

Life News

Long Island's Monthly Pro-Life Newsletter

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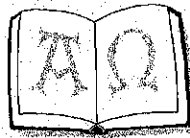
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"A psychological price is paid. I can't say exactly what. It may be alienation, perhaps a hardening of the maternal instinct. Something happens on the deeper levels of a woman's consciousness when she destroys a pregnancy. I know that as a Psychiatrist."

Dr. Julius Vogel, psychiatrist and ob-gyn, Wash. Post, Feb. 5, 1989

Eleventh Annual
**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER
FOR LIFE**
Friday, December 8th, 2000



**Eucharistic Adoration & Intercession
For the Unborn**
Please attend at your nearest location.

NASSAU

- St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hempstead
- Holy Family, Hicksville, 9PM-1AM
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 9PM-1AM
- St. Patrick's, Glen Cove, Perpetual Adoration, after process to church, 9PM-1AM
- St. Frances De Chantal, Wantagh, 8:30PM-1AM
- St. Raphael, East Meadow, 9:00PM-Midnight
- St. Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square, 8PM-9PM
- Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout, after 8PM Mass to 10:00PM
- St. Kilian, Farmingdale, 9PM-Midnight
- St. William the Abbot, Seaford, 9PM-1AM
- Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, 9PM-Midnight
- St. Boniface, Elmont, after 8PM Mass
- St. Aidan's, Williston Park, after 8PM Mass-10PM
- St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, after 7:30PM Mass-10:30PM
- Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park, 8PM-10PM
- Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park, 7:30PM-9:30PM
- Notre Dame, New Hyde Park, 9PM-1AM
- St. Christopher, Baldwin, 8PM-9PM
- St. James, Seaford, after 7:30PM Mass
- St. Joseph, Garden City, 8:30PM-10:30PM
- St. Raymond's, E. Rockaway, 9PM-1AM
- Holy Name of Mary & Blessed Sacrament at Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, after 7:30PM Mass-1AM

*St. Pius X, Plainview, THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 7:00PM-9PM

These are the parishes who, at printing time, have registered.

If your parish is not listed, please contact them.

For further information contact Anne Murphy

631-234-6921

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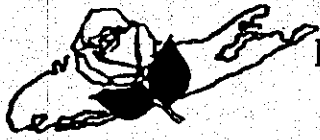
- St. Matthews, Dix Hills, after 7:30PM Mass-1AM
- St. Patrick's, Huntington, 9PM-1AM
- Our Lady of Good Council, Mattituck, after 7:30PM Mass-10PM
- St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, 9PM-1AM
- Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Bridgehampton, 9PM-1AM
- St. Isidore, Riverhead, 9PM-1AM
- St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 8:30PM-10PM
- St. James, Setauket, 9PM-1AM
- St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia, 8PM-Midnight
- Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon, 9PM-Midnight
- Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, 9PM-11PM
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, 9PM-Midnight
- St. Patrick's, Bay Shore, 8PM -Midnight
- St. Patrick's, Smithtown, 8:30PM-1AM
- St. John the Baptist, Wading River, after 7:30PM Mass
- St. Hugh of Lincoln, Hunt. Sta., 9PM-10PM
- St. Martin of Tours, Amityville, after 7:30PM Mass-9:30PM
- Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson, 9PM-1AM
- Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague, 8PM-10PM
- Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point, 9PM-1AM
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue, 9PM-1AM
- St. Louis de Montfort, Sound Beach, 7:30PM-10PM
- Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue, 9PM-1AM
- Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip, 9PM-Midnight
- St. Sylvester, Medford, 2nd Friday Holy Hour, will combine

*St. Jude, Mastic Beach, THURSDAY, DEC. 7, after 7PM Mass

**THE HOUR OF NATIONAL UNITY
IS FROM 12 MIDNIGHT TO 1AM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, EST.**

**A Blessed Christmas
and
Holy Days**





Long Island Coalition for Life Chairman's Year-end Letter

December 2000

Dear Pro-Life Friend,

I am writing this letter as the battling over the Florida vote recount goes on. My cynicism about things political makes me suspect that Clinton and Gore and their minions will keep Florida counting till they "find" the votes they want. And Clinton's Justice Department and his judicial appointees will uphold the result that puts Gore in the White House. I hope I am wrong but won't be surprised if I'm not.

Any way you look at it, we, the American people, have gotten what we deserve. The killing of pre-born babies has been relegated to an issue of minor significance when voting. Even many people of faith do not vote pro-life. For example, analysis of election results indicates that New York Catholics voted heavily for Hillary and Gore. This in spite of the fact that Rockville Centre's Bishop McHugh and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops have made it clear that protection of innocent life must trump any other issue. Shame on all those who didn't pay attention.

Legalized infanticide and euthanasia are gaining ground, legitimized in the arguments of their advocates by the "privacy" rights found by Roe vs. Wade and its successors. **If a woman wants a dead baby what difference should it make whether it's in or out of the womb?** The New Jersey Supreme Court has all but said as much. And the time is surely coming when disabled or aged relatives will be at mortal risk if their families no longer want them around. I wonder if some of the people who take the right to life so lightly when they are voting now will feel the same when someday faced with an involuntary lethal injection. But of course, then it will be too late.

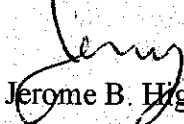
We pro-lifers know that, with God's help, it's never too late. We've had discouragement aplenty but we continue to strive to re-establish the principle that every life begins at conception/fertilization, is sacred to God, and must not be ended by anyone but Him. Quitting is not an option for we know that when we meet our Maker we will be asked, as Congressman Henry Hyde has said, not, "Did you succeed?" but "**Did you try?**" **We will surely keep trying** here on Long Island and, **in His time, God will succeed.**

I won't detail here our ongoing efforts to affirm life. As a reader of this newsletter you know that there is abundant pro-life activity on Long Island, thanks to the work of hundreds of dedicated people. In addition to all that, we expect to have Gregg Cunningham here in the spring for an island-wide, provocative, public, pro-life witness which has been in the making for over two years. We will be releasing more specific information on this when we get closer to the date.

As we indicated in June, *Life News* continues to be our most expensive project, costing some \$45,000 a year. But it is also our most necessary one as it informs and motivates over 10,000 pro-life families and others including counselors, clergy, religious, politicians, and students. We've skipped two telemarketing drives this year hoping that people would prefer to give entirely to us rather than partially to a fund raiser. The response to the June appeal was gratifying. Please repeat your generosity in this season of giving so we may continue to keep trying—**and not have to start calling.** We clearly have a lot of work ahead of us.

Thank you for your generosity and for your prayers for our work. May God bless you abundantly.

For His innocents,


Jerome B. Higgins D.V.M.

P.S. Please use the coupon on page 11 and the enclosed postage-paid envelope to send your most generous year-end donation to *Life News* now so we can prepare for the year ahead. **Funds in excess of those needed for *Life News* will be used for our other projects which also depend on your continuing generosity.**

LEGISLATIVE WATCH



The results of the 2000 election for President, as of this writing, have not been finalized. We pray that Governor George W. Bush will be sworn in as our 43rd President on 1/20/00.

We share your disappointment in the election to office of several pro-abortion persons. A valiant fight was waged by many excellent pro-life candidates. As a result of your hard work over the years, **PRO-LIFE** was an up front issue in the year 2000 election. Pro-life effort is never wasted.

WORKING IN THE POLITICAL ARENA

If you were discouraged with many of the candidates who were elected this year, may want to consider becoming more involved in the political process. You may start by assisting in the campaign of a pro-life candidate or may work within your chosen party to help choose candidates and may ultimately be in a position to become a candidate yourself.

Know that the Democratic Party has a pro-abortion platform and that the Republican Party, the Conservative Party, and the Right to Life Party have pro-life platforms. Unfortunately, this does not insure that the Republicans and Conservatives always place only pro-life candidates on the ballot. You may also want to check out the platforms of other parties before deciding where you can do the most good.

Every party, both major and minor, needs 50,000 votes on their line in the NYS gubernatorial election every four years to keep a place on the ballot. Ken Diem, Chairman of the Right to Life Party has said that his party has established itself to the point where it is assured of receiving the required 50,000 votes. The number of party registrants is irrelevant to a party's access to a ballot line. Thus pro-lifers can be registered in and work for other parties with the goal of steering those parties to pick pro-life candidates. Those candidates can then seek Right to Life and/or Conservative party endorsement, giving them a second or third line on the ballot. Multiple lines are the key to winning.

YOU ARE NOT READY TO BECOME A CANDIDATE BUT FEEL CALLED TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED?

Beginning in January, watch the Senate and House

of Representatives in debate on Cable TV. Read National and State pro-life news material. John Healy and Mary Arden Smith will resume writing on Federal and NYS legislation in this column in January 2001. All bills not passed by both houses and signed by the President before the close of the 2000 session must be reintroduced in 2001. Attend the January 22nd, 2001, March For Life for a very clear picture of what to expect in the coming year.

BECOMING A COMMITTEE PERSON IN A PARTY is a first step toward influence in a party. You may begin by attending party meetings and, when you feel comfortable there, run for a Committee position.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CANDIDATE? GO FOR IT!! BEGIN TODAY!!

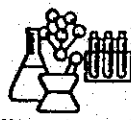
Attend meetings involving the position you are considering such as School, Library or Town Board, County Legislator, etc. You will have to become knowledgeable regarding all concerns of your chosen office. You will want to speak up at public meetings. Take a public speaking course if needed. Become known in your community by speaking and acting on issues of community concern. Write Letters to the Editor to all newspapers in your area. (Note: Letters to the Editor have long been used to promote a public mindset on an issue.) In our present political climate you will usually not be welcomed if you declare yourself as a single-issue pro-lifer. You will have to put in the time and will need to develop a base of volunteers willing to work with you. Keep informed on all aspects of the Right-to-Life movement by reading national and state newsletters or accessing their websites. Become friendly with and offer assistance to pro-life persons already holding office. As you earn the respect of your community you can begin to promote the pro-life effort. Go softly, get yourself elected, then use your office to promote a pro-life, pro-family agenda.

BECOME A NOTARY PUBLIC

A notary can collect signatures for candidates in any party and at any location, providing a valuable service to the pro-life community. You must be at least 18 years old, pay \$15 and pass a simple NYS test (call 518-474-4429 for the paperwork) given weekly in Franklin Square and Hauppauge. Do this today. For information call Marie Mawn: 631-588-0168.

HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

RU-486 "An Appalling Psychological Ordeal"



Pro-abortionists were in a frenzy awaiting FDA approval of RU-486 (Mifepristone) to terminate pregnancies. It is now approved! Danco Laboratories is the manufacturer and distributor. It is heralded as easy, safe, cheap, and a "secret" way to have an abortion. But is it? Edouard Sakiz, former president of Roussel-Uclaf, the original manufacturer of RU-486, said the procedure is "an appalling psychological ordeal." Lester Hyman, a spokesperson for the same manufacturer said "there is considerable pain with the procedure."

The use of Mifepristone for abortion is approved for up to 49 days after the last menstrual period, requires 3 medical visits, and the use of 2 different drugs. The doctor must be able to accurately date a pregnancy, detect a dangerous ectopic (tubal) pregnancy, certify the woman has no disqualifying medical conditions, and have available surgical intervention if needed. The pills are only to be distributed to certified doctors.

The woman would receive Mifepristone (Mifeprex) pills on the first visit—but only after signing a consent form and agreeing to a surgical abortion if the drug fails. At this phase she will experience severe cramping, nausea, vomiting and bleeding. The Mifepristone blocks progesterone, the hormone which maintains the lining of the uterus, thus destroying the support system for the implanting embryo, leading to the death of the developing baby. Using Mifepristone alone, the uterus may try to expel the embryo. However, abortion will occur at a rate of only 60-65% using Mifepristone alone.

Therefore, the woman must return to the doctor to receive 2 pills of a powerful prostaglandin, Misoprostol (Cytotec), manufactured by Searle. These pills bring on uterine contractions, often very painful, to expel the dead embryo, usually within 12 to 24 hours. The use of Cytotec raises the abortion rate to 84-95%. If the embryo is not expelled by the next day, another dose of the prostaglandin may be administered. Even with this extra dose, 1 in 5 women won't abort for hours or days later. **It has taken as long as 12 days to abort.**

The *New England Journal of Medicine* reports that 5-15% of patients have to follow this up with a D&C surgical procedure. One of the main reasons for requiring the patient to agree to a surgical abortion if the process does not work is that Cytotec has an effect on the fetus, and the baby could be born with multiple congenital abnormalities. Given the variance in time for expelling the baby, **20-30% of the women expel their tiny dead baby when they are not in the clinic.**

G.D.Searle, the drug company that manufactures Cytotec, sent a letter dated 8/23/00 to Health Care Practitioners: "Important Drug Warning Concerning Unapproved Use of Intravaginal or Oral Misoprostol in Pregnant Women for Induction of Labor or Abortion. . . Cytotec is not approved for the induction of labor or abortion. . . Searle has become aware of some instances where Cytotec, outside of its approved indication, was used as a cervical ripening agent prior to termination of pregnancy, or for induction of labor, in spite of the specific contraindication to its use during pregnancy." It is obvious from the rest of the letter that **Searle does not want to be connected with RU-486 abortions and possible future legal actions.** The letter states that Searle "has not conducted re-

search concerning the use of Cytotec for cervical ripening prior to termination of pregnancy or for induction of labor, nor does Searle intend to study or support these uses." Searle did list "serious adverse events reported following off-label use of Cytotec in pregnant women" including ". . . maternal or fetal death, uterine hyperstimulation, rupture or perforation requiring uterine surgical repair, hysterectomy or salpingo-oophorectomy, amniotic fluid embolism, severe vaginal bleeding, retained placenta, shock, fetal bradycardia and pelvic pain."

Cytotec is prescribed to inhibit gastric acid secretions. It is used by patients with a history or tendency for ulcers who can't use nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs including aspirin. It can increase bleeding problems in a RU-486 abortion. *The New England Journal of Medicine* lists problems encountered by 895 women who aborted with the RU-486/Cytotec regimen. It showed that **all of the women had uterine bleeding** ranging from 1-32 days, median 9.4 days. It is strange that the FDA approved this use of Cytotec **over Searle's protests!**

Heritage House reports that the original manufacturer of RU-486, Roussel Uclaf, "was very hesitant to apply for FDA approval. They knew this drug created health complications that could lead to expensive lawsuits. Then the Clinton administration, because of their commitment to control world population, stepped in to help get RU-486 approved. Unable to convince Roussel Uclaf to begin FDA approval proceedings, a deal was negotiated where Roussel Uclaf would donate the patent for RU-486 to The Population Council." Further negotiations enabled RU-486 to obtain FDA approval with only \$8 million in drug testing instead of the normal \$100 million or more. "RU-486 was fast tracked through the testing process. . . Instead of 6 years or more, which is typical for most drugs, the length of testing for RU-486 was reduced to 6 months." With this background, can we expect sufficient information on the dangers of this abortion drug to be conveyed to women?

A common side effect of a RU-486 abortion is infection, usually in the pelvic or genital tract. RU-486 suppresses the immune system's capacity to fight off bacterial infection. Lawrence F. Roberge, M.S., writes, "Since the risk of infection is so prevalent, all users of RU-486 need to be warned of the infection hazard. The problem is further complicated if the woman taking RU-486 has AIDS/HIV or other immunosuppressive diseases, since any infection would almost certainly run rampant in the patient and become a cause for a possible patient death." Warnings must also go out to those who suffer abdominal pain (81%) during this abortion to not use aspirin or over-the-counter pain medications, since bleeding could increase. Dr. Mark Louviere reports treating a woman who had lost 1/2 to 2/3 of her blood following a RU-486 abortion. The Population Council anticipates a 1-2% complication rate that includes incomplete abortions, cardiac arrest and hemorrhage.

To complete our report on this 'easy, cheap, safe and secret' abortion procedure, the officials of Danco Laboratories predict the cost of a RU-486 abortion will range from \$300 to \$500, similar to early surgical abortions. Somehow we are sure our tax monies will be involved with the payments.

Documentation available on request.

Dolores Andreski 516-781-5274

Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568

PROCESSION FOR LIFE

**Saturday,
December 9th**

St. William the Abbot R.C. Church
2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford

Mass: 8:00 AM

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



Rosary Procession:

Planned Parenthood
35 Carmans Road, Massapequa Park
(Car Pool)

Benediction:

Following Rosary Procession

~ Refreshments served ~

**Special Invitation To Teens and
Young Adults To Join Us!**

Please join us, and please help to spread the word, so that our prayers will be enhanced with even greater numbers when we come to your area.

Directions: All routes will take you to 135 Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway. Pick up directions on last two lines.

Southern State Parkway-Exit 28A South to Rte 135. *LI Expressway*-Exit 44 So to Rte 135

West: Northern State Parkway-Exit 36A South to Rte 135.

East: Northern State Parkway-Exit 37A West (495). Then take Exit 44 So-Rt. 135.

(Rte 135 Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway-Exit 2E (NY 27-Sunrise Highway).

Proceed two lights to Jackson Avenue. Turn Right and proceed one block to church.

Life Center of Long Island

Sunday, January 7th 2001

Daniel A. Tobin Council #564
1341 Fifth Ave., Bayshore, NY

**3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner to
CELEBRATE LIFE**



2-6PM

Tickets are available

Please call

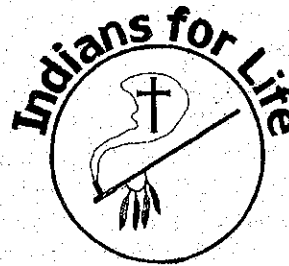
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\$10 per person

**Includes dinner, beer,
wine & soda**

Sponsor Councils:

Daniel A. Tobin Council #564, Bishop McDonnell Council #32324, Our Lady of the Rosary Council #4428, Our Lady of the Miraculous Council #6556. If you are unable to attend, donations will gladly be accepted. Please make your checks payable to the Life Center of Long Island directly to: Paul DeRosa, District Deputy, 417 A Weymouth Court, Ridge, NY 11961 Telephone 631-209-0080



Indians for Life has established ties within both the Native American community and the pro-life community.

"Our native people have such a rich tradition which has as its heart the love and respect for all life. Today, innocent life is threatened by abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide. As Native Americans we must stand up and witness that all life is a sacred gift from God."

Clementine Little Hawk Hernandez,
*Founder and Director and Member of
the Tekakwitha Conference.*

New Members Welcome. Write to:

**Indians for Life
P.O. Box 5237
San Pedro, CA 90733**

DECEMBER 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

TOWN	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) MINEOLA	516-354-6749	156 Mineola Blvd.	Tu F 3-4PM
(W) GARDEN CITY	516-354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	Tu W, F 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	516-867-3409	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	516-798-2151	35 Carman's Rd.	Sat 10:30AM-NOON
(W) MASSAPEQUA	516-781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM-NOON
(W) SYOSSET	516-334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke.	Sat. 8-10AM
(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

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

SUFFOLK

TOWN	CONTACT	LOCATION	DAY/TIME
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	631-979-7017	70 Maple Ave.	Fri NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(M) STONY BROOK	631-751-8217	2500 Nesconset Hwy.	1 st & 3 rd 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

December

♥Mn 12/4 & Tu 12/5 10PM Ch. 70 Brookhaven; Dedicated to Life-Sisters of Life. W. 12/13 9PM Ch. 71 Nassau & Western Suffolk; Eclipse of Reason. W 12/20 9PM Ch. 71 Nassau & Western Suffolk: Abortion/Breast Cancer Link. American Family Association cable programming. Call Frank Russo: 516-944-3544. Website: www.afany.org NEW - Pro-Life Cable: Queens Ch. 68 & Brooklyn Ch. 34 Tuesday's 10:30AM & 6:30PM; Riverhead Ch. 70 Friday's 1:30PM - Mark Crutcher's LIFE DYNAMICS.

(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) 7:30PM **MASS & HOLY HOUR** with respect life intentions, St. Joseph's RCC, Ronkonkoma, NY - 588-0168.

(M) 8-12PM **ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY.

(M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.

(M) 3-7AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Tu 12/12- 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770.

(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.

(M) 11:15AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-343-2491.

(W) 8-9PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst.

(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.

(M) 10:00AM-3PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor, NY. 631-725-5915.

(W) 7-8PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)

♥NEW (M) 9AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY. Call Ruth 631-369-7142.

♥**11th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER** Call Ann Murphy 631-234-6921 (front cover)


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CALENDAR EVENTS CONTINUED

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

- Sa 12/9 ♥8AM MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE St. William the Abbot RCC, 2000 Jackson Ave., Seaford, NY.
Call 516-678-5800 ext. 509. Call 631-588-0168. (See page 2)
- Su 12/10 1/14 (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 12/10 1/14 (M) 1PM PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
- M 12/11 1/8 (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 12/12 1/9 (M) 9AM MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON - Rosary; Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION
FOR LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
- Fr 12/15 1/19 (M) 9PM-6AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Our Lady of Lourdes RCC -Chapel Massapequa Park.
For details please call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921.
- Mn 12/18 (M) 7:45PM - L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING at Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville, NY.
Call: 631-243-1435. ALL WELCOME!
- Tu 12/19 1/16 (M) 7:30-8:30PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
- Th 12/21 1/18 (M) 7:30-8:30PM ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR LIFE St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY. 516-694-2938.
- Fr 12/22 1/26 (M) 8-9PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR & DEVOTION TO OUR LADY Our Lady of Lourdes RCC,
Massapequa Park, NY. For directions & information call 516-541-3270.

Th 12/28 Thursday December 28th ♥ THE MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS ♥ at the following parishes:
♥8PM Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach, NY. Refreshments to follow. Call 631-585-8760.
♥8PM St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh-Intentions for stillborn infants and those lost to miscarriages and abortion.
♥8PM St. Joseph's, Babylon-Hymns performed by the Hibernian Singers. All are invited after Mass to the AOH Hall,
27 Locust Ave., Babylon for coffee & cake. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift. Call 631-587-1308.

- Th 12/28 9AM-1PM - Donate an hour or two & help prepare the January LIFE NEWS for mailing.
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PLANNED PARENTHOOD CANCELS EVENT!

On Tuesday, November 14, 2000, after more than two and a half years of rumors, clandestine meetings, subterfuge, internal bickering and special treatment, Planned Parenthood was supposed to have a gala ribbon cutting celebration opening their newest facility at 35 Carmans Road, Massapequa. Invitations were sent to local politicians, contributors, benefactors, and other supporters along with administrators and staff of Planned Parenthood of Nassau County. In spite of the rain, a large number of residents and other concerned people showed up to protest the opening. The event was canceled. A spokesperson said the event would be rescheduled when the interior work is complete.

The Public Be Damned!

Planned Parenthood received their original certificate of need from the State Health Department April 29, 1998 with no public notices, no public hearings and no opportunity to rebut their arguments in support of need. They bypassed these requirements when the Health Department allowed Planned Parenthood to apply as an extension of their Hempstead clinic.

Then, they promised Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto that they would not do abortions there. Later, they tried to renege on this promise when they pressured the Town to release their building permit. Construction did not start for months causing them to miss the two year deadline for completion of the project. The certificate of need stressed that this would result in the project being abandoned. Again, the Health Department found a loophole and granted Planned Parenthood a six month extension until November 6th. So much for rules and regulations.

35 Carmans Road is the latest step in Planned Parenthood's 3.8 million expansion program in Nassau County. This will greatly increase their ability to promote their version of "responsible sex," where anything goes as long as you use a condom or other form of birth control and back it up with abortion. They aggressively market these programs through so-called sex education programs in public schools, local school districts account for a large part of their business— 58% of clinic visits are a result of school-based clinics.

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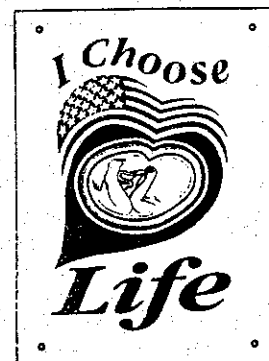
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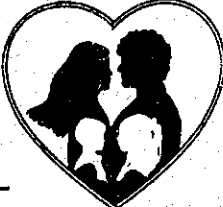

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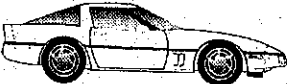
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The Editor

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PRO CHOICE ARGUMENTS

Question: The Rich and White, not the poor and minorities, are most committed to unrestricted abortion.

Answer: Studies show that "abortion finds its heaviest support not among lower or lower-middle class women, but among white upper-middle class women for whom child-bearing may conflict with career goals."

Appealing to the "poor and minority" issue diverts attention from the actual reasons most pro choice advocates favor convenience abortions. It is the poor and minorities— not the rich and white—who foot the physical and psychological bill for their abortions. The facts suggest that what is behind pro choice arguments is not concern for the poor and minorities but concern about them. What better way to control the numbers of blacks, Hispanics, and other minorities than by providing the means for them to eliminate their preborn children? The poor and minorities do not want abortion for themselves nearly as much as the rich and white want abortions for them.

~ Randy Alcorn ~