (M) 10AM-4PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)
- Mn 7/3 8/7 (W) 7PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.
- Th 7/6 8/3 (W) 7-8PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 9:30PM-8AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE** St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 9PM-5AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 8PM-9PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 8PM **PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR** St. Paul the Apostle RCC, Route 107, Brookville, NY.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (W) 1:00PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 8-12PM **ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY.
- Fr-Su 7/7-9 ♥**10th ANNUAL COME ASIDE RETREAT** Blackwood, NJ. Pro-Life Retreat led by Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life. "The call to do pro-life work at any level comes from God. A pro-lifer must therefore remain rooted in God. Otherwise, the battle could destroy him." To register contact Sr. Roberta Harding, Tel. 301-681-7634 or Fax 301-681-8793. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

PUBLICATION DEADLINE - Items submitted must be received by the 5th of the month preceding the desired month of publication. Only Pro-Life items will be considered. Calendar items must be typewritten. Articles & announcements must be camera-ready. Mail to: Life News Item, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

CALENDAR EVENTS CONTINUED

"Whenever Two or More
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- Fr 7/7 ♥ 7:30PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** St. Jude, the Shrine Church, Mastic, NY.
- Fr 7/7 8/4 (M) 9:30AM-4PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor, NY. 631-725-5915.
- Sa 7/8 ♥8:30AM **MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE** St. Ignatius Loyola RCC, 129 Broadway, Hicksville, NY. 516-678-5800 ext. 509. FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION to & from this event, leaving at 7:30AM SHARP, from St. Regis K of C parking lot (Ronkonkoma, NY) Call 631-588-0168. (See page 5)
- Su 7/9 8/13 (M) 1-4PM **SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at "Bridge to Life" 41-23 Bell Blvd., 2nd Flr, Bayside, 718-225-2211. Queens pro-lifers may obtain the "Bridge to Life" newsletter - Call 718-225-2211.
- Su 7/9 8/13 (M) 1PM **PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
- M 7/10 8/14 (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.
- Tu 7/11 8/8 (M) 9AM **MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON** - Rosary; Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
- Su 7/16 (M) 2PM **DEANERY SIX PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 75 Parkside Dr., Point Lookout, NY. Call Mary Caffrey at 516-887-2458.
- Tu 7/18 8/15 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
- Th 7/20 8/17 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR LIFE** St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY. 516-694-2938.
- Fr 7/21 8/18 (M) 9PM-6AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC -Chapel Massapequa Park. For details please call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921.
- Sa 7/22 **9AM-1:00PM We need extra people!** - Donate an hour or two & help prepare the August **LIFE NEWS** for mailing at St. Joseph's Old School Gym! 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma - For Directions call: 631-588-4437.
- Mn 7/24 (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: Bob Walsh (see page 2)
- Fr 7/28 8/25 (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.
- Saturdays ♥11:00PM **"DEFEND LIFE"** television series on Channels 25 & 64 from **Priests for Life** - Fr. Frank Pavone. Priests For Life Website: www.priestsforlife.com

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sa 8/12 **MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE** 8:30AM St. Patrick RCC, Glen Cove, NY. 516-678-5800 ext. 509.
- Sa 9/23 **NEW YORK STATE RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION** 8AM-5PM Schenectady, NY. 516-434-1293. (Page 5)
- Su 10/1 **STAND UP FOR LIFE** 2-3:30PM, Route 110, Huntington, NY. Call: 631-588-0168 or 516-781-8699
- Sa 10/7 **LIFE CENTER DINNER DANCE** 7PM LaGrange Inn. Call: 631-243-2373

THE POWER OF PRAYER!

PRO-LIFE MASS CRUSADE: To end abortions we need to rely on a most powerful prayer - Holy Mass. Ask your parish Respect Life Committee to sponsor at least one announced Mass a month in your Church. In the parish bulletin you could say it is: TO END ABORTIONS. You could urge prayer groups and other parish organizations to do the same. If enough join in this "Pro-Life Mass Crusade" here & across the country I feel sure Divine Mercy will have pity on us and see an end to this unspeakable killing of preborn and partially born babies. If you decide to go ahead with Masses - why not let us know. We'd appreciate hearing from you!

Jim Collins (516) 735-9203 Legion of Mary
St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage, NY

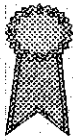
Save Innocent Life...Join PRAYER Crusade: No meetings, no dues, no pledge cards. Just PRAY. In a very short time the Supreme Court will be deciding on the most controversial issue of our day - the right of a state to ban 'partial birth abortion'. At this time we want to organize a Crusade of Conscience. We are contacting religious organizations of all faiths asking they discuss this issue with their own members & where possible, plan times of prayer and reflection during this time of the Supreme Court's deliberations. We ask that you plan some means of talking about partial birth abortion in your own sphere of influence. Thanks for your help with this project. For more information, please call Mary Caffrey (516) 887-2458.

Be a Crusader - PRAY.

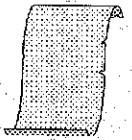
Become a Messenger - tell others to PRAY.

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IN MEMORIAM
Mary Hunold



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Msgr. John A. Alesandro, Diocese of Rockville Centre
Fr. Douglas Arcoleo, St. Patrick, Smithtown
Fr. Brian P. Barr, St. Anthony's High School Chaplain
Fr. Henry I. Benack, St. Patrick, Glen Cove
Rabbi Moses Birnbaum, Plainview Jewish Center
Fr. Daniel Bitsko, Resurrection of Our Lord Byzantine,
Smithtown
Fr. Lawrence A. Chadwick, St. Matthew, Dix Hills
Fr. Thomas Coogan, St. Patrick, Bay Shore
Fr. Thomas C. Costa, St. Patrick, Glen Cove
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Inevitably in a list of this sort, some names may have inadvertently been omitted, for which we apologize. However, we intend to make this an annual recognition and will accept names throughout the year to be included on next year's list. Please submit names of clergy and religious from Long Island to the Pro-Life Honor Roll, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779, with a brief explanation of the pro-life leadership shown by the person you are nominating. We hope next year's list will be even larger.

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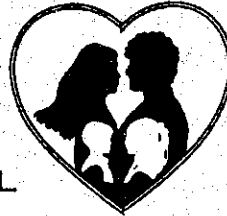
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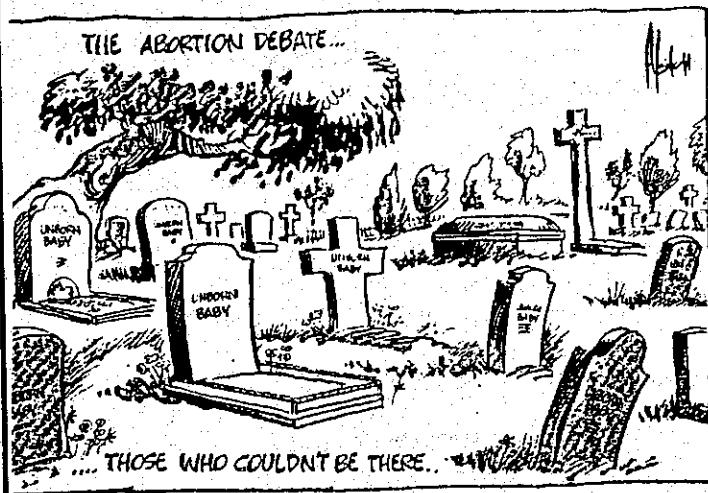
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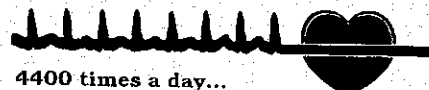
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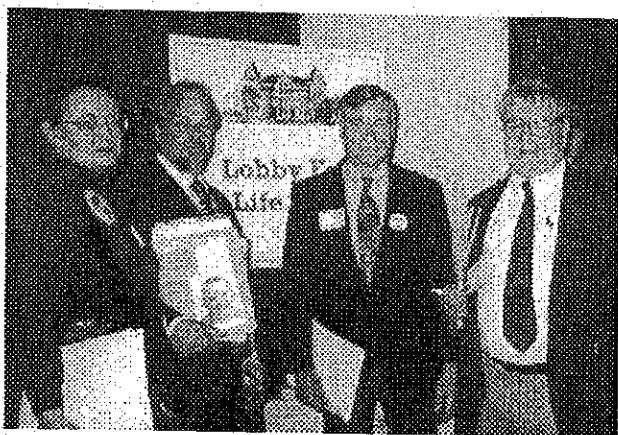
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