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"All too many of us, however, have hidden the Gospel of Life under the bushel basket of political expediency. How scandalous it is to see the evidence of Catholic vote supporting those who deny the Gospel of Life. It is easy to criticize Catholic elected representatives who have rejected life. Do we not need to be even more concerned with the far greater number of Catholic voters who fail to challenge these politicians?" *Bernard Cardinal Law Jan. 21, 1996*

**Annual Cocktail Party  
To Benefit  
Long Island Birthright  
Gate of Heaven Council  
224 Wall St., Huntington, NY  
2-5 PM  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2001  
*"Helping Moms & their babies"***

Sponsored By:

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◆ St. Elizabeth Council #5753

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#7479

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**BIRTHRIGHT Inc.  
of Nassau & Suffolk  
ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY**

*"Helping Moms & their babies"*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2001  
3:00-6:00 PM**

**SPONSORED BY & HELD AT  
THE**

**HOLY INNOCENTS  
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◆ COUNCIL 3581

Jeffries Rd., Levittown, NY

**ADMISSION: \$15 per person.**

**Includes 2 free drinks, buffet, prizes**

**All Proceeds go to Birthright of Nassau-Suffolk**

**For Tickets Please Call:**

**Jim McHale 516-796-0894**

**Helen Curtin 516-735-6252**

**Msgr James Lisante**

**For your inspiration  
Special Guest Speaker**

**FUN! FREE FOOD! OPEN BAR!**

**MULTI-GIFT RAFFLES!**

**For Information: Henry Rainone 631-423-4784**

**Cash and or newborn gift donations requested**

To volunteer for Birthright Counseling or to work in the Birthright Thrift Shop - Mineola, please call Carolyn Sutch at 516-796-3257



Rich Hinshaw

## YOU'RE INVITED!

The LICL welcomes Rich Hinshaw back to Long Island and he has accepted our invitation to speak at our next general meeting. The meeting will start at 7:45 PM on February 26, 2001 at the Joseph Barry Council, Knights of Columbus in Hicksville.

For directions to the council call 631-243-1435.

### WANT TO CHALLENGE PLANNED PARENTHOOD?

Planned Parenthood of Nassau County's (PPNC) 1999 Financial Report states that they presented "Comprehensive sexuality education workshops in 60% of all Nassau County school districts. PPNC also expanded its "model education program", Teen Advocate Project (T.A.P.) by providing a Teen Info Line to provide confidential information to teens. PPNC also created community partnerships thereby enabling PPNC to co-sponsor a free workshop series with Syosset and Levittown Borders Book Stores.

Many of their "educational services" are supported by government grants. The PPNC Financial Statement of 1999 indicates that they received \$1,336,706 in government grants. This financial support from government sources is financed by the taxpayer and represents 32% of their total revenue.

Call, or write your elected officials to protest the use of your tax dollars to subsidize PP's failed safer-sex agenda. STD's continue to rise and teen pregnancy among sexually active teens continues to rise. (N.Y. Times 3-9-98 and 10-27-99) Inform Borders Book stores that you will not frequent their shops. Lastly, become informed as to whether or not PPNC is presenting workshops in your school district.

Ask your school administrators why they are allowing PP, an organization which has consistently opposed parental consent and parental notification when a minor seeks an abortion, and when a minor seeks contraceptive, or treatment of an STD. Why are they permitting PP continued and easy access to students. Is this an example of responsible education and parental involvement. - We think not.

Submitted by  
Johanna Cervellino  
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This beautiful Memorial to the Unborn Child was donated by Joseph F. Lamb Council Knights of Columbus, Plainview and stands on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Hicksville. The picture shows the blessing by Pastor Msgr. James Boesel with the Knights in attendance.



Members of Rock for Life's New York Chapter march outside the headquarters of MTV in Times Square, protesting the youth network's pro-abortion messages.

To Contact  
our local  
Rock for Life  
chapter  
write to:

Adam LoPorto  
Rock for Life  
P.O. Box 2612  
Huntington  
Station,  
N. Y. 11746

E-mail: liferock@optonline.net

#### NEEDED:

Rock for Life seeks use of a local hall to present a concert which includes their pro-life, pro-chastity message.

**FEDERAL**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED IN SUPPORT OF SENATOR JOHN ASHCROFT AS U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

**NOTE:** If his confirmation has not been voted on to date call or write immediately. Please activate phone chains, make calls to talk radio/TV, write to your Senators, and write letters to the editor of local newspapers.

**BACKGROUND:** As you know, President Bush has named pro-life former Senator John Ashcroft of Missouri as Attorney General. Hearings began mid-January in the Senate. A large coalition of pro-abortion organizations has vowed to defeat Ashcroft's nomination. National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League said, "We're going to spend whatever it takes".

**CONTACT:**

Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510  
and Senator Hillary Clinton  
(same address)

Or call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121.

**MESSAGE:** (sample) Dear Senator:

I urge your vote to confirm Senator Ashcroft as U.S. Attorney General. He is highly qualified and over 60% of America favors his holding this important post. Please reply. Thank you.

**McCAIN-FEINGOLD BILL**

A revised McCain-Feingold "Campaign Reform" Bill will be introduced early in the session. Pro-life must watch this legislation carefully.

**CONTACT:**

Senators Schumer and Clinton  
(see address & phone number above)

**MESSAGE:** (sample) Dear Senator:

Do not restrict the advocacy speech of citizens' organizations in legislation intended to accomplish campaign reform. Please reply. Thank you.

**THE NETHERLANDS AND U.S.A.**--On 11/28/00 in the lower Dutch parliament by a vote of 104-40 doctor assisted suicide was declared legal. A vote in the upper house is expected in 2001 and is expected to pass. The Netherlands will then be the first country in the world to legalize physician assisted suicide. Other countries that tolerate euthanasia but have not made it legal are

Switzerland, Belgain and Columbia. In the U.S. Oregon has legalized doctor assisted suicide while a bill proposing it in Maine failed on 11/7/00 by a vote of 330,671 to 313,303.

For further information call John Healy 631-598-0430.

**NEW YORK STATE**

January LIFE NEWS asked that you write to Gov. Pataki objecting to the use of tax money to fund the destruction of human life. Now is the time to write to members of the Senate and Assembly. Most New Yorkers are unaware that no federal Medicaid funds are used in N.Y.S. for abortions. The Hyde Amendment prevents federal Medicaid from funding abortions except in cases of rape, incest or endangerment to the mother's life. N.Y.S. chooses not to seek federal reimbursement and chooses instead to provide abortion-on-demand. As N.Y.S. taxpayers we are thus forced to finance 100 percent of Medicaid abortions (50% paid with State dollars and 50% paid with local community money). Gov. Pataki and his State Department of Health indicated they intend to use Medicaid monies to fund the RU-486 chemical in addition to funding surgical abortions. What a nightmare!

**ACTION:** Letterwriting--please contact both your:  
NYS Senator and NYS Assembly Member  
Legislative Office Bldg. Legislative Office Bldg.  
Albany, N.Y. 12247 Albany, N.Y. 12248  
518-455-2800 518-455-4100

Note: to find the names of your elected officials call the Board of Elections- (Nassau 516-571-2411 and Suffolk 631-852-4500)

**Sample letter: Dear.....**

When participating in 2001 budget negotiations and voting be aware that thousands of taxpayers in our state strongly object the use of their tax dollars to fund the destruction of human life by abortion whether surgical or chemical (as the RU-486). Under N.Y.S. Social Service Law 365A, only medically necessary abortions qualify for Medicaid reimbursement. Yet, the recent statistics released by N.Y.S.Dept. of Health show that 39% (50,457) abortions were paid for by taxpayer (Medicaid) dollars. Our N.Y.S. reimbursement policy is obviously flawed. This flagrant disregard of the law should not continue. Also, please consider the fact that the vast majority of states restrict state funding. Why does N.Y.S. continue to fund abortion? Please reply.

For information any NYS legislation contact Mary Arden Smith 516-825-4852.



## HEALTH &amp; SCIENCE REPORT

## STEM CELL RESEARCH AND TESTIMONY

In the Michael Fund Newsletter, Spring 2000, Randy Engel, Exec. Dir., writes about the lecture Dr. Jerome Lejeune gave at the American Society of Human Genetics award presentation when he received the William Allan Memorial Award for accomplishments in human cytogenetics. To quote Randy Engel, "In his award lecture titled 'On the Nature of Man', Dr. Lejeune reaffirmed in genetic terms the universal belief that 'all men are brothers' for they share the common karyotype of the human species. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts this truth, Dr. Lejeune lamented, and in a truly prophetic fashion he went on to describe the creation of a futuristic special Institution for Research and Applied Eugenics called the National Institute of Death whose board of appointed advisors would: Decree on undesirable genes or chromosomes, deliver unhappy parents from unwanted pregnancies, discard embryos not fitting standard requirements, dispose of newborns not reaching minimal specifications of normalcy and generally, destroy, delete, or decry any human condition voted against by the above National Institute of Death." This lecture by Dr. Lejeune took place on Oct. 3, 1969. Are we living that prophecy?

Randy Engel went on to add to Dr. Lejeune's Death Policies: "Subject normal 'excess' human embryos and aborted babies to lethal experimentation and establish their use as a federal reservoir for human tissue, cells, and organs as approved by the National Institute of Death's Office of Science Policy Working Group of the Advisory Committee to the Director on the Use of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and Human Embryo Research—the latest anti-life stacked committee emanating from the U.S. Public Health Service and its National Institutes of Health."

In December 1999, the National Institutes of Health called for public input on "Draft Guidelines on Pluripotent Stem Cell Research." They deliberately did not reveal to the public that obtaining these pluripotent stem cells involves lethal experimentation on the human embryos and fetuses from which they are derived. However, they did make sure that people would hear about the alleged benefits to those suffering from a wide variety of diseases that this research could possibly treat or cure. They used the desire of those afflicted to promote the sacrificing of the life of others, namely the human embryo and aborted babies.

The call for public comment leads to one of the testimonies that was to be given before the hearings on this subject, which we were very privileged to obtain. You have all heard of or seen Police Officer Steven McDonald on television or at a charitable function. Officer McDonald is pro-life and has participated in many functions to fund Momma's House. On July 12, 1986, Officer McDonald was shot in the neck and head while frisking a gang member in Central Park. He spent almost a year in the hospital and is now wheelchair-bound, but does public speaking for good causes even though it causes him great physical suffering. He was invited to testify at the hearings on stem cell research because of his condition, but was blocked by rescheduling that made it impossible for him to participate. The following draft was to be his testimony. We are sure you will understand why he was blocked after you read what he was to say. Hollywood celebrities, whose desire for a cure, under any circumstances, encouraging your sympathy, and supporting the researchers' cause, were welcomed. Officer McDonald's draft text is as follows:

*On December 28, 1975, I took my first oath to defend the Constitution of the United States as a member of the U.S. Navy. Then again, on July 16, 1984, as a new member of the New York City Police Department, I took that oath again.*

*But my first allegiance is always to God our Creator. As a Catholic Christian American I have always tried to live a good and holy life, but have too often fallen short.*

*I was invited to give testimony today because I am suffering from*

*a disability, which someday may be treatable because of embryonic stem cell research. How badly do I want to reverse my disability of being quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down and ventilator dependent? In order to feel as I do, please allow me to share a bit of my daily life with you.*

*Sometimes a nightmare in which I suffocate because of mechanical failures, interrupts my sleep. Later on, the opening of my eyes in the morning is usually occasioned by spasms in my arms and legs which contort my body with pain. When I realize I can't fall asleep again I then surrender my body to my caregivers, who do for me what all our mothers did for us throughout infancy. Once awake, I am aware of my body only because the pins and needles discomfort, which is all that remains of my sense of feeling, overwhelms me, as it has for the 14 years since I was shot in the line of duty as a New York City Police Officer.*

*As a cruel twist of nature, the sensations from internal organs are preserved in many spinal cord injuries, such as mine. Therefore, I feel all the pain throughout my digestive and urinary tract occasioned by the unnatural way they are now managed.*

*Yet, sometimes what I do not feel is even more painful for myself, my wife of 15 years, Patti-Ann, and our 13-year-old son, Conor. My inability to hold, hug and play with, as a husband or father is devastating for each of us.*

*I have just provided you with a brief glimpse into my disability—but words are not able to convey the true depth of suffering with which I and others live.*

*In support of the recent changes in the National Institute of Health guidelines for research involving human embryo destruction, the President of the United States declared "We cannot walk away from the potential...to help people literally get up and walk." From my perspective, I cannot walk away from the responsibility to protect the human life being threatened in order to help myself or anyone else.*

*Someday, our government may determine that people in my condition may serve others best by no longer existing.*

*The human life in unwanted embryos, outside of the uterus is now thought to best serve others by no longer existing.*

*My responsibilities as a police officer include defense of those who cannot defend themselves.*

*I do not need to limit my argument to the teachings of my Church, which is responsible for the spiritual formation of 50 million Catholic Americans and one billion Catholics worldwide. I can call on the lessons of the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, when whole communities of people have been sacrificed in the name of progress for a few.*

*Worse yet, today we see the temptation to place monetary profit above the protection of human life—in the tire industry and, with this bill, in the pharmaceutical companies.*

*In conclusion, I have decided I will not accept any personal benefit derived solely from the destruction of life in human embryos. I am not basing this decision on principles alone, but on an awe-filled respect for nature and our Creator, who alone will judge our decisions.*

*To paraphrase lawyer and Saint Thomas Moore at his trial in response to his betrayer, "It profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world"—but for embryonic research?*

Media reports on current research with stem cells makes it sound as though the cure for diseases is imminent with the use of pluripotent stem cells. After researching this subject and speaking to many doctors, this avenue is many years away. A welcome note is that recent advances have been made with the use of the patient's own stem cells. This eliminates the rejection problem in using foreign implants and is free of ethical objections.

In conclusion, we join with Officer McDonald and the Michael Fund's statement, "The International Foundation for Genetic Research is intensely aware of the desire of those afflicted with serious, often fatal diseases and their families to find a cure or treatment to alleviate their suffering. But sacrificing the life of the least of our kin—the human embryo—is not the answer.

Dolores Andreski 516-781-5274 Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568  
Michael Fund Newsletter available upon request.

# The Bridge To Life's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance

Please Join Us for an Evening of  
Good Food, Cheers and Dancing  
*To Honor*

Maria Carmelita Margand

**Date:** Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2001

**Time:** Seven O'Clock in the Evening

**Place:** American Martyrs @ Bell  
Blvd. & Union TnPk.  
(Free Parking)

**Admission:** \$40 in advance or \$45 at  
the door; per person;  
includes Hot & Cold Buffet,  
Open Bar and Dancing

**The Bridge to Life Inc. 718-225-2211**

## Hope & Healing Service



Thursday

February 1, 2001

7:30—9:00 p.m.

at

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary  
Southampton, New York

**Directions:** From the West (South Shore): Southern State Pky. To 27E (Sunrise Hwy.). Continue on 27E into Southampton. After the College, make a right onto Tuckahoe Rd. Proceed ¼ mile & make a left onto Montauk Hwy. Follow road all the way into Southampton Village. Montauk Hwy. then becomes Hill St. The Church is on the right before the business district.

From the West (North Shore): Take LIE to Route 24 (Hampton Bays) going south. Stay on 24 for about 10 miles to 27E (Sunrise Hwy.). Take to College & follow direction above.

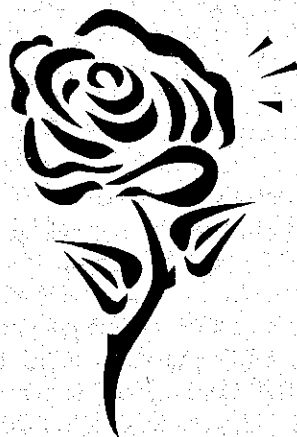
# PROCESSION FOR LIFE

Saturday,  
February 10th

St. Patrick's R.C. Church  
280 East Main Street  
Smithtown, New York

**Mass: 10:00 AM**

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



**Rosary Procession:**  
Planned Parenthood  
70 Maple Avenue, Smithtown

**Benediction:**  
Following Rosary Procession

**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:** Take Long Island Expressway to Exit 56 and turn North onto Rte. 111. Stay on Rte. 111. (Follow signs along the way.) At Rte. 25 (Main Street in Smithtown), turn right. Proceed along Main Street for ½ mile. The Church is on the right hand side of the street.

**~ NEXT MONTHLY MASS/PROCESSION: March 10, 2001— St. Joseph's Church, Garden City**

# FEBRUARY 2001 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) 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

<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.	1st & 3rd 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

### February

♥ Tu 2/6 10PM Ch. 70 Brookhaven & Central Suffolk & W 2/7 9PM Ch. 71 Nassau & Western Suffolk; Breast Cancer, Abortion & the Pill. Tu 2/13 Ch 70 Brookhaven & Central Suffolk & W 2/14 9PM Ch. 71 Nassau & Western Suffolk; **RU-486 the Abortion Pill with Jerry Higgins & Johanna Cervellino.** M 2/19 10PM Ch. 70 East Suffolk; A Current Look at NFP. Tu 2/27 10PM Ch. 70 Brookhaven & Central Suffolk & W 2/28 9PM Ch. 71 Nassau & Western Suffolk; The Beauty of Down Syndrome Children. **American Family Association** cable programming. Call Frank Russo: 516-944-3544. Website: [www.afany.org](http://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.**

### February

♥ **DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE STUDENT ORATORICAL CONTEST 2001** Copy of contestants speech must be submitted before Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> for Category I students & before March 16<sup>th</sup> for Category II students. (see page 8)

Th 2/1 3/1

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

Th 2/1

♥ 7:30-9PM **PROJECT RACHEL HEALING SERVICE** at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church, Southampton, NY. 516-678-5800 ext509

Fr 2/2 3/2

(M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.

Fr 2/2 3/2

(M) 9:30PM-8AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE** St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520.

Fr 2/2 3/2

(M) 9PM-5AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.

Fr 2/2 3/2

(M) 8PM-9PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.

Fr 2/2 3/2

(M) 8PM **PRO LIFE HOLY HOUR** St. Paul the Apostle RCC, Route 107, Brookville, NY.

Fr 2/2 3/2

(W) 1:00PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540.

Fr 2/2 3/2

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

Fr 2/2 3/2

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

Fr 2/2 3/2

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

Sa 2/3 3/2

(M) 3-7AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Mn 2/12- 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770.

Sa 2/3 3/3

(M) 6PM **RIGHT TO LIFE ROSARY** St. Margaret of Scotland RCC, 81 College Rd., Selden, NY.

Su 2/4 3/4

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.

**DEADLINE:** ALL CAMERA READY ITEMS for LIFE NEWS must be in by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding publication date. Mail to Life News, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. **REPRINT PERMISSION:** We encourage the reproduction & distribution of all contents of LIFE NEWS. Credit must be given to LIFE NEWS and to other sources when noted. Please send us your comments.



[This letter was hand delivered to all New York State legislators]



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P.O. BOX 247 • OLD BETHPAGE, N.Y. 11804 • FAX (631) 981-8109

January 3, 2001

Dear Legislator:

Members of the Long Island Coalition for Life are here today at the opening of the legislative session to once more remind one and all of the terrible toll abortion-on-demand is taking on our state and country. Respect for human life begins with the protection of the most innocent and defenseless among us: babies in their mothers' wombs. Having for nearly thirty years denied that protection, is it any wonder that all human life is cheapened, that infanticide and euthanasia are now being openly discussed and advocated by the "intelligentsia"?

There truly is a "slippery slope" and we are sliding down it at accelerating speed. One would do well to remember history, that the Nazi's started with the destruction of "lives unworth living" and proceeded from there. It is not too late to wake up and see that we are plummeting in the same direction.

Some sobering statistics to ponder from the New York State Health Department's 1998 abortion data:

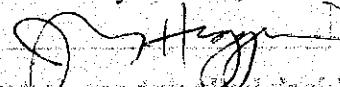
- 134,687 abortions were reported;
- 50,457, or 39%, were paid for with 23 million New York Medicaid dollars;
- 60% were performed on women who had at least one prior abortion;
- 4,504 were performed on women who had 5 or more previous abortions;
- Bronx County's abortions outnumbered live births by a ratio of 1102:1000.

Surveys have repeatedly shown that Americans, while unwilling to ban abortion, are preponderantly against the use of taxpayer money to fund abortions and oppose the use of abortion as birth control. It doesn't take much thought to deduce from the above statistics that abortion practice in New York is contrary to what the public—taxpayers and voters—would allow if they had a say.

Regarding Medicaid funding of abortion, which is supposed to be used only when "medically necessary" but which is in reality most often used for convenience reasons, a recent issue of the *New York State Pro-Life Reporter* says it best: "New York may call itself 'PRO-CHOICE,' but taxpayers currently have NO CHOICE. Taxpayers in our state should not be compelled to fund the destruction of human life, whether by surgery or drugs, through a program intended to prevent illness and heal those who are hurting."

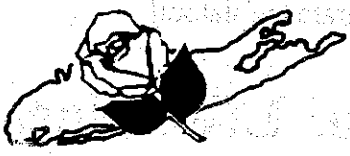
Please make a start to reverse the deadly slide we are in by voting to remove the funding of surgical and chemical abortion from the Medicaid budget. Abortion is **not** health care.

Sincerely for Life,



Jerome B. Higgins, D.V.M.

Chairman



# STOP MEDICAID ABORTIONS

Whereas, over \$23 million of Medicaid funds are spent annually to kill over 50,000 pre-born babies in New York State; and whereas, NYS law requires that Medicaid funded abortions be "medically necessary" and nearly 90% are not; and whereas, there is no federal requirement that states pay for abortion with Medicaid funds and NY is one of only 14 states that do; and whereas, NY is ineligible for federal matching funds so 100% of the cost of Medicaid funded abortions is borne by NY taxpayers; therefore

*We the undersigned New York taxpayers hereby petition our Governor and Legislators to eliminate Medicaid funding of abortion from all future New York State budgets*

Print Full Name	Print Address	Print City	State	Zip	Signature
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**For legibility, please use black ballpoint pen.** Return completed petitions to the Long Island Coalition for Life, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY, 11779, as soon as possible. We wish to present them before the budget is finalized in April so please return them by mid March 2001. Please duplicate this form as needed. Thank you.



# CALENDAR EVENTS CONTINUED

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

- Su 2/4 ♥ 2-5PM **LONG ISLAND BIRTHRIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY** Gate of Heaven Council, Huntington, NY.  
Guest Speaker: Msgr. James Lisante. Call Henry Rainone 631-423-4784. (see front cover)
- Su 2/4 3/4 (M) 11:15AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave.,  
North Floral Park 718-343-2491.
- Mn 2/5 3/5 (M) 10AM-4PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)
- Mn 2/5 3/5 (W) 7PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.
- Mn 2/5 3/5 ♥NEW (M) 8PM **MASS FOR LIFE** St. Joseph's-Rectory Chapel, Garden City, NY. All Welcome.
- Tu 2/6 3/6 (M) 10:00AM-3PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor, NY. 631-725-5915.
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Free bus transportation to and from this event, leaving at 9:30AM from St. Regis K of C parking lot  
(Ronkonkoma, NY) Call 631-588-0168. (see page 5)
- Su 2/11 3/11 (M) 1-4PM **SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at "Bridge to Life" 41-23 Bell Blvd., 2nd Flr, Bayside,  
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## Local Contest- Levels of Participation    Locations & Times

Category I - 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders

Category II - 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders

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Category I - March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 AM

Category II - March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM

## Awards

\$200 First Place; \$100 Second Place; \$75 Third Place. All contestants will receive a gift. Contestants in both categories will be eligible to receive the above awards. Only the highest scorer 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible to compete in the State contest in Albany on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2001.

## \*Deadline Dates to submit applications & texts of speech:

Category I - February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Category II - March 16<sup>th</sup>

State Contest: Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2001

1<sup>st</sup> place winner will also receive airfare, meals & room accommodations for the national contest - Charlotte, N.C.

National Contest: Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2001

Please send a copy of the contestant's speech before February 23, 2001 for Category I and March 16, 2001 for Category II to the Office of Family Ministry to the Attention of Maureen Russell, 50 North Park Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Participants must research, write, and deliver a five to seven minute speech on one of these topics:

- "The Tragedy of Abortion"
- "The Tragedy of Infanticide"
- "The Tragedy of Assisted Suicide".

Students may explore the themes of current interest and importance for the right-to-life movement, including but not limited to: fetal experimentation, abortion methods, post-abortion syndrome, RU-486, informed consent legislation, the "quality of life" ethic, and funding for abortion and assisted suicide in any national health care plan.

Resource material may be found in school and public libraries, on-line, crisis pregnancy centers and the Office of Family Ministry. Participants in the Oratorical Contest may use the material of their Diocesan Essay Contest without prejudicing their status in this contest. High Schools and parishes are encouraged to have adult moderators spread the word about the contest to all students, and to offer assistance to those who might be interested in participating.

**For more information contact Maureen Russell 516-678-5800 x234**

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## A YOUTH'S PERSPECTIVE

Our nation is being continuously plagued by a multitude of evils. One of the most grievous evils we have to deal with is abortion. The news media, and pro-abortion groups such as Planned Parenthood, are unceasingly perpetrating lies about abortion-it's acceptable, it's not really a person in the womb, and so forth. Those who don't know any better are taken in.

The most susceptible to these untruths is today's eighteen and under generation. I myself belong to this group, the same group on whose backs the brunt of the pro-life battle will soon land. The amount of apathy I see in my peers is frightening and gives me a troubling view of the future. In my own high school, I hear teenage girls, ranging from 15 to 18, talking with their friends about abortions they've had in the past, sometimes more than one. Apparently, none of them seem to express any remorse or regret.

On the positive side, many young adults are actively involved-participating in pro-life activities that I would also encourage others to do. Demonstrations at abortion mills, and at the annual March for Life in Washington D.C., have a tremendous impact not only on the participants but also on those who observe the scene. Lack of participation holds back the pro-life movement, and allows abortion to continue as it has today. One cannot stress enough the importance of pro-life involvement.

On the negative side, there is a large number of youth being hooked in by the pro-abortion side. The other side has more money, media support, and "impeccable" logic. When one looks at all that is stacked against him, he tends to become discouraged. "Why bother? Whatever I do won't make a difference. It's useless to go against such odds," comes the reply. But how else can abortion cease to exist if all you do is sit around wishing it did not exist? You have a voice, don't be afraid to use it as I have. *Life News* will provide you with more than enough things to do that *will* make a difference.

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by Michael Buchta

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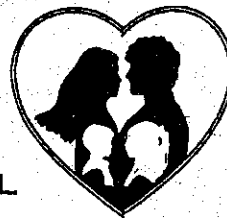
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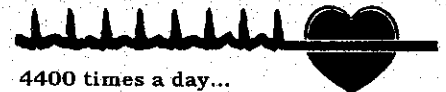
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