

# Life News

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"During the late 60s and early 70s, abortion was promoted as a necessary resource in a social context of teen pregnancy, child abuse and female poverty. Twenty-five million abortions later all those problems have worsened, leading many to wonder about its efficacy as a palliative for social problems." (medical correspondent Mike Perry, *Baltimore Sun*, January 28, 1989)



## COLLEGE ADVERTISING 101

"Breast Cancer - Abortion Link" - so started an LICL advertisement for college newspapers. To read campus newspapers or hear university mantras about enlightening future generations, one would not expect much obstruction to placing college newspaper ads. Not necessarily so.

The LICL delivered an ad on the link between abortion and breast cancer (A-BC) to four colleges: Nassau County Community College, LI University C.W. Post Campus, SUNY Stony Brook, and Hofstra University. The ad mentioned scientific studies, the biological mechanism, and sources for more information regarding the A-BC link. We requested one full page ad, to be run in October (Breast Cancer Awareness Month). The average cost of a full page ad is about \$330.

Here is a very brief look at the results:

**Nassau Community College** – accepted the ad when first contacted and printed the full page ad (*Vignette* 10/30/02).

**C.W. Post** – accepted the ad without comment, but reduced it to a quarter page, making it difficult to read and less noticeable (*Pioneer* 10/23/02). Coincidentally, our ad was dropped to the same size as a Planned Parenthood ad on the facing page.

**SUNY Stony Brook** – initially refused to run the ad, calling it too "controversial." We continued to communicate with the paper's staff and send A-BC link documentation. Eventually, the LICL full page ad was printed (*Statesman* 11/25/02).

**Hofstra University** – refuses to run the ad, finding it "insulting" and "inappropriate." The LICL provided A-BC information and contacted administrators up to Dean of Students Gina-Lyn Crance, urging a reasoned response and publication of our ad. She simply supported *The Chronicle's* decision, deferring responsibility to the students. *The Chronicle* prints Planned Parenthood ads.

The LICL will continue to utilize college newspapers for prolife education, as opportunities and funds are available. If you are interested in helping place prolife ads in your local college paper, please let us know (631-243-1435).

## LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE GENERAL MEETING

**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**

"Sex Education, Parental Rights and the Law" will be the topic of guest speaker Ray Mincone, President of the Organization of Senior Citizens & Retailers (OSCaR), at the Monday, February 24, 2003 general meeting of the LICL. As part of his presentation, Ray will discuss Planned Parenthood's role in promoting sex ed and ways to combat it. The meeting will start at 7:45 p.m. at the Joseph Barry Council, Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. All are welcome.

For directions call 631-243-1435.

## THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD ORGANIZATION IS THE NATION'S LEADING ABORTION PERFORMER AND PROMOTER

### Planned Parenthood's Suffolk County Teen Health Conference

This year's Teen Health Conference includes a Professional Workshop on Teenagers, Health Care and the Law, to be given by Rebekah Diller, Director, N.Y. Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Rights Project, who will address laws on minors' rights to reproductive health care, as well as confidentiality, child abuse and sexual assault care. It would be a most egregious omission if she fails to mention Planned Parenthood's (P.P.) failure to notify authorities of abortions performed on young teens who are victims of statutory rape. Allegations have been leveled at P.P. and National Abortion Federation (N.A.F.) clinics in New Jersey, Iowa, Alaska, North Carolina, Colorado, Arizona, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Utah, **New York** and Nebraska. Although the laws defining statutory rape vary widely, all 50 states list Statutory Rape as a felony.

An agent for Life Dynamics telephoned 800 P.P. and N.A.F. facilities around the country, posing as a 13 year old, impregnated by a 22 year old, seeking an abortion. "Would you guys have to tell anybody?" The usual response from P.P. or N.A.F., "Here? No, we don't tell anybody anything.", or "By law, we should, but we've never reported anybody".

Fox News' O'Reilly Factor, Jan 9, 2003, reported the case of P.P. of Phoenix performing an

abortion on a 13 year old who was a victim of statutory rape by a 23 year old male. She came in for a second abortion within 6 months. P.P. did report the second pregnancy. Maricopa County Superior court Judge, Cathy Holt found the abortion provider, P.P. of Phoenix to be negligent and the rapist, Shawn Stevens was jailed. P.P.'s negligence in this devastating assault on the 13 year old was in performing the first abortion and sending her back into the same environment which inflicted serious psychological, physical and emotional harm on a defenseless girl who does not have the maturity to consent to sexual activity.

Why are school Principals and Administrators continuing to expose students entrusted to their care to an organization which subverts the law and in so doing aiding and abetting the cover-up of a felony avoiding criminal prosecution of a statutory rapist? Is this their idea of a Health conference? Schools that have continued to condone attendance at P.P.'s Teen Health Conference over the past few years are Kings Park, Sayville, Huntington, Bayport-Blue Point, West Babylon, Southampton, East Hampton. Their continued support increases the chances of prosecution for aiding and abetting a felony.

The Education Committee of LICL is available to speak on "The Dangers of the Planned Parenthood Organization," "Keeping Planned Parenthood Out of Your School", etc. call 631-243-1435.

**Johanna Cervellino**, Co-Chair, Long Island Coalition for Life Education Committee will speak on: **The Dangers of Planned Parenthood and alert parents to the "Teen Conference"** to be held on Long Island this spring.

**Monday, March 10, 2003 at 8 p.m.**

St. John Nepomucene Church Basement, 1150 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, N.Y.

Sponsor: St. John's Respect Life Committee Call 631-243-1435 or 631-589-1575.

*All Welcome*

## FEDERAL LEGISLATION



For 30 years since the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision of January 22, 1973, we have witnessed the legalized killing of over 40 million innocent unborn babies. We have also had to endure the 8 year tenure of President Bill Clinton who was consistently pro-abortion. Are we willing to say enough!!? Are we willing to cry out, "stop the killing"? The November elections indicate we are. Both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have a pro-life majority, and President George W. Bush is also pro-life.

Most people would agree that life is a gift from God which no parent, court or state can end or diminish. Man's role is not to interfere with God's dominion over man but be supportive of God's interest in mankind. Even if the political atmosphere looks favorably toward the future passage of pro-life bills we must work hard and be supportive of their passage.

Congressional action on these and other bills which will lead to loosening up of the strangle-hold of the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision will require us to be more vocal and persistent with our legislators. Continue with your letters of support for pro-life legislation.

### **ACTION- SAMPLE LETTER:**

Dear Senator/Congressman/Congresswoman:

Pro-Life legislation is a major concern. Please support and work to bring the following for a speedy vote this Session: The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (H.R. 4965), the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (H. R.503), the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (H.R. 4691), the Ban on Human Cloning (H.R. 2505), and the Child Custody Protection Act (H.R.476).

Please reply. Thank you.

### **ACTION- Contact information:**

Local Phone #	D.C. Phone & Fax
Schumer 212-486-4430	202-224-6542/228-3027
Clinton 212-688-6262	202-224-4451/228-0282

### **U.S. Senate, Wash., D.C. 20510**

Bishop 631-696-6500	202-225-3826/225-3143
Israel 631-665-7333	202-225-3335/225-4669
King 516-541-4225	202-225-7896/226-2279
McCarthy 516-489-7066	202-225-5516/225-5758
Ackerman 718-423-2154	202-225-2601/225-1589

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

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

## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION



Once again we ask you to call or write to your state legislators to voice your objections of the use of tax payer monies to fund the destruction of human life. Most New Yorkers are unaware that no federal Medicaid funds are used to fund abortions in New York State. The Hyde Amendment prevents federal Medicaid funding of abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or endangerment to the mother's life. New York State is not eligible for federal reimbursement because our state funds abortion-on-demand. Taxpayers are thus forced to finance 100% of the Medicaid abortions: 50% of the cost is paid with their state taxes and 50% paid with their local taxes. Hopefully, because of the current financial crisis in our state and in many of our counties even some legislators who are not pro-life will oppose taxpayer funding for financial reasons.

### **ACTION -SAMPLE LETTER:**

Dear Senator/Assembly Member:

When participating in budget negotiations and voting, consider that thousands of taxpayers in our state strongly object to the use of their taxes to fund the destruction of human life. Yet, according to latest NYS Dept. of Health Statistics (2000) at least 35.9% of the 125,146 abortions in our state that year were Medicaid funded, using state and local money. This is many times the number of "medically necessary" abortions which qualify for Medicaid reimbursement under NYS Social Service Law 365a. Even more disturbing is the fact that more than half of the 9872 abortions on teenagers under 18 are Medicaid funded—often without parental knowledge. Clearly, the state's policy which violates our own state law and makes us ineligible for federal funds is unjust and illegal. **Medicaid is a program intended to prevent illness and promote healing. Vote to remove Medicaid funding of chemical and surgical abortion from the budget. Abortion is not health care.**

Please reply. Thank you.

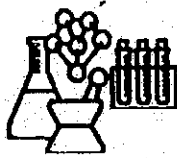
### **ACTION- Contact information:**

New York State Senate	New York State Assembly
Albany, NY 12247	Albany, NY 12248
(518) 455-2800	(518) 455-4100

For information on state legislation contact Mary Arden Smith (516) 825-4852.

## HEALTH &amp; SCIENCE REPORT

## EVIL COMPOUNDED



By the time you read this, some of the questions we have today may already have been answered. Recent reports state that a cloned baby has been born. Additionally, a second birth has been announced. The media questioned, "History or Hoax"? We would label this reproductive cloning "Unethical Creative Competition by a Diabolic Creationalist Cult".

A former French auto racer and journalist, Claude Vorilhon, claims aliens picked him up in 1973 on a French volcano. The small, olive green, extraterrestrials with almond-shaped eyes informed Vorilhon that they created life on earth through DNA genetic engineering 25,000 years ago. Vorilhon reports that the ET's then introduced him to Jesus, Buddha and Muhammad, all of whom acted as prophets for the aliens. Their messages were not fully understood. Is this some kind of parody of the Transfiguration of Jesus? Can anyone really believe that we are part of some bizarre cosmic experiment gone wild?

When Vorilhon returned to Earth, he changed his name to Rael and founded the Raelian religious sect. In 1977, the sect founded Clonaid, the Bahamas-based cloning firm that supposedly produced the first human clone for a 31-year-old woman whose husband is infertile. No one has seen the seven pound girl, named Eve (???), nor have the promised DNA tests, proving she is a clone, been done. The baby was supposedly born via Caesarian section December 26, as we celebrated Christmas—another religious coincidence?

The second baby was supposedly born in Holland to Brigitte Boisselier, a chemist and formerly a member of the faculty at Hamilton College, who claims to be a Raelian bishop. Ms. Boisselier is chief executive of Clonaid, and has been making their media announcements. She refuses to accept biblical creation teaching and "willfully and conscientiously" abandons the evolution theory. Ms. Boisselier did not reveal from whom the eggs (ova) were donated for these processes, but stated, as in reproductive cloning, that the nucleus, which was removed and the DNA fused into the egg, was extracted from skin cells. Treatment similar to an electric shock then stimulated the development process. Clonaid implanted embryos in 10 different women. Supposedly five were successful. This is an unbelievable success rate considering the rates associated with IVF and animal cloning.

Scientists and doctors interviewed said that defects are seen in all cloning processes. They claim this could cause severe distress and pain for these produced human babies. They also brought out that the single DNA introduced will make for less healthy babies, and increases the possibility of causing inborn diseases. They also seemed to think it was odd that of 8 different animals cloned, no one has been able to successfully clone a Chimp, and yet they could suc-

cessfully clone a human.

The president of the U.S. Raelian Movement boasts 1,000 members. They are hopeful that this genetic research will lead to extending human life "so that we can live forever". Clonaid reported that there are 2,000 people willing to clone themselves at \$2,000 each. The Raelians have a U.F.O. theme park in Canada, along with several laboratories whose locations have been kept secret.

George Seidel, physiologist at Colorado State University questions, "Did they actually clone a person? That's not such a simple thing to verify. There are all sorts of opportunities for switching (tissue) samples and so forth... the danger of producing a child with serious abnormalities trumps all the other ethical issues about whether one should be doing this in any case. It's unethical from the get-go." According to Seidel, cloned babies will still have differences, just as identical twins, genetic duplicates, are different in some ways. "If the egg used to receive the mother's genes came from another family, then a small subset of genes inside tiny bodies called mitochondria will differ from the mother's genes. Also, the cloned baby will develop and grow up in a different environment than the mother's. And the mother's skin cell genes may have been damaged, or mutated, during her lifetime, and the baby would inherit those genetic changes." (Cooke, *Newsday*, 12/28/02, pg. A13)

Whether this report turns out to be fact or fiction, it proves the necessity for immediate legislation to ban human cloning, be it for therapeutic or reproductive purposes. To state that cloning for stem cell purposes is different, therefore ethical, is a lie. Legislation permitting the destruction of an embryo after 14 days for stem cells is still killing a human being. We agree with Cal Thomas, "Have we abandoned the sacredness of human life... endowed by our Creator?" Only Sen. Sam Brownback's bill provides the ethically needed legislative ban on cloning. The bill backed by Feinstein, Kennedy, Hatch and Spector sets a 14-day development limit. Tell us, who will be able to supervise this? Please make an effort to stop researchers from playing God. Contact your Senators and Congressman and ask them to champion the cause to ban all human cloning. Four states already have a cloning ban in effect.

The FDA's biotechnology chief, Dr. Phil Noguchi, warned that in cloning experiments "there's a variety of unknown things that could happen. This was too dangerous to proceed at this time." (Cooke, *Newsday*, 12/28/02, pg. A3)

C. Ward Kisher, Ph.D., chairman of the American Bioethics Advisory Commission, and Richard Thorne, M.D. write, "The marvel of the continuum demonstrated in embryonic life should never be undermined by reducing the human essence to a function or some arbitrary pseudo-scientific stage. Human development does not end at birth. Just as in embryonic life, all of life is a continuum. To assign varying moral values at anytime during life is simply arbitrary and has nothing to do with science." ("Embryos, preembryos, and stem cells", *Fertility and Sterility*, 12/02, p.1355)

Dolores Andreski 516-781-5274, Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568

## Annual Birthright Reception

A fundraiser sponsored & hosted by the  
*Knights of Columbus*

**Sunday, February 9, 2003 2-5PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall**

29 Clay Pitts Rd., Greenlawn, NY

*Fellowship, Fun, Food, Cocktails & Prizes!*

**Special Guests:**

### **SISTERS OF LIFE**

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10<sup>th</sup> District Knights of Columbus

- St. Joseph Council #4810
- St. Elizabeth Council #5753
- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen #7479
- Gate of Heaven Council #468

Suggested donation of \$10 or a new baby gift. *Any additional donations are welcome.* For more information please call **631-754-2039**

*BIRTHRIGHT Inc.*

*of Nassau & Suffolk*

## ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

*"Helping Moms & Their Babies"*

**Sunday, March 2, 2003**

**3:00 - 6:00 PM**

**PRIZES! FOOD! CASH BAR! MUSIC  
BY DANNY ROBINSON!**

**Sponsored by & Held at  
Holy Innocents Knights of  
Columbus Council 3581,  
Jeffries Rd., Levittown, NY**

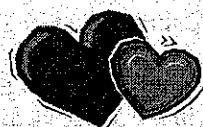
**ADMISSION:** \$17.50 per person includes 2 free drinks, Buffet & Prizes. Tickets available at Council or contact **Marty O'Connor 516-735-7719** or **Jim McHale 516-796-0894**. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU-SUFFOLK INC. *To volunteer at Birthright's Mineola thrift shop or as counselor please call 516-796-3257.*

Mommas House presents  
**2003 Luncheon**

**Theater**

at the beautiful  
**Milleridge Cottage**

Love Letters by A.R. Gurney



Valentines Day!

**Friday-February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Milleridge Cottage

North Broadway (Route 106), Jericho, N.Y.

Tickets: \$50 each

**PLUS: Raffle Prizes!!**

- Basket of Cheer • Valentines Baskets
- 2 Tickets to future show • Philharmonic Tickets
- 1 week stay at Florida condo May 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

For reservations call: Mommas Inc.

Address: 3402 Park Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793

Phone: 516-781-8637

## The Bridge To Life's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance



Please join us for an evening filled with great music, a delicious dinner, valet parking, and raffles! We will be honoring

**Det. Steven McDonald**

Date: Friday, February 28th, 2003

Time: 7:00-10:00 PM

Place: The Swan Club, Shore Road,  
Glenwood Landing

Tickets: \$100 per person or \$175 per couple;  
Includes Cocktail Hour, Dinner,  
Dancing, and Valet Parking

Please make checks payable to:

The Bridge To Life, 75-01 Utopia Pkwy., Fresh Meadows,  
NY 11366. Call 718-591-7020 or visit

[www.thebridgetolife.org](http://www.thebridgetolife.org) for more information.



## FEBRUARY 2003 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

On a recent January Saturday morning a cold northeast wind was blowing wet snow into the faces of our small group of pro-life witnesses in front of the Stony Brook Medical Park. Cars carrying couples drove into the park heading for the abortion mill, seemingly oblivious to our signs. The miserable weather was not stopping the abortionist from doing his deadly business. Why were we there and what difference was it making? Another couple in a black car drove slowly in. Halfway to the abortuary the car made a U-turn and slowly returned to stop at the exit to the park. The light turned green but the car remained. When it turned red again the young man driving the car got out and approached one of us: "It's a good thing you're doing your job today. Because you are here we changed our minds and won't have the abortion." Our questions were answered. Simply by being there we had saved a life. Your presence at one of the abortion sites listed here could also mean life for a pre-born baby. Please help if you possibly can.

**Prayer vigil schedules at Long Island abortion provider/referral sites are listed below.** Please offer your presence and your prayers at one of the listed sites as often as possible. **IMPORTANT:** Peaceful assembly on public property near abortion site is a lawful First Amendment privilege. Please call the prayer vigil contact person at the phone numbers listed below before going to a site near you, and never remain at a site alone.

**PLEASE JOIN US & BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN! PRAYER & WITNESS SAVES LIVES!**

### NASSAU COUNTY

Locations	Day/Time of Prayer Vigil	Contact Phone Number (516)
156 Mineola Blvd., Mineola	Tu, Fr 10:30-11:30AM	354-6749
540 Hempstead-Fulton Ave., Hempstead	Sa 7:30AM-1PM	741-3405
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	Sa 10:30AM-Noon	798-2151
930 Broadway, Massapequa	Sa 9:30AM-Noon	781-5274
175 Jericho Tpke., Syosset	Sa, Mn, Tu, Th 8-11AM; Fr 3:30-7PM	334-2569
123 Grant Ave., Ea. Rockaway	Time subject to change	887-2458
250 Old Country Rd., Hicksville	Time subject to change	741-3405
444 Community Dr., Manhasset	Time subject to change	741-3405

### SUFFOLK COUNTY


Locations	Day/Time of Prayer Vigil	Contact Phone Numbers (631)
70 Maple Ave., Smithtown	Wed & Sa 7AM-11 AM	979-7017
2500 Nesconset Hwy., Stony Brook	Sa 8-10AM	751-8217
595 Hampton Rd., Southampton	Fr 11:30AM	283-6829
42 First Ave., Brentwood	Sa 8-10AM	234-0933

February: **American Family Association** cable TV programming schedule: [All listings are on channel 20] Th 2/6 8PM *Almost Born*. Tu 2/11 9PM *RU-486-The Abortion Pill*. W 2/12 9PM *RU-486-The Abortion Pill*. Th 2/13 8PM *Ultrasound-Window to the Womb*. M 2/24 10PM *Abortion and Breast Cancer*. T 2/25 9PM *Liberal vs. Conservative-2 Views*. W 2/26 9PM *Liberal vs. Conservative-2 Views*. For more info. call Frank Russo 516-944-3544. Website: [www.afany.org](http://www.afany.org). **ALSO:** Mark Crutcher's **LIFE DYNAMICS-'Life Talk'** tapes are shown as follows: **Brooklyn Ch35 & Queens Ch67** Mondays 10AM & 6PM. **Woodbury Ch20** W 3PM.

**Hauppauge Ch 20 & Brkhnv Ch 20** Thursdays 5PM. **Riverhead Ch20** Fridays 1:30PM. [www.lifedynamics.org](http://www.lifedynamics.org)

\*\*\*Fridays at 10 PM - **DEFEND LIFE** on Channel 31, featuring Fr. Pavone, Priests for Life.

- Sa 2/1 3/1 (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 631-736-2380
- Su 2/2 3/2 (M) 11:15AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-347-6070
- Su 2/2 3/2 (W) 8-9PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, NY
- Mn 2/3 3/3 (M) 10AM-4PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)
- Mn 2/3 3/3 (W) 7PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St. Catherine's, Franklin Square
- Mn 2/3 3/3 (M) 8PM **MASS FOR LIFE** St. Joseph's-Rectory Chapel, Garden City, NY. All Welcome
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 9:00AM **MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** 4PM Benediction, St. Marks RCC, Shoreham, NY
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) Noon-3PM & 6-9PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor. 631-725-5915
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St. Boniface RCC, Elmont
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 8-12PM **ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 3-7AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; W 2/12-7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 9:30PM-8AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE** St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 9PM-5AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (M) 8PM-9PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
- Fr 2/7 3/7 (W) 1:00PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540

- Fr 2/7 3/7     ♥ **New (M) 7:30-8:30PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd., Farmingville, NY  
 Su 2/9 3/9     (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 2/9 3/9     (M) 1PM **PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn  
 Su 2/9     ♥ 2-5PM **ANNUAL BIRTHRIGHT RECEPTION** St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Clay Pitts Rd., Greenlawn, NY. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Special Guest Speakers: The Sisters of Life. Donation \$10 or a new baby gift. Call 631-754-2039. (See page 5)
- Mn 2/10     ♥ 8:30PM **RIGHT TO LIFE VIDEO PRESENTATION** "Window to the Womb", Sacred Heart Council Knights of Columbus Council, 41 Horseblock Rd., Centereach, NY. Call Mike Calvitto 631-698-0335 (pg. 8)
- Tu 2/11 3/11     (M) 9AM **MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE** Noon-Rosary, Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue
- Th 2/13 3/13     (W) 7-8PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)  
 Th 2/13 3/13     (W) After 7PM Mass **ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE** St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY. 516-694-2938  
 Fr 2/14 3/14     (M) 9AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY. Call Ruth 631-369-7142.
- Fr 2/14     ♥ **MOMMAS HOUSE BENEFIT** Milleridge Inn, Theatre & Luncheon. Call 516-781-8637 (See page 5)  
 Fr 2/14     ♥ **DEADLINE FOR DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** local winners' names must be submitted to Deanery Priests Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. (See 1/03 Life News, page 8, for details or call 516-379-8292 x224 or x225.)
- Su 2/16     (M) 1-2PM **DEANERY 6 PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** St. Raymond's RCC, 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY. Call Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458
- Mn 2/17 3/17     (M) 7:30PM **EASTERN LI CATHOLICS FOR LIFE** meeting in K of C Hall, Hampton Bays, NY 631-728-2311.  
 Tu 2/18 3/18     (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.  
 W 2/19 3/19     (M) 7:30PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE** Maria Regina RCC, Chapel Pastoral Center, Seaford, NY. Call 516-781-5274
- Fr 2/21 3/21     (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.
- Fr 2/22**     9AM-Noon - Donate an hour or two & help prepare the March **LIFE NEWS** for mailing, **St. Joseph's Old School Gym!** 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma. Call: 631-588-4437. Students gain Confirmation service hours  

- Mn 2/24     (M) 7:45PM - **L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING** at Joseph Barry Council, K of C, Hicksville, NY. See page 2 for Speaker information. All are welcome. Call 631-243-1435
- Tu 2/25 3/25     (M) 8-9:30 PM **ADORATION, ROSARY FOR LIFE** Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, NY. Call 516-889-5318  
 Fr 2/28 3/28     (M) 8-9PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY 516-541-3270  
 Fr 2/28     ♥ **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BRIDGE TO LIFE DINNER DANCE** Swan Club, honoring Det. Steven McDonald. \$100 per person or \$175 per couple. Donations needed for 'silent auction'. Call 718-591-7020. (See page 5)
- LOOKING AHEAD**
- Su 3/2     **BIRTHRIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY** Knights of Columbus, Jeffries Rd., Levittown, NY. (See page 5)  
 Su 3/9     **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** Ronkonkoma, NY. Pro-Life people & groups invited to march, call 631-588-0168.  
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- Tu 3/18     **LEGISLATIVE DAY** Albany, NY-hosted by New Yorker Family Research Foundation & New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms. Speaker: Dr. Laura Schlessinger. Call Suffolk coordinator Joseph Kelly 631-368-5023.
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For more information please contact Julia Sheerin at the N.Y.S. Right to Life Committee 518-434-1293 and she will direct you to your local contest.

**Note:** NYSRTL is seeking a Nassau/Suffolk pro-life organization to sponsor and hold the local portion of the oratorical contest. The local winner will compete on the state level, in Albany, on May 10. The state winner competes at the NRTL contest in St. Louis, Mi. on July 5. Please consider this important need and contact Julia at the number listed above. The deadline for the local winner to be submitted to the state office is April 10, 2003.



## Umbilical-Cord Blood Saves Mother from Leukemia

Montreal, Canada (10/26/02) A 27-year-old woman severely ill with leukemia was cured of her condition through a transfusion of the umbilical-cord blood from her baby daughter. The high-risk procedure performed by doctors at Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal was possibly the world's first offspring-to-parent transplant.

There has been growing interest in using umbilical-cord blood as an alternative to bone-marrow transplants. The blood is rich in hemopoietic stem cells which can rebuild a blood system damaged by heavy doses of chemotherapy. Umbilical-cord blood can be stored for later treatment of illness such as leukemia.

The mother, Patrizia Durante, credits her daughter with saving her life. She was 26 weeks pregnant when she learned she was suffering from acute myloid leukemia. Since she was not responding to mild chemotherapy, labor was induced and her baby was born 2 months premature. Later, when she was infused with the blood cells from her child's umbilical cord, the stem cells, which included the baby's immune system, attached the leukemia and began rebuilding her blood system. Seven months later she was in complete remission.

Scientists are currently studying whether stem cells from cord blood may also be able to repair damaged heart and brain tissue.

*Source: Choose Life, NRTL, Nov./Dec. 2002*



## Right to Life Video "Window to the Womb"

On February 10, 2003, there will be a Right to Life Video shown at 8:30 p.m., immediately following the regular Columbiette meeting.

**Ultrasound:** A "Window to the Womb" uses high-resolution real time ultrasound imaging that presents images of prenatal babies and outlines the states of life in the womb.

This is not an offensive video and deals with the reality that life exists before birth in the womb. The video runs about 30 minutes.

After the showing we will have a speaker, Florence Talluto, from the Respect Life Committee of the Church of the Assumption.

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**Date:** Monday, February 10th, 2003

**Time:** 8:30 PM

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**Place:** Sacred Heart Council Hall  
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Please contact Mike Calvitto at either 631-207-0025 or 631-698-0335 for further information.

## U.S. ABORTIONS DROP BY 11%

Washington, DC (10/8/02) The Alan Guttmacher Institute reported that the number of abortions in the U.S. has declined by 11%. The rate of abortions has dropped from 24 per 1,000 women in 1994 to 21 per 1,000 in 2000. In 1987, the rate was even higher - 27 per 1,000 women.

Disturbing, however, is the statistic that 25% of all pregnancies in 2000 ended in abortion, and that 78% of these report a religious affiliation (43% Protestant, 27% Catholic and 8% other religions.)

The largest decline in abortion rates was among the teens: in the 15-17 year-old group, abortions fell from 24 per 1,000 in 1994 to 15 per 1,000 in 2000.

Parental involvement laws have had an impact on teen abortions in states with these laws, according to Laura Echevarria, NRLC's Director of Media Relations.

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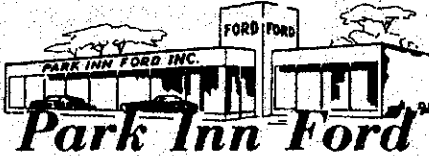
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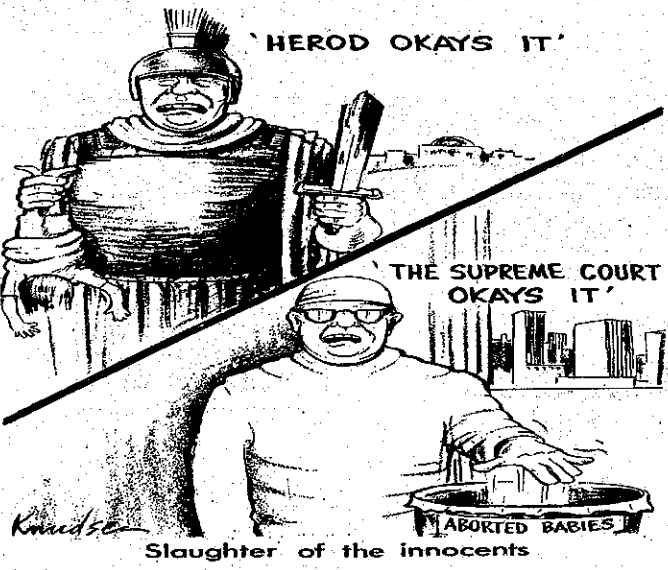
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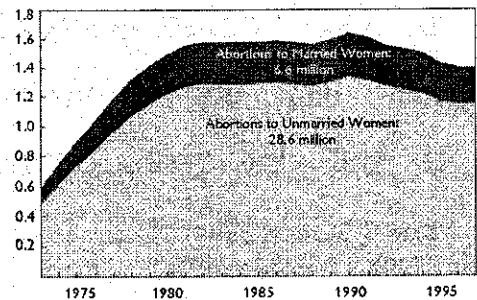
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*Source:*  
www.heritage.org Family and Faith: The Roots of Prosperity, Stability and Freedom; Patrick F. Fagan

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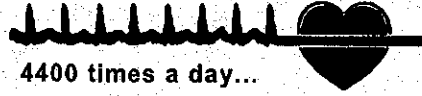
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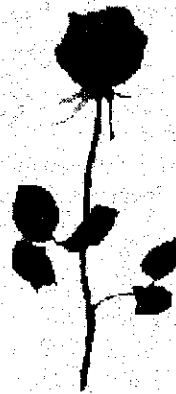
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**Tues. March 25--Lobby For Life Day 2003** presented by N.Y.S. Right To Life Comm. Inc. Speakers to address: Fetal Pain, Partial Birth Infanticide, etc. Contact Jason Kippen 518-434-1293. Local contact: Long Island Coalition for Life 631-243-1435.

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~ Source: *Winning the War of Words*  
*Abortion Arguments, printed and distributed*  
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