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"The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those who, in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."
~Dante

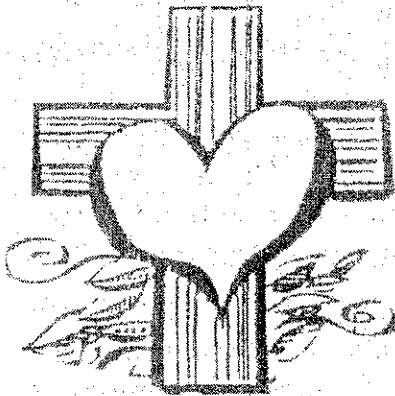
The Rachel Ministry invites you to an evening of Hope and Healing

...for all parents who have been unable to bring their child to birth following a miscarriage, still birth, or abortion.

St. Catherine of Sienna Church

33 New Hyde Park Road, Franklin Square, NY ☎ Call: 516-352-0146

Wednesday, October 10th 7:30-9:00PM



A baby's death is a devastating loss. In times of the first hearing of a pregnancy, there are a multitude of thoughts and emotions. Whether or not the pregnancy is planned, whether it ended in miscarriage, stillbirth or through an abortion, whether the baby lived one minute after birth or died before birth - you have been a parent. Perhaps one of the most important facts to remember is that this is a loss unlike other losses. It requires special care and support - for you.

THE RACHEL MINISTRY is a healing and helpful ministry in the Catholic Church of Rockville Centre. It is one component of our Project Rachel Ministry. For more about The Rachel Ministry please call 516-678-5800 x234.

Directions to St. Catherine of Sienna: From Eastern Nassau & Suffolk: LIE (west) Exit 34 (New Hyde Park Rd.) At traffic light, make a left. Proceed south on New Hyde Park Rd. 4.4 miles. St. Catherine's in on the right (one block north of Hempstead Turnpike.) From Queens & New York City: LIE (east) Exit 34. At the traffic light make a right. Follow directions above.



SEE INSIDE... Stand Up For Life! October 7, 2001, Route 110 & Route 25, Huntington. **Flyer on Page 10** may be copied or you may obtain additional flyers in English or Spanish or 11 x 17 inch posters for churches, schools & other indoor displays by calling 631-243-1435. Stand Up For Life is the largest annual Pro-Life witness on Long Island! Please publicize this event and plan to attend with your family. **You can make a difference!**

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

PRIMARY DAY - Tues. September 11. Call your Board of Elections [Nassau: 516-571-2411 or Suffolk: 631-852-4500] to ask if Primary races are scheduled for your area. Ask candidates their position on the Life issues, inform other pro-lifers and get out the pro-life vote.

Primary elections are very important!

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

All are welcome to the September 24th Long Island Coalition for Life meeting to be held at St. Regis Council Knights of Columbus Hall on Pond Road in Ronkonkoma (upstairs). The monthly LICL meetings are an excellent opportunity to network with fellow pro-lifers and to learn what you can do to promote respect for human life. This meeting will include discussion of the Reproductive Choice Campaign (pages 7 & 8).

The meeting will begin at 7:45 P.M. For directions call 631-243-1435.



SPEAKER TRAINING: *The L. I. Coalition for Life will be conducting workshops to train all who are interested to speak on pro-life issues. For info please call (631) 243-1435.*

MARCH FOR LIFE STUDENT CONTESTS 2002

March For Life Fund is sponsoring Student Contests in essay, poem and poster for junior high and high school students. Awards to the six winners include \$100.00 and a trip for the student and a parent to the 29th annual March for Life and Rose dinner in Washington, DC on Tuesday January 22, 2002. For entry forms and information on the theme and rules, please contact March for Life Fund, P.O. Box 90300, Washington, DC 20090, phone 202-543-3377, FAX 202-543-8202, or marchforlife.org. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 26, 2001.

**UNIVERSITY FACULTY FOR LIFE
L.I. CHAPTER**

and
Molloy College English Department
are sponsoring an address
by

Donald A. Doyle, Ed D.
entitled

*"Rights Talk: The Crucial Distinction
Between Civil and Natural Rights."*

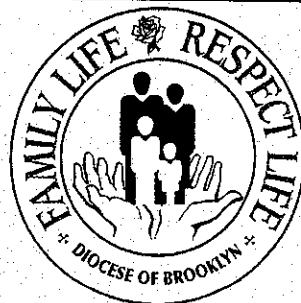
A topic that is basic to the
understanding of the pro-life position

**Thursday, October 4, 2001
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

Molloy College, Rockville Centre,
*Kellenberg Hall, Reception Room, Main
Corridor, First Floor*

Contact
**Dr. Jane Gilroy at
516-678-5000. ext. 6139**

Open to the Public



***Abortion:
The Trauma
and the Healing***

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001
9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**At the Immaculate Conception Center
7200 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston, NY**

The Family Life/Respect Life Office of
the Diocese of Brooklyn is offering a full day's
educational program for those who minister to
post abortive men and women.

The principal speaker will be Theresa
Karminski Burke, Ph. D, DAPA, author of
several books on abortion and its psychological
effects, who is currently completing *From Grief
to Grace*. The fee of **\$40.00** covers the session
which starts at 9:00 a.m. with Continental
Breakfast, lunch at 12:45 p.m. and concludes at
4:00 p.m.

For directions call 718-229-8001 ext. 344

LEGISLATIVE PAGE



FEDERAL

WELDON-STUPAK, H.R. 2505, ANTI-HUMAN CLONING BILL PASSES

On 7/31/01, just three days before Congress recessed for August, the House outlawed human cloning by a 265-162 vote. Happily, all five Nassau/Suffolk Congressional Members voted for this bill. At issue is a technique known as somatic cell nuclear transfer in which an adult stem cell is fused with an egg in which the DNA containing nucleus is removed resulting in a genetically identifiable copy of the adult donor. To date this technique has only been used with animals, e.g. the cloned sheep, Dolly, in Scotland. This bill would prevent any attempt to clone humans. A similar bill awaits a vote in the Senate.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT PETITIONS AVAILABLE—no charge. Call National Right to Life at 202-626-8800 x256. Petitions to be mailed to our Senators Clinton and Schumer, U.S. Senate, Wash. D.C. 20510.

PRES. BUSH ON STEM CELL RESEARCH

On Thursday, 8/9/01, President George W. Bush, spoke on National T.V. Several of his statements follow: "I have concluded that we should allow federal funds to be used for research on these existing stem cell lines, where a life-and-death decision has already been made.

"This allows us to explore the promise and potential of stem cell research without crossing a fundamental moral line by providing taxpayer funding that would sanction or encourage further destruction of human embryos that have at least the potential for life."

Bush also announced support for funding of research involving cells derived from placentas, umbilical cords, adults and animals, which he said "do not involve the same moral dilemma".

President Bush said that he "believes human life is a sacred gift from our creator. I worry about a culture that devalues life, and believe as your president I have an important obligation to foster and encourage respect for life in America and throughout the world."

Editor's Note: You can contact the President by letter: President Bush, The White House, Wash., D.C. 20500 or call his office at 202-456-1414.

SUPPORT THE RESPONSIBLE STEM RESEARCH ACT H.R. 2096 which would expand federal funding of research on stem cells obtained morally and humanely without any harm to human embryos. Please contact your Representative at House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

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



NEW YORK STATE—The N.Y.S. Legislature has not officially ended the 2001 Session and can be called back for "Special Sessions". Check news sources and when life bills are to be voted on contact your representatives immediately.

For information on NYS legislation call Mary Arden Smith at 516-825-4852.

MANHATTAN: HEARING FOR HEALTH BILL. City Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone, who is running for mayor, has scheduled an Aug. 21 hearing for a bill that would provide a 10-foot buffer around women within 50 feet of clinics where abortions are performed. A draft of the Access to Reproductive Health Services bill would prohibit "passing a leaflet or handbill to, displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling with" clinic workers or women visitors. (*N.Y. Times METRO* on 8/3/01) **N.Y.C. residents are urged to call their Council Member immediately to ask the status of this bill and to register protest.**

SPEAKER AVAILABLE: Rev. Duane Motley, President of New Yorker's Family Research Foundation, Spencerport, N.Y., is a constant presence in Albany in support of and monitoring pro-life legislation as well as other pro-family concerns. To invite Rev. Motley to speak to your organization on pro-life or for additional information call 716-225-2220.

NEW PRO-LIFE E-MAIL LIST NEEDS YOU—Anyone who would like to be on a pro-life e-mail list connected to the Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Rockville Centre is asked to send your name and e-mail address to: Maureen Russell, Office of Family Ministry, 50 North Park Ave., Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570 or call Fran at the Office of Family Ministry at 516-678-5800 x630. You will receive any current pro-life e-mails that are relayed to the Family Ministry Office by the New York State Catholic Conference.

HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

"NOT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE, SHOULD BE DONE"



A recent call concerned 8 frozen embryos that remained following a relative's fertility treatments, and our position on the preferable use of adult stem cells (ASC), rather than the unethical use of embryonic stem cells (ESC) which can only be obtained by destroying a living human embryo. The title of this article and our arguments are based on the testimony of the world-renowned geneticist, Dr. Jerome Lejeune, in the court case concerning ownership of "Seven Frozen Embryos". His testimony in that case illustrates his life-affirming research principles as opposed to those of pro-abortion researchers—which is to try anything regardless of the cost in lives and morality involved.

Celebrities and the media seem to have made embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) their current anti-life cause to champion. Christopher Reeve has been on TV and radio presenting ESCR as the only answer to many of life's ills. Yet his foundation, the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation (CRPF), has not had one success with ESC according to a press release from the foundation disclosed on the website of the organization Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics - "In August 2000 research funded by the NIH itself and the CRPF found that adult human bone marrow stem cells can create a 'virtually limitless supply' of nerve cells...According to the published research results, the ASC 'grow rapidly in culture precluding the need for immortalization, and differentiate into neurons exclusively with use of a simple protocol'...The NIH/CRPF research demonstrates that adult bone marrow stem cells can form nerve cells, eliminating the need to isolate such cells from the patient's brain: "The marrow cells are readily accessible, overcoming the risks of obtaining neural stem cells from the brain, and provide a renewable population. Autologous transplantation overcomes the ethical and immunological concerns associated with the use of fetal tissue." (*Journal of Neuroscience Research*)

We understand why celebrities come out in support of research to cure diseases or damaged tissues, especially when they suffer themselves, but shouldn't they give all the facts? Why is someone like Officer Steven McDonald, who is also wheelchair-bound and suffers greatly, not given the same opportunity to state his philosophy, that he does not want a cure at the expense of another's life? In fairness, both voices should be heard! When will celebrities come out to champion all life? An NBC show concerned the injustice of aborting fetal sheep to use their skins for jackets, etc. When will there be a show concerning the injustices to fetal humans such as chemical and stress testing, the various abortion methods, and organ harvesting? Have they ever shown the skin of a baby after a saline abortion? Have they protested the selling and consumption of human fetuses in China?

A 6/22/01 *NY Post* article, "Slanting the Science, Why some medical miracles don't get reported," states, "Should the government fund medical research that relies on the use of stem cells extracted from human embryos? This difficult moral decision would be a lot easier if the media weren't failing to tell the public the whole story...Unfortunately, journalists and editors haven't reported this news fully or fairly. The Statistical Assessment Service (STATS), a non-partisan research organization devoted to the accurate use of scientific research in public-policy debates, has documented how journalists have fallen down on the job on this issue. In its recent report, "Stemming the

News Flow?" STATS decried a "striking" selectivity in coverage: The media often play up embryonic stem cell breakthroughs while giving short shrift to equivalent (or even more promising) adult stem cell successes...scientists researched the ability of embryonic and adult mouse pancreatic stem cells to regenerate the body's ability to make insulin. Both types of cells boosted insulin production in diabetic mice. The embryonic success made a big splash with prominent coverage in all major media outlets. Yet the same media organs were strangely silent about the research involving adult cells. Stranger still, the adult cell experiment was far more successful—it raised insulin levels much more. Indeed, those diabetic mice lived, while the mice treated with embryonic cells all died. Why did the media celebrate the less successful experiment and ignore the more successful one? Another barely reported story is that alternative source stem cells are already healing human illnesses. In Los Angeles, the transplantation of stem cells harvested from umbilical cord blood has saved the lives of three young boys born with defective immune systems...The experimental procedure worked. Two years post surgery, their doctors at UCLA Medical center pronounced the boys cured." The 7/31/01 issue of *Nursing Spectrum* reports that in November 1999 North Shore University Hospital became the second Placental Cord Blood collection site for the New York Blood Center. The title of their new booklet is "You can be a hero: After your baby's birth you may help save someone's life". More than 860 units of acceptable cord blood stem cells have been collected, "converting what was once biomedical waste into a life-saving treatment modality". In France, three children born with a genetic defect that caused an immunodeficiency were treated with stem cells removed from their own bone marrow. Their cure was one of the first new successful uses of adult stem cell gene therapy.

Science Daily Magazine reports: "Washington, DC—Reprogrammed adult neural stem cells can potentially generate a cornucopia of cell types—giving rise to cells in heart, liver, muscle, intestine and other tissues...Until recently, researchers thought that the more specialized adult stem cells, found in areas of the body like the skin, nervous system, and blood and lymph systems, could only give rise to their own kind. Now, scientists are accumulating evidence...that adult stem cells may be capable of reprogramming themselves...investigators led by Dr. Fred H. Gage of the Salk Institute in LaJolla, CA found that they could extract functioning stem cells from autopsied brain tissue...as much as 20 hours after a person's death."

At <http://stemcellresearch.org> is a list: "Current Clinical Use of Adult Stem Cells to Help Human Patients". There is NO list of clinical use of embryonic stem cells that have helped human patients, as ESC have never helped a human patient.

Randall Terry writes, "We are not arguing over a 'blob of frozen cells'! We are struggling for the lives of human beings; we are drawing a line in the sand of absolute right vs. wrong, and the scientific reality that life begins at conception. America cannot afford to lose to death on the 'unwanted and discarded' premise, furthering the Nazi medical ethical code of 'research'...Couples are adopting these frozen embryos. The embryo is implanted into the adoptive mother's womb, then carrying the child to term. On July 17, two children adopted and born in this manner were brought with their parents to testify before Congress...The promoters of embryonic stem cell research are in fact the ethical heirs of Nazi medical practices and rhetoric, i.e. those that are unwanted or discarded can be used for experimentation for the benefit of others."

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Regina Carbonaro (516) 795-7568

PROCESSION FOR LIFE

**Saturday,
September 8, 2001
Bi-Lingual Mass: 9:00 a.m.**

**Sacred Hearts of
Jesus and Mary R.C. Church
168 Hill Street, Southampton**

*Sponsored by:
Office of Family Ministry
Diocese of Rockville Centre*



Rosary Procession:
Hampton Gynecology
595 Hampton Road

Benediction:
Our Lady of Poland Church
35 Maple Street
(Car Caravan will be provided)

*~ Refreshments Served ~
ALL WELCOME!!*

Special Invitation To Young Adults and Teens To Join Us!

Directions: From the West (South Shore): Southern State Parkway to 27E (Sunrise Highway). Continue on 27E into Southampton. After the College, makes a right into Tuckahoe Road to Montauk Highway. Make left turn onto Montauk Highway which will turn into Hill Street.

From the West (North Shore): Take LIE to Route 24 (Hampton Bays) going South. Stay on 24 for about 10 miles to 27E (Sunrise Highway). Take to College and follow directions above.

COMING NEXT MONTH: *October 13th, 9:00 Mass & Procession for Life, St. Anne R.C. Church, 88 Second Avenue, Brentwood*

MOMMAS HOUSE Cocktail Party 2001

Friday, September 28th
7-10PM

Harrison House
Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, NY

Honoring
Bishop John R. McGann, D.D.
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary
of his
installation as Bishop
of Rockville Centre Diocese

For Information
Please Contact us at:
PHONE: (516) 781-8637
FAX: (516) 783-8393
Email: MOMMAS86@AOL.COM
Tickets: \$125 per person
Event Chairwomen:
Marilyn Drenzo, Lee Santoro,
Anne Maione
www.mommashouse.org

A Prayer Breakfast of Thanksgiving...

Saturday, September 22nd
10AM

Sherman-Shine #569
Knights of Columbus Hall
163-16 Pidgeon Meadow Rd.,
Flushing, NY

*..for all those who
are supporters of
Bridge to Life, Inc.*

We will be uplifted & inspired by three
of our own board members:

- ✧ Rev. Arthur Gillespie, Pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- ✧ Rabbi Morton Pomerantz and
- ✧ Msgr. Edward Ryan, Vicar of North Queens.

Please come as our guest and call us
to let us know you are coming.

R.S.V.P. The Bridge to Life, Inc.
718-225-2211

Monsignor Ferris Life Center

5th Annual Dinner Dance
Thursday, September 27th
6:30-11:30PM

Russo's on the Bay
Howard Beach, NY

Honoring
**Detective Steven,
Patti Ann & Conor
McDonald**

\$40 per person
Choice of Six Entrees
Beer, Wine, Soda
Life DJ
Call: 718-634-9714
for further details

SEPTEMBER 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

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 Carmans 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. 8-11AM

Note: Volunteers needed to expand vigil at Syosset to Mon. 8-11AM, Tu. 8-11AM, W. 3:30-7PM, Th. 8-11AM & 3:30-7PM, Fr. 3:30-7PM. Call 516-334-2569 to offer your hour or two weekly or monthly. Babies have been saved by quiet prayer. Please help.

(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	516-887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	*Time subject to change, please call ahead.
New MANHASSET	516-741-3405	444Community Dr.	*Time subject to change, please call ahead.

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-10:00AM every Saturday

September

♥ **M 9/10 10PM-Ch70;** Riverhead: *Almost Born*. **W 9/12 9PM-Ch 71;** Nassau & Western Suffolk: *A Letter to my Children*. **Th 9/13 8PM-Ch 71;** North Hempstead: *Silent Scream*. **M 9/24 10PM-Ch 70;** Riverhead: *Young People on Truth About Sex*. **Th 9/27 8PM-Ch71;** North Hempstead: *NOW vs Scheidler*. **American Family Association** cable programming. Call Frank Russo: 516-944-3544. Website: www.afany.org

NEW - Pro-Life Cable: Queens Ch. 67 & Brooklyn Ch. 34 Mondays 10:00AM & 6:00PM; Riverhead Ch. 70 Fridays 1:30PM; Hauppauge Ch 70 Wednesdays 8PM; Woodbury Ch 71 2nd & 4th Saturdays 8:30PM; Brookhaven Ch 71 Tuesdays 8PM - Mark Crutcher's **LIFE DYNAMICS**.

Sa 9/1 10/6

(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 Dennis Borro 631-738-2380.

Su 9/2 10/7

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

Su 9/2 10/7

(M) 11:15AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-347-6070.

Mn 9/3 10/1

(M) 10AM-4PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)

Mn 9/3 10/1

(W) 7PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.

Mn 9/3 10/1

♥**NEW (M) 8PM MASS FOR LIFE** St. Joseph's-Rectory Chapel, Garden City, NY. All Welcome.

Tu 9/4 10/2

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

Th 9/6 10/4

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

Th 9/6 10/4

(W) After 7PM Mass **ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE** St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY 516-694-2938.

Fr 9/7 10/5

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

Fr 9/7 10/5

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

Fr 9/7 10/5

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

Fr 9/7 10/5

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

Fr 9/7 10/5

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

Fr 9/7 10/5

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

Fr 9/7 10/5

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

Fr 9/7 10/5

(M) 3-7AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; W 9/12- 7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770.

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REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE CAMPAIGN (RCC)

The mission of the Long Island Coalition for Life (LICL) is to advance respect for life. We have done this for 28 years in many ways. Yet, thousands of babies continue to die every day in America by surgical abortion, including hundreds every week in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Why does this carnage continue? There are many possible explanations. The LICL believes that one of the reasons is that people do not know what abortion actually does to a pre-born baby in the womb. The LICL knows that the mainstream media fail to tell the public the truth about the advanced development of a baby when most abortions are performed.

The LICL recognizes that the public needs to see the truth, learn the truth, and face abortion for the tragic reality that it is. Education is key to helping people see the truth. With education we can change hearts and minds against the "choice" to kill pre-born babies. The graphic reality of abortion is not nice, it is difficult to look at, it is upsetting to face—and so it should be. Pictures of abortion are disgusting because abortion is disgusting. Yet, hiding the truth only helps those who advocate abortion as a constitutional right for any reason throughout the nine months of pregnancy. The time is long overdue to make an explicit statement as to what "pro-choice" really means.

This month the LICL will be sponsoring a campaign to reach the public **with the truth of abortion**. Our campaign will be one of non-violent direct action. We will show the people what they support when they turn their backs on defenseless pre-born babies in the womb. It will not be a comfortable campaign, but the membership of the LICL believes it is a necessary one. We hope you will concur. We hope you will grasp the integrity and importance of this campaign. We hope you will support our efforts against the Culture of Death.

To help you better grasp the meaning of this face-the-truth initiative we are providing below excerpts taken from the press release of the Center for Bio-ethical Reform and statements by Gregg Cunningham, its executive director. **Please take time to read this. It will help you understand the LICL's enthusiasm for this project and it will assist you in answering questions or arguments from family, friends, and co-workers when these graphic images hit the road.**

The Purpose of the RCC is to make abortion impossible to ignore or trivialize. Public opinion surveys reveal that a large majority of Americans now oppose "pregnancy termination" in the second and third trimesters of pregnancy—especially if performed by "partial-birth" abortion. A smaller but still substantial majority support a right of abortion if it is committed in the first trimester of pregnancy. This fact is problematic from a pro-life perspective because The Centers for Disease Control report that some 90% of abortions are committed in the first three months of pregnancy.

These same surveys also disclose that public support for early abortion derives from the inaccurate perception that the first trimester baby is a mere "blob of tissue." In contrast, most Americans see the mid- and late-term fetus as a real "baby" whose level of gestational development entitles it to rights of personhood. It is also clear that few Americans believe a suction abortion to be the moral equivalent of a "partial-birth" abortion." We, therefore, conclude that it is vital to convince the public that the first trimester baby is as fully entitled to rights of personhood as a more mature fetus and that even an early abortion is as indefensible an act of violence as any "partial-birth" abortion. **Extensive focus group research has proven conclusively that our pictures are the most effective means by which to achieve that goal. Further, RCC is a tactic which is consistent with prior mainstream campaigns of social reform, such as the civil rights movement, which used graphic pictures to successfully achieve their ends.**

In an interview, responding to criticism that the pictures are disturbing to children, Cunningham asked adults to evaluate the reason behind any such disturbance. "Our very point is that these pictures are disturbing because abortion is an act of violence. It does kill a baby." He noted that many in the pro-abortion-rights movement believe the procedure is merely a morally inconsequential way to solve an unintended pregnancy. "Even a 3-year-old can look at a picture of a first trimester baby, recognize that it is a baby and that something terrible had happened to it."

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It should be noted that we believe it important to protect children from exposure to disturbing photos, whether those photos depict aborted babies or any other shocking subject. That is why we go out of our way to choose routes which minimize the time we must spend near residential neighborhoods. We will not knowingly drive past elementary schools, playgrounds, daycare centers, etc.


There is, however, no operating location in which we can guarantee that no child will ever see these painful images. The same risks to children exist every time the TV is turned on. Sickening images are likely to appear, even during early prime time. The same is true with disgusting photos on the covers of magazines openly displayed at the checkout stands of supermarkets. Billboards are also increasingly likely to exhibit images inappropriate for young children.

Our photos *save* unborn children and *disturb* born children everywhere they are displayed. The question which must be answered by our critics is simple: Do they care more about the *feelings* of kids than the *lives* of fetuses? If so, they are not pro-life, they are "pro-feelings." **We respectfully refuse to allow people who are not pro-life to cover up the truth about abortion.** Those days are gone and we will not go back.

We understand that this project will not make us popular, even with many groups which call themselves "pro-life." We are losing the abortion battle precisely because so many "pro-life" organizations mistakenly believe they must be "liked" to be effective. But CBR is not trying to win a popularity contest. We are trying to effect social reform. Social reformers are never liked. We care less what people think of us than what they think of abortion. We are willing to have them hate us if that is the price which must be paid to have them ultimately hate abortion.

If the pictures are real (which they are) abortion advocates' position on abortion becomes indefensible, and they know that. If something's so horrifying we can't stand to look at it, perhaps it should be unlawful—perhaps we shouldn't be doing it.



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- Su 9/9 10/14 (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 9/9 10/14 (M) **1PM PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
- M 9/10 10/8 (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 9/11 10/9 (M) **9AM MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON - Rosary; Vigil concludes with BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
- Fr 9/14 10/12 ♥**NEW (M) 9AM ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY. Call Ruth 631-369-7142.
- Su 9/16 (M) **2PM DEANERY 6 PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** St. Ignatius Martyr RCC, 721 W. Broadway, Long Beach, NY. Call Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458.
- Tu 9/18 10/16 (M) **7:30-8:30PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
- W 9/19 10/17 ♥**New (M) 7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE** Maria Regina RCC, Chapel Pastoral Center, Seaford, NY. Call 516-781-5274.
- Fr 9/21 10/19 (M) **9PM-6AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC -Chapel Massapequa Park. For details please call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921. PLEASE CALL FOR MASS SCHEDULE.
- Sa 9/22 ♥ **10AM BRIDGE TO LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST OF THANKSGIVING** Flushing, NY. (see page 5)
- Sa-Su 9/22-23 ♥**9AM-5PM JUMBLE SALE** to benefit the Life Center of Long Island. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, High St., Lindenhurst, NY Sale in Priests' garage, behind Rectory. Call 631-225-9864 to arrange for drop-off of items for sale; no clothes please.
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- Tu 9/25 10/23 **NEW♥(M) 8-9:30PM ADORATION, ROSARY FOR LIFE** Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, NY 516-889-5318
- Th 9/27 ♥**6:30-11:30PM MONSIGNOR FERRIS LIFE CENTER DINNER DANCE** Howard Beach, NY. (see page 5)
- Fr 9/28 ♥**7-10PM MOMMAS HOUSE COCKTAIL PARTY** Harrison House, Glen Cove, NY. (see page 5)
- Fr 9/28 10/26 (M) **8-9PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY. **516-541-3270**
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- Su 10/7 **RESPECT LIFE MASS** St. James Cathedral Basilica, 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn, NY. 10:15AM Mass, celebrant: The Most Rev. Ignatius A. Catanello. Brooklyn Diocese: 718-229-8001 x340
- Su 10/7 **STAND UP FOR LIFE** 2-3:30PM, Rt 110, Huntington, NY. (see page 10)
- Su 10/7 **PRO-LIFE COMMUNION BREAKFAST** St. Patrick's, Smithtown, NY.
- Tu 10/9 **ROSARY FOR LIFE** 7PM, Anniversary Mass-7:30PM, St. Thomas Aquinas RCC, Brooklyn, NY. Celebrant: Most Rev. Thomas V. Daily. Homilist: Fr. James E. Goode. Call 718-377-6920.
- W 10/10 **RACHEL MINISTRY EVENING OF HOPE & HEALING** Franklin Sq., NY. (see front cover)
- Sa 10/13 **DIOCESAN PROCESSION FOR LIFE** St. Anne's, Brentwood, NY.
- Sa 10/13 **LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND DINNER** 7PM, LaGrange, West Islip 631-243-2373.
- Su 10/14 **RESPECT LIFE ROSARY WALK** 12 Noon Mass, from Our Lady of Victory to St. Hedwig. Call Flo Brady 516-354-6749.
- Fr 11/30 **ART AUCTION FOR LIFE** to benefit Life Center of LI, K of C Council 794, Lindenhurst, NY. 631-226-5665

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W 9/5 ♥**Respect Life Committee Training** for parishes will be held at the Immaculate Conception Center, Room 210 at 7:30-9PM.

Th 9/20 ♥**Post Abortion Seminar** will be held at the Immaculate Conception Center between 9AM-4PM. This full-day program features guest speaker Theresa Karminski Burke, Ph.D, DAPA. (see page 2)

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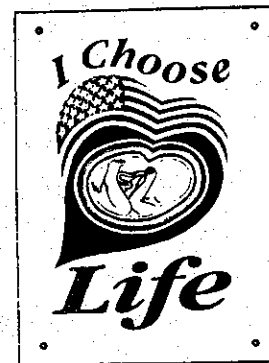
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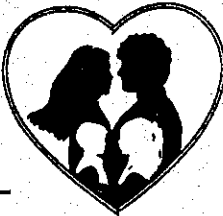
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of the Pacific Northwest; it tried to prevent the Little League from using a piece of pastureland as a ballpark in Humboldt County in northern California. The Sierra Club published Paul Ehrlich's famous, yet completely erroneous, doomsday forecast *The Population Bomb*. Since we didn't run out of natural resources, and in fact have large reserves of petroleum, coal, etc., yet to be tapped; the environmental doomsayers have now shifted their attack. They no longer warn of the imminent exhaustion of energy because of too many people. They now say people use too much energy and are causing Global Warming. True to its 'vision', the Sierra Club Foundation donates to AVSC International, to provide sterilizations to people throughout the world. **Make known your disapproval to:** The Sierra Club, 730 Polk St., San Francisco, CA 94109 415-977-5500. Source: *The War against Population*; Jacqueline Kasun

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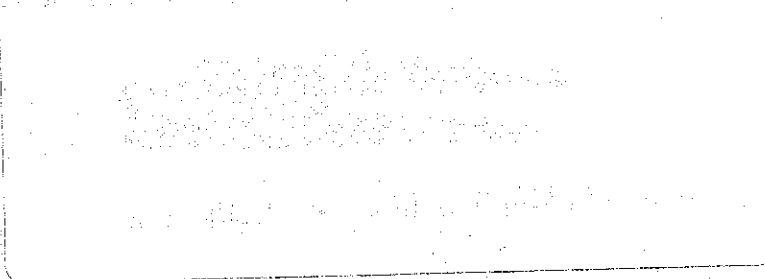
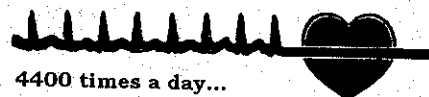
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The Long Island Coalition for Life will host the RCC in mid-September.