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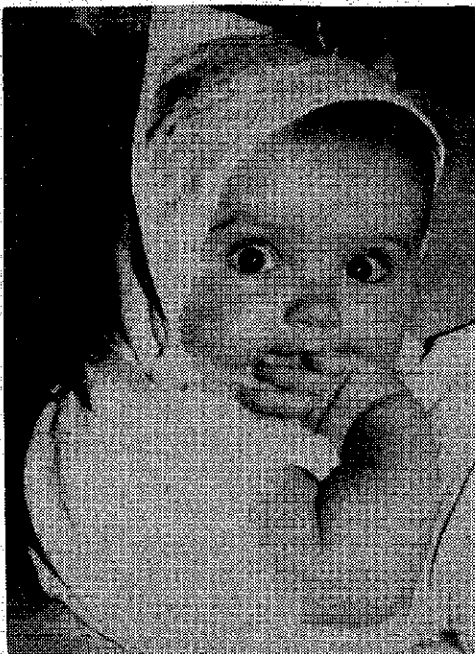
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"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave."

~ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Perhaps you remember this beautiful baby from the July 1993 issue of LIFE NEWS. Many photos of babies, memorials, and pro-life activities have appeared in LIFE NEWS. These are presented to encourage all to continue their pro-life work.

Prayer and the hard work of so many in all areas of pro-life endeavor is bringing about a change of hearts and minds as to the humanity and need for protection of the unborn child. For the many who have worked tirelessly this is good news.



Evident also is the growing number of pro-life advocates, persons of all ages, willing to speak out. This, too, is good news. All are needed to continue until respect human life at all stages is restored.

Newsweek, 6/9/03, printed an 11 page article titled "The War Over Fetal Rights". The lead paragraph states: "The politics of the womb are becoming even more personal—and complex. The Peterson murder case, changing state laws and startling new science are causing many Americans to rethink long-held beliefs."

(See page 8 for new poll results.)

STAND UP FOR LIFE – Sunday, October 5, 2003

Reminder: Deadline for adding your church, organization, etc. name to the promotional flyer is 8/10. Mail in coupon from LIFE NEWS, 7/03, or call 631-588-0168.

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

LONG ISLAND COALITION FOR LIFE GENERAL MEETING

7:45 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2003

Guest speaker Alan Skorski's topic will be, "Exposing the Hypocrisy and Inconsistencies of the Pro-Abortion Movement". Mr. Skorski writes op-ed for the Jewish press with the goal of increasing Jewish activism for the pro-life cause. He ran in the 2002 Primary in the 4th Congressional District of Nassau. The public is welcome at this meeting to be held at Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus Hall located at 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. For directions call 631-243-1435.

MEETING WITH NASSAU COUNTY POLICE COMMISSIONER

Thanks to the good offices of Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Peter Schmitt, officers of the Long Island Coalition for Life met with Nassau County Police Commissioner James H. Lawrence on June 25th. The meeting was held as a result of inconsistent and apparently arbitrary police treatment of pro-life witnesses exercising their First Amendment free-speech rights while exposing the horrors of abortion. On several occasions, in three different police precincts, pro-lifers were told they could not remain on public property, could not use certain signs, or were told they must keep moving. A threat of arrest was stated or implied.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that current instructions to all precincts are to respect the First Amendment rights of picketers/protestors. Chief of Patrol, Joan Yale, contacted us two days after the meeting to assure us that instructions would be given to all precinct commanders to be passed on to officers on patrol to properly respect pro-lifers' free-speech rights. If further apparent police harassment of pro-life witnesses occurs in Nassau County please contact the Long Island Coalition for Life so we can follow up.

THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD ORGANIZATION, THE NATION'S LEADING ABORTION PERFORMER AND PROMOTER, TO CHALLENGE CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION

The 6/19/03 The Smithtown News article "Abortion Ban Bill To Face Challenge", written by Brian Zanzonico, reads in part: "In response to Congress' 6/4 passing the Partial Abortion Act of 2003 (sic), the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) has vowed to sue Justice Dept. head John Ashcroft...and seek a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction..."

The article quotes Reina Schiffrin, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, stating: "It puts the health of the women in this country at great risk." Unfortunately, Ms. Schiffrin has ignored the mountain of medical testimony given in both houses of Congress, e.g.:

Dr. Pamela Smith, Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago: "Since the partial birth abortion procedure requires three days of forceful dilation of the cervix, the mother could develop cervical incompetence...there are absolutely no obstetrical situations encountered... which require a partially delivered human fetus to be destroyed to preserve the life or health of the mother." (U.S. Senate Hearing Record 11/95, pg. 82).

Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's testimony, along with 300 other physicians-specialists, concluded that "Partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary to protect a mother's health or her future fertility."

The American Medical Association supports a ban on this procedure, finding no medical justification for it. Dr. Harlan Giles, Medical College of Pa., stated "(after 23 weeks), I do not think there are any maternal conditions that mandate ending the pregnancy that also requires that the fetal life be terminated." (ibidem pg. 331).

PPFA Spokeswoman Kerry Beck Konstantin said: "There is no such thing as a partial-birth abortion. It's a misleading term invented by anti-choice hard liners. We call it 'late-term abortion' (Orwellian spin—still an abortion).

A "must read" for Ms. Konstantin is Dr. Martin Haskell's paper, describing step-by-step how to perform the partial-birth abortion procedure. Dr. Haskell is an abortionist practitioner, not an "anti-choice hard-liner".

A glaring omission from this discussion is the pain inflicted on the partially delivered living human being during this heinous, inhumane procedure. All our historical documents have noted that the nation/state has a compelling interest in protecting and preserving life.

**For additional information or speakers
call LICL 631-243-1435.**

LEGISLATION

FEDERAL



THE UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT S.1019/H.R.1997 is currently referred to as the Laci Peterson bill. Laci and her unborn son of approximately 8 months were the victims of strangulation and drowning in San Francisco Bay. Laci's husband, Scott, has been arrested in connection with the two deaths.

ACTION: Sample message to both Senators and your House Member: Please support the Unborn Victims of Violence Act S.1019/H.R. 1997. You are urged on behalf of all unborn victims of federal crimes that either injure or take an unborn baby's life to treat the action as both a crime against the mother as well as against the baby. There are over 68 federal crimes included in this bill. The terrorist attack against the personnel of the World Trade Center as well as the Oklahoma City Federal Building attack are examples.

Contact information: U.S. Senate, Wash., D.C. 20510

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. House of Representatives, Wash., D.C. 20515

Bishop 631-696-6500 202-225-3826/225-3143

Israel 631-951-2210 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

PRESIDENT BUSH TO SIGN THE BAN ON PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION

-the U.S. Senate with a 64-33 vote and the House with an 282-139 vote overwhelmingly passed the Ban on Partial Birth Abortion Act S.3/H.R. 760. The ban was supported by 220 Republicans and 62 Democrats, while it was opposed by 133 Democrats and 15 Republicans. Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton voted against the ban. Congress expects a court case over the ban and has sent several pages of support to the House Judiciary Committee to bolster their case. Unfortunately for us Long Island Representatives, Tim Bishop, 1st C.D., Steve Israel, 2nd C.D., Carolyn McCarthy, 4th C.D. and, Gary Ackerman, 5th C.D. voted against the ban. Only Congressman Peter King, 3rd C.D. voted pro-life. Thank you Congressman King. The unborn desperately need you.

U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE SAY NO TO ABORTION ON MILITARY BASES

-by a vote of 51-48 the Senate voted against abortion on military bases. The House followed by a 227-201 vote, refusing to allow abortions on military bases overseas except to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape or incest.

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

NEW YORK STATE



The N.Y.S. UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT passed the Senate in May. This legislation would legally recognize unborn children as victims of assault or homicide. The companion bill in the Assembly is A.7524. Sponsors of A.7542 from Nassau-Suffolk are Acampora, Alfano, Barra, Barraga, Ferrara and Labriola.

Action—If your Assembly Member is a sponsor thank him/her. If not, urge him/her to co-sponsor and actively support this bill. As noted in 7/03 LIFE NEWS all Nassau/Suffolk Senators voted for the bill. If you have not already done so please thank your Senator.

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION—In the final hours of the 2003 Session A.15/S.202 was amended to ensure that "religious hospitals" will be able to abide by the law without violating ethical principles. The original bill would have forced hospitals to change current practices and provide emergency contraception on demand to any rape victim who presented herself at an emergency room, even if she came in three weeks after the attack, tested positive for pregnancy, and showed a variety of contra-indications for the drugs. Moreover, the original bill declared "emergency contraception cannot and does not cause abortion" a false statement that would have statutorily defined the beginning of human life as implantation rather than fertilization. This language was stricken from the final bill which passed both houses on 6/19. The governor is expected to sign the bill.

The "Over the Counter" Emergency Contraception Bill A.888/S.3339 should be vigorously opposed. This bill would allow any woman, even a 12 or 13 year old, to receive extremely potent drugs with high levels of hormones from a pharmacist without a doctor's prescription. See 6/03 LIFE NEWS for details. A.888 passed the Assembly on 6/16 with Nassau/Suffolk Members, Acampora, Barra, Barraga, Fitzpatrick, McDonough, O'Connell and Raia voting pro-life.

Action: It is very important that you thank you Assembly Member if he/she voted against A.888 and ask your Senator to oppose S.3339.

For information on N.Y. State legislation call Mary Arden Smith 516-825-4852.

Elections Are Coming

Ask all candidates their stand on the life issues.

Special Election in 3rd Legislative District of Suffolk--Tuesday, August 5, 2003

Primary Day---Tuesday, September 9, 2003.

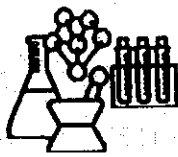
(check for primaries in your party)

General Election---Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

Register to vote by using a mail-in Voter Registration Form available at the Post Office.

HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

SAFE SEX AND CONDOMS— A DEADLY LIE?



In Sex Ed classes and Planned Parenthood Clinics across the country, condoms are touted as the best method to slow the STD epidemic in America. The Centers for Disease Control issued a report in 2000 that stated that “65 million people live with an incurable STD, and in addition, 15 million more people become infected each year... young adults between the ages of 15 and 24 represent two-thirds of the total.” The National Institutes for Health issued a report in 2000 titled “Scientific Evidence on Condom Effectiveness for Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention”. A researcher for Family Health International, Dr. Willard Cates Jr. was worried about the negative aspects of condoms that the study disclosed. He wrote, “this negative interpretation might serve to discourage condom use and thus enhance the spread of STDs... Thus we need a positive spin to our messages to encourage their use.”

The NIH report stated that condoms could reduce the risk of HIV and gonorrhea, but there was “insufficient evidence” with reference to the other six STDs studied to determine the effectiveness of condom use in reducing transmission of those STDs. Kathryn Hooks of Concerned Women for America wrote in *The Spin on Condoms*, “If a condom is used 100% of the time, one has a 50/50 chance of contracting gonorrhea and a 15% chance of contracting HIV. What happens to those individuals in the 15%? They die; the condom did not prevent HIV. Knowing the extent of the personal risk means a lot to any person in that 15%. The seriousness of the HIV issue drives the pro-condom debate, but what about the lack of evidence showing that condoms reduce the risk of other ‘hidden’ STDs?”

A CDC study in 2000 found that 1% of the 15 million newly infected people are infected with HIV. The most common STDs among teenagers are chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes, and human papillomavirus (HPV). Chlamydia and gonorrhea, if left untreated can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility. The Medical Institute for Sexual Health reports that 85% of women with chlamydia show no symptoms, which means the disease is undetected until it is too late. One million people contract herpes each year, with 90% of them unaware of their infection. Herpes increases the risk of HIV infection. HPV infects 5.5 million people a year. According to the NIH, 93% of all cervical cancers are caused by HPV. Planned Parenthood labeled this statistic “an anti-choice radical myth to distort scientific fact in order to discourage condom use”. 70% of those infected with HPV are unaware of their infection. The American Cancer Society and the CDC reported that in 1999, more deaths occurred from HPV than AIDS. Dr. John Diggs, Jr. states that with regard to HPV, “there is evidence that condoms do not work. For other STDs, there is insufficient evidence that condoms

do work. In either case, it is dishonest public health policy to tell people to use them for prevention when it is not provable that they work.”

Kathryn Hooks writes, “With millions of teens contracting these STDs each year, the false sense of condom protection projected by authority figures (schools) is reprehensible. According to an American Family Physician journal, the number of sexual partners is linked directly as the most important risk factor in contracting an STD. Therefore the only true “preventive” measure against STDs is abstinence until marriage. Pro-condom groups criticize this prescription arguing that it is either dangerous to repress sexual urges or people lack the self-control, especially teens. The message teens receive about sex will shape their decisions with consequences that affect the rest of their lives. Condoms endorse “safe sex,” yet when measured by the data, promiscuous sex even with condoms is still not at all “safe.” Our founding father George Washington wisely pointed out, “Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.” How many “failures”—death, disease, emotional devastation—do we have to encounter before we quit spinning excuses for condoms and promiscuous sex?”

Dr. John Whiffen, Board Chairman of the National Physicians Center “traces an increase in teenage sexuality to an increase in teenage pregnancy and disease, to increased high school dropouts, to poverty, to children growing up without fathers, to a life of alcohol, drugs and more poverty... We’ve had a 30 to 40 year experiment now with sexual license. It’s given us an additional 20 STD’s, a much larger number of men unwilling to commit to marriage and it’s increased births out-of-wedlock, **increased abortion** and frankly caused social disaster.”

Dr. Eric Walsh states, “I’m afraid in our society that we’re going to make the endpoint for teen sexual health be the avoidance of pregnancy and the avoidance of sexually transmitted diseases... while those are great goals, that approach does not address in any way the emotional scarring that can take place in a teenager. It does not speak to the issues of self-worth. It does not speak to the issues that this may lead to high-risk behavior long-term and the reality that contraceptives cannot prevent some STDs.”

Angie Vineyard, Research Fellow, writes for Concerned Women for America, “Will the frightening epidemic of STDs and subsequent increased rates of depression and suicide among our youth force us to admit that “safe sex” is a government-funded myth and we owe it to our teenager’s physical and psychological health to teach them abstinence?”

Dolores Andreski, Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568

Source: www.beverlylahayeinstitute.org/articledisplay

ROSARY PROCESSION FOR LIFE

Saturday,
September 6, 2003
Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Church
168 Hill Street, Southampton

Following Mass:
Carpool to Southampton Town Hall
116 Hampton Road, Southampton

Sponsored by:
The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Respect Life Office
(516) 379-8292 x224



Rosary Procession:
OB/GYN Clinic
595 Hampton Road, Southampton

Benediction:
Our Lady of Poland Church
35 Maple Street, Southampton

Presider:
Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela, D.D.
Eastern Vicariate

~ Refreshments provided by
K of C Southampton Council #1967 ~

Special Invitation To Young Adults and Teens To Join Us!

Directions: Take the Long Island Expressway to Exit 70 (Rt. 111) Manorville Road South to Route 27, Sunrise Highway. Continue East to Exit 7 (Southampton College). Turn right at Exit 7. Proceed to Montauk Highway (27A). Turn left onto 27A and proceed East, approximately 2.1 miles.

ALL WELCOME!!

The Life Center of Long Island Tenth Annual Dinner Dance

Sunday, October 12, 2003 at 6:30 PM
Huntington Town House, Huntington, LI, NY

To Benefit the Life Center of Long Island



Special Guest Speaker:

Suffolk County
Legislator
Paul Tonna

All are invited!

↳ For journal advertising information please contact Marga Regina at the Life Center. **The journal will have a new feature this year. We will have a directory for easy access to all your favorite pro-life businesses and institutions.**

↳ Reserve early for this fun-filled evening in celebration of life. \$65 per person. All proceeds benefit the Life Center of LI. Please send check and ticket request to: **The Life Center of LI, PO Box 468, Deer Park, NY 11729 or call (631) 243-2373.**

AUGUST 2003 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Why Give Public Witness at Abortionist Sites

We pray to obtain God's mercy for the abortionist and his staff who do the killing. Our peaceful, prayerful presence hopefully will disturb the consciences of the workers at the abortion mill and say to them that, though we love them, we will never accept what they do.

Source: Helpers of God's Precious Infants at 5700 Fort Hamilton Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY 11219

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. 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!**

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
244A Old Country Rd., Hicksville	Wed & Sa 7:30-9AM	741-3405
444 Community Dr., Manhasset	Sat 8:30-9:30AM	741-3405

IMPORTANT:
Peaceful assembly on
public property near
abortion site is a lawful
First Amendment
privilege.

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Locations	Day/Time of Prayer Vigil	Contact Phone Numbers (631)
70 Maple Ave., Smithtown	Wed & Sa 7-11AM	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

**PRAYER & WITNESS
SAVES LIVES!**


August: ♥ **American Family Association** cable TV programming schedule: [All Programs are on channel 20] ● *Why NY Legislators are covering up child abuse:* Wed 8/6, Central Suffolk (Haup) & (Brkhvn) 9PM ● *The Issue Is Choice-2 Views on Education & Abortion:* Wed 8/20, Central Suffolk (Haup) & (Brkhvn) 9PM ● *What Next for Pro-Life Voters in NY:* Mon 8/4, East Suffolk (Rvhd) 10PM ● *Important Issues Facing NY:* Wed 8/20 Great Neck 10PM For more info. call Frank Russo 516-944-3544. Website: www.afany.org

ALSO: ♥ Mark Crutcher's **LIFE DYNAMICS-'Life Talk'** tapes are shown as follows: **Brooklyn & Queens -Ch. 34** (Time Warner) or 67 (Cablevision)- Every Mon. at 10AM & 6PM and Woodbury

Ch. 20 - every Tues at 12:30PM. In Hauppauge & Brookhaven - Ch. 20 every Thurs at 5PM. Riverhead-Ch. 20 -every Fr. 1:30PM. www.lifedynamics.org ALSO "Defending Life" with Fr. Frank Pavone on EWTN: Tu 5:30PM, W 5AM, Fr 10PM

See: www.priestsforlife.org

- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 9:00AM MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE 4PM Benediction, St. Marks RCC, Shoreham, NY
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) Noon-3PM & 6-9PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor. 631-725-5915
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 7:30 PM BENEDICTION FOR LIFE St. Boniface RCC, Elmont
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 8-12PM ADORATION FOR LIFE St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 7-8 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 3-7AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Tu 8/12-7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 8:30-10:00PM PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 9PM-5AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (M) 8PM-9PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
- Fr 8/1 9/5 (W) 1:00PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540
- Fr 8/1 9/5 **New** (M) 7:30-8:30PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd., Farmingville, NY
- Sa 8/2 9/6 (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 631-736-2380
- Su 8/3 9/7 (M) 11:15AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-347-6070
- Su 8/3 9/7 (W) 8-9PM HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, NY
- Mn 8/4 9/1 (M) 10AM-4PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, (Fr. Graham Chapel)
- Mn 8/4 9/1 (W) 7PM ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS St. Catherine's, Franklin Square

- Mn 8/4 9/1 (M) 8PM MASS FOR LIFE St. Joseph's-Rectory Chapel, Garden City, NY. All Welcome
 Fr 8/8 9/12 (M) 9AM ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY
 Call Ruth 631-369-7142
- Su 8/10 9/14 (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 8/10 9/14 (M) 1PM PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
 Mn 8/11 9/8 (M) 10:30AM EASTERN LI CATHOLICS FOR LIFE meeting & Rosary for Life, St. Rosalie Parish Center,
 Hampton Bays, NY. All Welcome 631-728-2311. **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME & LOCATION!**
- Tu 8/12 9/9 (M) 9AM MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE Noon-Rosary, Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR
 LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue
- Th 8/14 9/11 (M) 7-8PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)
 Th 8/14 9/11 (W) After 7PM Mass ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY 516-694-2938
 Fr 8/15 9/19 (M) 9PM-6AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Our Lady of Lourdes RCC -Chapel Massapequa Park
 Call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921. (March 21st marked the 21st Anniversary of the All Night Vigil!)
- Su-Th 8/17-21 ♥ "OH SARATOGA!" PRAYER & WITNESS RALLY FOR LIFE A Housetops Teruah event, Saratoga, NY -
 'For the Saving of the Unborn Child'. For more information write or call: Oh Saratoga!, PO Box 11057, Albany,
 NY. 12211-0057. Tel. 518-899-1108 or 518-634-7021; [Http://ScriptureWall.com](http://ScriptureWall.com). All are Welcome to attend.
- Tu 8/19 9/16 (M) 7:30-8:30PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
 W 8/20 9/17 (M) 7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE Maria Regina RCC, Chapel Pastoral Center,
 Seaford, NY. Call 516-799-0190
- Fr 8/22 9/26 (M) 8-9PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY 516-541-3270
- SA 8/23  9AM-Noon - Donate an hour or two & help prepare September LIFE NEWS for mailing, St. Joseph RCC
 basement (elevator available) 35 Church St., Ronkonkoma. 631-588-4437.
- Mn 8/25 (M) 7:45PM - L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING at Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville, NY. (see page 2)
 Speaker: Alan Skorski All welcome. Call 631-243-1435
- Tu 8/26 9/23 (M) 8-9:30 PM ADORATION, ROSARY FOR LIFE Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, NY. Call 516-889-5318

LOOKING AHEAD

- Fr-Su 9/5-7 **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR WOMEN AND MEN** who seek healing from abortion.
 St. Joseph's Retreat House, Brentwood. Call 516-523-0586
- Sa 9/6 **MASS & ROSARY PROCESSION FOR LIFE** 9AM, Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary RCC, Southampton, NY.
 Benediction at Our Lady of Poland RCC. Diocesan of Rockville Centre Respect Life Office 516-379-8292 x224 (page 5)
- Th 9/25 7-9:30PM **POST-ABORTION HEALING** will be discussed by Theresa Bonopartis of Lumina. Madelaine Willi
 and Mary Bossart of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Rockville Centre will also speak. Hosted by L.I. Chapter
 of University Faculty for Life at Molloy-College (Quealy Hall), Rockville Centre. **The public is invited.**
 Please call 516-678-5000 ext. 6139.
- Th 10/2 **ECUMENICAL TRAINING ON POST ABORTION** for mental health professionals, clergy and lay ministers to
 be held at the Swan Club. For informational call the Life Center 631-243-2373.
- Su 10/5 **STAND UP FOR LIFE** 2PM Route 110, Huntington, NY. Call 516-781-8699 or 631-588-0168. (front cover banner)
- Sa 10/11 **ROSARY RALLY** with Pro-Life Booth on campus of St. John's University, Queens. Tickets \$10. Children under 10
 years admitted free. For tickets or to volunteer call Pat Gavaghan 718-492-5293.
- Su 10/12 **LIFE CENTER ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** 6:30PM Annual Dinner at Huntington Town House. **Speaker: Legislator
 Paul Tonna.** Please reserve. Call the Life Center 631-243-2373

National Silent No More Awareness Campaign announces Fall Events and seeks local coordinators.

Campaign goals include:

1. Making the public aware that abortion is harmful emotionally, physically and spiritually to women and others.
2. Reaching out to women who are hurting to let them know help is available.
3. Inviting women to join in speaking the truth about abortion's negative consequences.

To accomplish the above, "Gatherings" will be held during September and "Hour of Reflection" (healing services) in October.

For January 2004, a national event is planned for Washington, D.C. Consult the website for particulars. The Campaign is a non-denominational Christian effort open to all.

Website address: www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org Phone 800-707-6635

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AMERICANS BECOMING MORE PRO-LIFE

Several new public opinion polls confirm that Americans are increasingly pro-life in their attitudes and beliefs.

A *Gallup* poll of Americans and their moral beliefs, released May 15, found 53% of Americans believe abortion to be "morally wrong," while 37% find abortion to be "morally acceptable."

A *Newsweek* magazine poll released June 2 found 48% of Americans consider themselves "pro-life," while 47% consider themselves "pro-choice."

The same poll found that 46% of Americans believe human life begins at fertilization. Only 12% believe life begins at implantation of the embryo. Twenty-four percent believe life begins at viability in the womb, and 11% believe life begins at birth. The remaining 7% say they don't know.

The same *Newsweek* poll found 84% of Americans believe prosecutors should be able to bring two murder charges in some or all cases when a pregnant woman and her unborn child are killed. Fifty-six percent believe this in all cases and 28% believe this only if the fetus is viable. Only 9% believe separate murder charges for the death of the unborn child should not be allowed by law.

A separate poll released by the Center for the Advancement of Women, led by the former President of Planned Parenthood Faye Wattleton, found only 30% of American women believing that abortion should be "generally available to those who want it." Sixty-eight percent expressed dissatisfaction with the status quo on abortion: 17% believe abortion should be illegal, 34% believe it should be illegal except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother, and another 17% believe it should be available, but under stricter limits than it is today.

Moreover, this poll found "preserving legal abortion" to be *next to last* on the list of women's top concerns. Leading the list were issues such as domestic violence, equal pay for equal work, and the ability to take time off from work to care for family.

~ Source: *New York State Pro-Life Reporter*, June 27, 2003

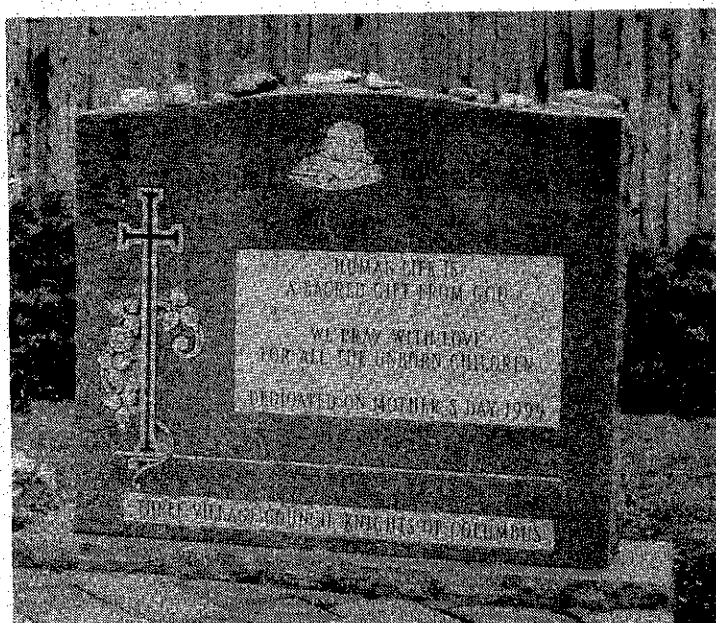
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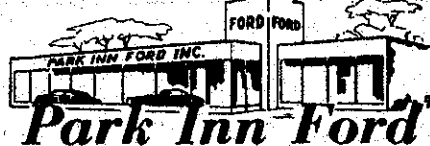
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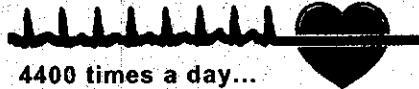
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A report in the April issue of the journal *Fertility and Sterility* helps explain the difficulty in recognizing this problem. Doctors at the University of Ottawa found that in some cases these bone fragments can work their way into the muscular uterine lining, marking them invisible even with a hysteroscope.

The doctors describe an infertile 36-year-old woman who had ended a pregnancy 15 years earlier. Her uterus appeared normal by hysteroscope. But when doctors conducted an ultrasound exam—which uses sound waves to visualize dense objects in the body—they saw evidence of embedded bone fragments. Using the ultrasound images to guide them, the doctors removed the fragments. Four months later, she became pregnant and later delivered a healthy boy.

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Source: *The Washington Post*, May 1, 2003

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