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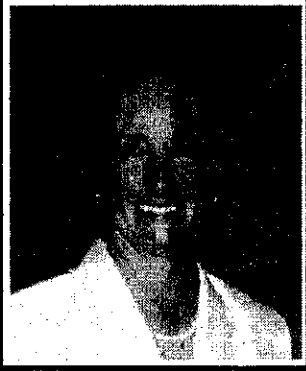
"We deceive ourselves if we think we can have the results of charity without the personal reality of charity."

Source: Jennifer Roback Morse is an economist at Stanford's Hoover Institution



*"Liturgy at the Time of Death for the Pre-Born" prayer service
outside the Planned Parenthood facility in Hempstead.*

Congregants from Malverne's Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, part of the Charismatic Episcopal Church, marked the Feast of the Holy Innocents on Dec. 28, 2003, with a peaceful protest outside the Planned Parenthood facility in nearby Hempstead. Led by Bishop Craig Bates and CEC for Life Director Canon Terry Gensemer, the group participated in a prayer service known as the Liturgy at the Time of Death for the Pre-Born. The event coincided with similar gatherings across the country to protest a Planned Parenthood greeting card that subverts Scripture by advocating "Choice on Earth." The Feast of the Holy Innocents is observed in remembrance of the children killed by Herod following the birth of Christ, whose coming was heralded by angels proclaiming "Peace on Earth."



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Long Island Coalition for Life monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 23rd beginning at 7:45 PM. "Adverse Health Effects of Abortion" will be the topic of our guest speaker, Dr. Marilyn O'Grady. Marilyn is a lifelong Long Islander who received her M.D. degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Center and has been practicing ophthalmology for the last 16 years. The public is welcome at this meeting at Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus Hall located at 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. For directions call 631-243-1435.

BEWARE OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD— OUR NATION'S LARGEST ABORTION PROVIDER

VOICES FOR CHOICES

Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (PPNC) spreads its anti-life message in many ways. One is its Voices for Choices campaign. In PPNC's Annual Report 2002, a letter signed by Board Chairperson Valerie McCarthy and President & CEO Karen Pearl, said, "We are pleased and gratified to report that Voices for Choices has been an overwhelming success. By **hosting informational house parties and enhancing our efforts to inform and mobilize students on college campuses**, PPNC has inspired more than 1,000 new advocates to join in the fight to preserve reproductive rights."

Pro-lifers need to be aware of how and where Planned Parenthood (mis)educates and enlists the public to join its cause. College newspaper staffs routinely reject ads submitted by the LICL. Would that we could boast 1,000 new advocates in 2004! Please consider becoming active in the LICL's work to reveal the truth of Planned Parenthood's culture of death agenda. Join with us as we spread the respect life message.

The Good News is:

A Planned Parenthood Center in Houghton, Michigan, which provided abortion services, has closed after two years. Houghton pro-lifers maintained a constant presence at the site.

Source: RTL of Greater Cincinnati, OH 12/03

In Indiana, Planned Parenthood will have to close three centers which have lost some \$135,000 over the last 22 months.

Source: the Long Island Catholic 12/10/03.

Bad News:

Parental Alert

Planned Parenthood Health Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 30th at the Wyndham Wind Watch Hotel, Hauppauge NY. More information in the March LIFE NEWS or call 631-243-1435.

BOYCOTT UPDATE

In the December 2003 LIFE NEWS we reported various companies that contribute to pro-abortion organizations. Shortly after we went to press, Life Decisions International updated The Boycott List, which it publishes as part of its Corporate Funding Project (for further information contact LDI at 540-631-0380 or www.fightpp.org).

According to its November 2003 list, the good news is that **Sony and HMV have been dropped from The Boycott List**. This is to the credit of those proliferers who do not shop at stores that support pro-abortion organizations and write to those companies letting them know why. Unfortunately, **Blimpie** (sandwich/Salad shops) and **The Home Depot have been added to The Boycott List**.

It seems incongruous that The Home Depot would contribute to Planned Parenthood. The Home Depot is known for its outreach to the disabled community by employing physically and mentally challenged individuals. Yet, Planned Parenthood's mantra of "every child a wanted child" too often excludes preborn babies found to be "defective."

Please consider contacting The Home Depot and request that it stand fully behind the disabled and drop corporate sponsorship of Planned Parenthood. You can write to your local store or to Robert Nardelli, Chairman/CEO, 2455 Paces Ferry Rd., Atlanta GA 30339. **Contact Blimpie International, Inc.** at: Jeffrey Endervelt, Chairman/CEO, 145 Huguenot St., New Rochelle, NY 10801.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Important Alert—The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to rule on over-the-counter “emergency contraception”.

On December 16th, two advisory committees to the FDA recommended that the so called “morning-after pill” be sold over-the-counter in drug stores rather than by medical prescription. The FDA is expected to rule on this as early as February.

Action: Please urge the FDA to rule against this dangerous proposal.

Contact Information: Use internet comment line: 1-888-463-6332 (not a comment line-record “for or against position”); e-mail: www.accessdate.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/comments/commentdocket.cfm and go to Docket # 2001 P-0075 to write your message or write to:

Commissioner Mark B. McCellan, M.D.
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville Maryland 20857
E-mail: commissioner@fda.gov

Sample Message:

Dear Commissioner Mark B. McCellan: I urge you to oppose making “emergency contraception” available without a prescription. The swift and politically motivated approval of the abortion drug RU-486 without the safeguards required in other countries has ready been deadly to some women as well as to countless babies. Hopefully, the FDA will learn from the experience, and consider the welfare of women and young teenagers rather than the agenda of Planned Parenthood.

The health risks of non-prescription “emergency contraception” are serious. Regions where “emergency contraception” has been introduced without prescription have not experienced a reduction in abortion rates but have experienced an increase in sexually transmitted diseases. **Young girls will have ready access to mega-doses of hormonal medication which could be used to cover-up instances of sexual abuse or dangerous promiscuous behavior without the involvement of a doctor or parent.**

Also, of great concern to me, in some cases “emergency contraception” may destroy an already-existing embryo by preventing implantation. Women

deserve the truth about the drug, its methods of action, and its effects. For these reasons I respectfully ask you to reject the proposal to make “emergency contraceptive (Plan B-levonorgestrel) available without a prescription.

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



N.Y. STATE LEGISLATION

The Family Protection Act (S.2893)

Action: Call or write your state Senator.

Contact information:
N.Y. State Senate, Albany, N.Y. 12247
Switchboard: 518-455-2800

Sample message:

Dear Senator ___: Unlike many other states New York State has no laws requiring parental consent or informed consent for a minor seeking an abortion. Please help correct this deficiency in state law by ensuring that the Family Protection Act (S.2893) is voted out of the Health Committee. Please reply.

Note: Senators Dean Skelos, Deputy Majority Leader, Senator Kemp Hannon, Health Committee Chairman, and, Senator Charles Fuschillo, Health Committee Member could and probably would make this happen if they heard from enough of their constituents.

To check on bill status or to request a copy of a bill call 800-342-9860.

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

PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS:

Tues. Feb. 10 (tentative)—Special Election for N.Y.S. 12th Assembly District seat in Nassau.

Tues. March 2—Presidential Primary in N.Y.S.

Tues. March 9 (tentative)—Special Election for N.Y.S. 5th Assembly District seat in Suffolk

Tues. March 9 (tentative)—Special Election for Suffolk Legislator for District 5.

**For exact dates of Special Elections, if unsure of your district, and/or, if you need an Absentee Ballot call: Board of Elections- Nassau 516-571-2411
Suffolk 631-852-4500.**

“Remember that in the end, what matters in every election is who gets to the polls.”



HEALTH AND SCIENCE



Steve Andreski, Dolores Andreski,
John Cardinal O'Connor and Jack Short

"For the honor and glory of God"

On December 21, 2003, the pro-life movement lost one of its most dedicated and tireless activists. Dolores Andreski passed away at home, having spent almost a year in the hospital. Dolores and John Short were the original authors of this column. Inspired by the work of Doctor Jerome Lejeune, their purpose was to educate the pro-life community on a broad spectrum of issues. The pro-life movement in general, and the Long Island pro-life community in particular were blessed with her knowledge, understanding, wisdom, compassion and seemingly endless energy. There never seemed to be enough hours in the day for Dolores. (I know she often worked deep into the night.)

Many of us in the pro-life movement find it hard to find a balance with our faith, family, friends and commitment to the pro-life cause and other social concerns. Dolores was able to combine them all. I would often catch her dropping off papers after early morning Mass. She was hurrying off to be sure to kiss her grandchildren good-morning before they went to school. Her car always had literature on hand to be distributed as well baby clothing to bring to a CPC. She always had a full day - Mass, babysitting, doctor's appointments, prayer meetings, pro-life/diocesan meetings. But her stories were always centered on her family - wonder and joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, concern for her husband's and children's health. She was bursting with love for them all.

That love of family was reflected in her concern for others. Dolores worked on the Committee to Eliminate Indecent Literature in the early 1960's. She was a founder of Teens for Life, originated the Children's

Rosary at Maria Regina, taught CCD as well as being a volunteer substitute teacher, auxiliary teacher for Learning Skills, and PTA and school board member. She was active in the Rosary Society, Legion of Mary, Catholic Action Committee, St. Joseph's Chapter of the Third Order of Carmelites, Long Island Coalition for Life, Maria Regina Human Life Committee and the Diocesan Respect Life Ministry. She coordinated the provision of food and clothing for the homeless and worked with the Prison Ministry. In addition, Dolores originated the August 22nd Rosary Procession for Life and the annual Michael Fund Walkathon. She worked closely with Birthright and other CPC's, as well as being extremely active in prayerful witnessing and counseling at local abortuaries.

As the Long Island representative for the Michael Fund, she worked tirelessly for those born and pre-born who were diagnosed with a birth defect of any kind. She accepted phone calls at all hours of the day and night and worked to find the right answer to bring help and comfort to those women and men who were faced with a frightening and confusing diagnosis for their children or grandchildren. Dolores had an uncanny ability to foresee the direction that science and research was taking, and was able to anticipate the need to forewarn the pro-life community of upcoming dangers to the health and safety of the unborn, the physically and mentally challenged, the elderly and the terminally ill. She was brilliant - able to grasp complex medical and scientific issues and their impact on society.

Dolores was a true heroine in the pro-life movement. She was never afraid to speak the truth, even when it was uncomfortable for herself or those she was addressing - pro-abortion activists, politicians, doctors, nurses, lawyers, clergy, confused and frightened mothers, and even fellow "right-to-lifers". She was often several steps ahead of the rest of us because of her vision and insight. Knowing that God and His Truth were guiding her, Dolores continued to persevere.

Dolores' great love of God and her deep faith were evident in the activities she was involved in. They were especially reflected in her family life. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, always there to comfort in time of need, as well as to celebrate with joy. She was untiring in her love and dedication to her faith, her family and all those in need. As she so often told her family, everything was done "for the honor and glory of God".

"Well done good and faithful servant." Rest in peace, dear friend. ~Contributed by Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568

Annual Birthright Reception

A fundraiser sponsored & hosted by the
Knights of Columbus

Sunday, February 22, 2004 2-5PM

St. Matthews Church

Msgr. Goggin Hall

35 North Service Rd. Dix Hills, NY

Fellowship, Fun, Food, Cocktails & Prizes!

Sponsored by

10th 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 **631-424-0232**

BIRTHRIGHT Inc.

of Nassau & Suffolk

ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

"Helping Moms & Their Babies"

Sunday, February 29, 2004

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 call 516-785-4070.*

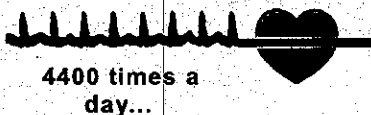
FACE THE TRUTH

Mark your calendars!

The Long Island Coalition for Life will hold a Face the Truth campaign in Nassau and Suffolk on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18.

To sign up to participate or for further information, please call the LICL at 631-243-1435 or send a postcard with your name and address to LICL, PO Box 247, Old Bethpage, NY 11804.

Abortion stops a beating heart



"The Promise"

A sculpture in wood for the babies yet to be born by Dr. Lou Schimoler of Nassau County, Long Island. The artist offers this work for display at meetings, conferences, etc. Call the Long Island Coalition For Life at 631-243-1435.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

Fri. Feb. 20 - Sun. Feb. 22

Kellenberg Memorial High School Uniondale, NY



For both men and women affected by abortion.

Call: Frank Gariboldi
516-523-0586

e-mail: lbg@fnol.net
www.rachelvineyard.org

FEBRUARY 2004 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REASONS TO PRAY AND HOLD A PRO-LIFE SIGN AT ABORTION SITES:

♥The doctors and staff may have a change of heart ♥Babies are saved ♥Passersby become aware that babies are being put to death right in their own neighborhoods

Pro-Life Witnessing Sites

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 | Wednesdays 4-5PM | 887-2458 |
| 244A Old Country Rd., Hicksville | Wed 7-9AM & Sa 8:30-10:30AM | 741-3405 |
| 444 Community Dr., Manhasset | Sa 8:00-9:30AM | 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!**

Pro-Life Viewing ♥ American Family Association cable TV-All Programs channel 20.

Call Frank Russo 516-944-3544 or www.afany.org

• *Why NY Leg. Cover Up Child Abuse:* Wed 2/4, Nassau & Western Suffolk 9PM

• *Politics & Issue of Abortion:* Wed 2/4, Great Neck 9PM.

♥ 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

♥ "Defending Life" with Fr. Frank Pavone on EWTN: Tu 5:30PM, W 5AM, Fr 10PM See: www.priestsforlife.org.

♥ Channel 29, Sa 3:30PM, "Rosary for Life"

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

- Sa 2/7 3/6 (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 631-698-1408
- Su 2/8 3/14 (M) 1PM PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
Su 2/8 ♥2-4PM ONE NATION UNDER GOD: THE FAMILY & THE CULTURE OF LIFE Immaculate Conception
Center, Conf. Rm. D, 7200 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston, NY 718-969-0150 or 718-939-6646 (see pg 11)
- Mn 2/9 3/8 (M) 10:30 AM EASTERN LONG ISLAND CATHOLICS FOR LIFE meeting and Rosary for Life. St. Rosalie Parish
Center, Hampton Bays NY. All Welcome 631-728-2311.
- Tu 2/10 3/9 (M) 9AM MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE Noon-Rosary, Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR
LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue
- Th 2/12 3/4 (M) 7-8PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)
Th 2/12 3/4 (W) After 7PM Mass ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY 516-694-2938
Fr 2/13 3/12 (M) 9AM ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY
Call Ruth 631-369-7142.
- Su 2/15 (M) 2PM DEANERY 6 PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR St. Raymond's RCC, 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY.
Call Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458
- Tu 2/17 3/16 (M) 7:30-8:30PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
W 2/18 3/17 (M) 7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE Maria Regina RCC, Chapel Pastoral Center,
Seaford, NY. Call 516-799-0190
- Fr 2/20 3/19 (M) 9PM-6AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Our Lady of Lourdes RCC -Chapel Massapequa Park
Call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921.
- Fr 2/20-22 ♥RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT healing for men & women after an abortion. Call Frank
Gariboldi 516-523-0586 (see page 5)
- Su 2/22 ♥K OF C PARTY TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT at St. Matthews, Dix Hills, NY. (see page 5)
Mn 2/23 (M) 7:45PM - L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING at Joseph Barry Council K of C, Hicksville, NY. (see page 2)
Speaker: Marilyn F. O'Grady M.D., F.A.C.S. All welcome. Call 631-243-1435
- Tu 2/24 3/23 (M) 8-9:30 PM ADORATION, ROSARY FOR LIFE Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, NY. Call 516-889-5318
Th 2/26 ♥LONG ISLAND CHAPTER UNIVERSITY FACULTY FOR LIFE Hays Theatre, Molloy College.
Call Jane Gilroy 516-678-5000 x6139 (see page 8)
- Fr 2/27 3/26 (M) 8-9PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY 516-541-3270
- Sa 2/28 8:30AM - **EXTRA HELP NEEDED!** Donate an hour or more & help prepare March LIFE NEWS
for mailing, St. Joseph RCC - GYM 35 Church St., Ronkonkoma. 631-588-4437. Attention Students
- Confirmation Service Hours Can Be Earned by Helping Fold the LIFE NEWS Newsletter!
- Su 2/29 ♥COCKTAIL PARTY TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT Holy Innocents Knights of Columbus, Levittown, NY.
Call 516-735-7719 or 516-796-0894. (see page 5)

LOOKING AHEAD...2004!

- Sa 3/13 GODFATHER'S BALL TO BENEFIT REGINA RESIDENCE Call 516-489-8497
Su 3/14 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE Ronkonkoma, sponsored by St. Regis K of C. (Right to Life to March) Call 631-588-0168
Tu 3/16 NEW YORKERS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS LEGISLATIVE DAY Albany, NY. 585-225-2220
Sa 3/27 9AM-2PM VOLUNTEER TRAINING at Care Center Smithtown. 631-265-3675
Tu 3/30 STATEWIDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOBBY DAY Albany, NY. Call Anthony Preziosi 631-842-3147
Tu 3/30 NEW YORK STATE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE INC. LOBBY DAY Albany, NY Call 518-434-1293
Sa. 4/3 LICL SPONSORED ORATORICAL CONTEST for 11th and 12th. **Submission date March 15** (see page 12)
Sa. 4/10 DEADLINE TO ENTER UFL CONTEST FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. (see page 8)
Sa 4/17 4/18 FACE THE TRUTH TOUR Long Island, NY. Call LICL 631-243-1435 (see page 5)

RECENT ITEM OF NOTE:

"Health & Human Services Gives Bonus to States for Reducing Abortions. HHS recently announced the award of \$100 million in bonuses to several states for achieving the largest decreases in out-of wedlock births between 1998 - 2001. The states were also required to show a decrease in their abortion rates between 1995 and the most recent year to receive the bonus."

source: 10/03 LifeUpdate Newsletter, Cincinnati, OH

IN MEMORIAM † Dolores Andreski, Margaret "Mickey" Kahl, Marie Dolan

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Spiritually "Adopt a Baby" Program

An excellent "intercessory prayer" activity for the entire parish community, Spiritual Adoption, is a very easy pro-life project.

We know there are pre-born infants in danger of abortion. Therefore, this program invites the community to commit themselves to praying every day for the nine months, praying that the mother and father of an infant receive the strength by God's Spirit to continue to choose life.

Where to start?

Begin the program with a sign-up weekend. Participants sign a pledge card promising to pray every day for a baby they spiritually adopt and for his/her parents. The pledge card suggests the Spiritually Adopted baby be given a name.

Monthly Development Report:

During each of the nine months the parish bulletin updates the child's development. For example:

3rd Month Developing Baby:

Your baby is quite active now. If his/her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your Spiritually Adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his tongue. Your baby can make a tight fist if you touch his/her palm.

Baby obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

Suggestions for concluding the program:

A closing Mass or Service, a Communion Breakfast, a "Baby Shower" from which the gifts, diapers, formula can be donated to a nearby crisis pregnancy center.

NOTE: Volunteers say that diapers, receiving blankets, Onesies, bibs, and formula are the most needed items.

Need help in getting started?

Many churches and Knights of Columbus Councils have run successful programs. The following are two of many who will assist you.

In Nassau: Raymond and Florence Brady 516-354-6749.

In Suffolk: Joseph Welsh 631-698-4410.

The Long Island Chapter of University Faculty for Life will be participating in the Molloy College Crossroads Lecture Series: A Consistent Life Ethic. LIC/UFL will sponsor the following lecture:

"Bernardin's Seamless Garment: A Critical Evaluation"

❖ **Speaker:** Rev. John Conley, S.J.,
Fordham University, Philosophy Department

Father Conley will highlight the key principles in Bernardin's version of the consistent ethic, but will also argue that Bernardin's approach contains some serious flaws that need to be challenged.

❖ **Date:** Thur., February 26, 2004 - - 7:00 PM

❖ **Place:** Hays Theatre, Wilbur Arts Center
Molloy College, Rockville Centre

❖ **Contact:**

Jane Gilroy, PhD, (516) 678-5000 ext 6139
Jgilroy@molloy.edu

ALL WELCOME

**Attention: a contest for college and
university students--**

**"UFL Scholarly Achievement Award In
English Studies"**



Prize: \$300 and the possibility
of presenting your work at the
UFL Conference in
Minneapolis.

Focus: life-affirming research
paper on an issue of concern to
society today.

Deadline for submissions: April 10, 2004.

Rules:

Contact sponsoring organization at www.uffl.org
or the Long Island Chapter of University Faculty
for Life at 516-678-5000 x6139.

(e-mail: jgilroy@molloy.edu)

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

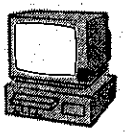
The **FIRST** place to look for Legal, Health Care, Financial, and other professional services.

Want to see a *Newsday* columnist shown a life-size model of a 10 week fetus, and asked, "Does this look like human life to you?" *Tune in to the*

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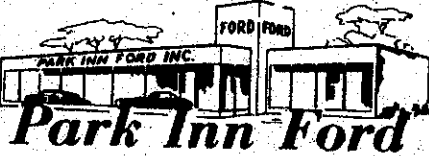
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