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35th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE

Tues., January 22, 2008

Washington, D.C.

Plan Now to March and to
Visit Your Senators and
Representatives



Thank you to Nellie Gray
for 35 years of marches
and for the Life Principles.

Convention & Exhibits at
Hyatt-Regency Hotel
400 New Jersey Ave., NW,
Washington, D.C.

Sun. 1/20 Convention 7-10 PM

Mon. 1/21 Convention 10 AM-Noon & 1:30-4 PM

Tues. 1/22 Rally and March for Life

on the Mall, Wash., DC begins 12 Noon

Tues. 1/22 Rose Dinner Hyatt-Regency at 6 PM

For info on Convention, Hotels, and the
MARCH-A-THON Fundraisers contact the
March for Life Office: Ph 202-543-3377

FAX 202-543-8202 www.marchforlife.org

RALLY FOR LIFE & YOUTH MASS

Tuesday, January 22nd

Verizon Center (MCI) 601 F St. NW, Wash. DC

Doors open at 7 AM, 8:45 AM Rally

with Steve Angrisano, Matt Maher &

ValLimar Jansen. 10 AM Mass follows.

(Open to all youth and adults. No fee.)

301-853-4555 <http://www.adw.org>



INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE



Tuesday, January 22nd

US CAPITAL BUILDING, WASH. D.C.

The 14th Annual National Memorial for the Pre-born
& their Mothers & Fathers Prayer Service.

All are welcome.

For location and time, contact Priests for Life at
888-735-3448 www.gospeloflife.com

Diocese of Rockville Centre 1/22 March for Life events in DC:

- ◆ 8 AM DRVC Youth Ministry attend the Rally and Pro-Life Mass at Verizon Center
- ◆ 11:15 AM Bishop Murphy greets marchers at 7th St & Madison Dr.
- ◆ 2-4 PM- 15 min. Prayer & Blessing Services at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill at 313 Second St., NE. Light Refreshments.

Please register your group with the DRVC Respect Life Office 516-379-8292 x215, respectlife@drvc.org by 1/11. To obtain Diocesan Respect Life signs for your group, call 516-379-8292 x215.

L.I. BUS CAPTAINS – Please register bus with both March for Life 202-543-3377 and LICL 631-588-0168. Individuals seeking transportation from Nassau & Suffolk may call LICL at 631-243-1435. Please plan to visit your legislator. Make appointments today.

NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Monday, Jan. 21

Vigil Mass for Life - 7 PM

National Rosary for Life - 9:30 PM

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., NE, Wash. DC

Call 202-541-3070 FAX 202 541-3054

www.usccb.org/prolife

SILENT NO MORE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Tuesday, January 22nd at the U.S. Supreme Court
following the March for Life
www.silentnomoreawareness.org

SEE PGS. 5 & 12 FOR MORE LOCAL &
D.C. MARCH FOR LIFE EVENTS.....

You're Invited!

Dr. Jennifer DeMarco is board certified in family medicine and an associate professor at Touro Medical School. She and her husband are the proud parents of 4 children. Dr. DeMarco was invested in the Order of Malta in 2005 and has been a co-chair for the LI area since September 2007. Dr. DeMarco will speak on "What it means to be a Pro-Life Physician."

Dr. DeMarco will be our guest speaker on Monday, January 28th at 8:00 P.M. prior to the LICL General Meeting at St. Regis Council Knights of Columbus Hall at Rosevale Ave. and Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. For information call 631-243-1435. All are welcome for all or part of the evening.



The last time this column was written we were bemoaning the dearth of letters. This time we are happy to report a plethora of published pro-life letters to the editor. Special congratulations to **Alice Lemos** for three letters and **Catherine Dillon** for two in the *New York Post* and to **Joseph Passaretti** for one each in the *New York Post* and *Newsday*. That's just for starters. Kudos also for letters by **Brother Paul Llorens**, **Pastor Jeffrey Broadnax**, **Sandra Plate**, **Aaron Britvan**, and **Zina Commisso** in *Newsday*; **Joseph A.**

Volker, **Charles Butera**, **Bill Hatem**, **Rudolph D. Parson**, and **Noreen O'Donnell Crayne** in *The Long Island Catholic*; **Joe Mulvanerton** in the *New York Post*; and **Thomas E. Dennyly** in *National Catholic Register*. Well done! Please keep up the letter writing and please send us your published letters. Thank you.

BOYCOTT UPDATE

Sears (including businesses owned by Sears which are: Kmart, Lands' End, Craftsman, and Kenmore) and Marriott Corp. (their hotels include, Marriott, Fairfield Inn, and Renaissance) are two of the latest additions to "The Boycott List" published by Life Decisions International (www.fightpp.org, 540-631-0380). According to the July 2007 edition (the most recent) Sears and Marriott have been added to "The Boycott List" because they have donated to the Planned Parenthood corporation. Among other businesses new to the list are: eBay, Cold Stone Creamery, National Amusements, Outback Steakhouse, and Texaco (Chevron Corp.).

As mentioned in a previous edition of Life News, Entenmanns (George Weston Products) is no longer on The Boycott List. Also removed from the list are Circuit City and Unilever (with its long list of products such as Q-Tips, Lipton, Birds Eye, Wish-Bone, Breyers, Good Humor, Suave).

It is important to participate in boycotting Planned Parenthood supporters and to write to the company you are boycotting. Short notes, phone calls, and e-mails are all useful ways to get our message to corporate philanthropists. Here is contact information for some of the companies on "The Boycott List." Perhaps, with your help, one of these companies will not be on the next edition of the list.

Blimpie / Cold Stone: Kevin Blackwell, Chairman & CEO, Kahala-Cold Stone Corp., 7730 E. Greenway Rd., Suite 104, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

Whole Foods: John P. Mackey, President & CEO, Whole Foods Market Inc., 550 Bowie St. Austin, TX 78703, 512-477-4455. Nassau County residents should also contact the Whole Foods stores in Jericho (429 North Broadway 11753) and Manhasset (2101 Northern Blvd. 11030).

Marriott/ Fairfield Inn / Renaissance: J. W. Marriott Jr., Chairman & CEO, Marriott International Corp., 10400 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817, 301-380-3000.

Sears / Kmart / Lands' End / Craftsman / Kenmore: Aylwin B. Lewis, president & CEO, Sears Holdings Corp., 3333 Beverly Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60179, 847-286-2500.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

A VALIANT PRO-LIFER PASSES ON.

We are humbled at the passing, on 11/29/07, of Congressman Henry Hyde (R. IL), an outspoken defender of the unborn. For three decades the Hyde Amendment to the annual Federal Budget has prohibited federal funding of abortion. By conservative estimate one million babies are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment.

WHY SHOULD U.S. PAY FOR OVERSEAS

ABORTION? Pro-abortion forces are again attempting to push legislation that would force U.S. taxpayers to pay for abortion overseas.

Action - Sample Message to Senators Clinton & Schumer and your House Member:

Please support the Mexico City Policy which began with President Reagan. No tax dollars to promote abortion as "family planning" overseas. It is important you vote against any bill to overturn the Mexico City Policy. Please reply.

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

To discuss Federal legislation call John Healy 631-598-0430.

Web "Action Alerts" (some offer prepared messages) are available at several pro-life sites. Check out: www.nrlc.org to join "National Right to Life's Hot List"; Call the NYSRTL Committee at 518-434-1293 to be added to their alert system; www.nyscatholic.org and click "Take Action" and www.nycf.info click and sign up for "Friday e-Alerts" or click on recent date to view latest alert.

LICL's On-Going Petition Drive to stop Gov. Spitzer's "Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act" S.5829 needs your participation:

Please plan a drive in early 2008. Voting on this bill could take place any time during the Legislative Session which begins 1/09/08. Call LICL 631-243-1435 for petition sheets needed (20 signatures per page) for churches, meetings; etc. Please do not use photocopies as they do not copy well. Mail sheets to LICL as they are filled. Thank you.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

HELP IS NEEDED TO DEFEAT

Governor Spitzer's "Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act" (RHAPP) S.5829. Although little has been done in the NYS Legislature since June, behind the scenes powerful and well funded pro-abortion organizations such as Planned Parenthood, NARAL, etc. are supporting Gov. Spitzer's bill using their websites and mailings. Because passage of this bill is a top priority of our governor and anti-life groups it is essential our legislators hear from the very many who oppose this bill. **NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD!** Educate friends and neighbors. One phone call or letter will not be enough to defeat this bill. Pro-life people must be willing to mobilize others to produce hundreds of letters, calls, and e-mails. A visit to your legislators at local offices is also important.

Action - Sample Message to Senate and Assembly:

I ask you to oppose Governor Spitzer's "Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act" S.5829. The extreme provisions of this bill, intended to "enshrine the protections of Roe v Wade in New York State law," actually go far beyond Roe v Wade.

If enacted this bill would, among other things, ensure that abortions are legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy, allow post-viability abortions to be performed on an out-patient basis in clinics, and could eliminate conscience protection of religious hospitals which refuse to perform abortions. The bill would make abortion a "fundamental right" thereby, regardless of future U.S. Supreme Court decisions, guarantee any woman in NYS an abortion, for whatever reason or no reason at all, at any time during her nine months of pregnancy. Any hint of objection could be labeled "discrimination" and dealt with accordingly. This extreme measure would prevent you, an elected official, from enacting any restriction on abortion. Please reply.

Contact information:

NYS Senate	NYS Assembly
Albany, NY 12247	Albany, NY 12248
518-455-2800	518-455-4100

To discuss NYS legislation Mary Arden Smith 516-825-4852.

HEALTH & SCIENCE NEW BREAKTHROUGH IN STEM CELL RESEARCH



In mid-November, research teams from the US and Japan announced that they were able to create stem cells that are the equivalent of embryonic stem cells using ordinary human skin cells. The process involves reprogramming the skin cells so that they return to a pluripotent state. When cells are in a pluripotent state, they can develop into many other types of tissue. These new cells are called “induced Pluripotent Stem cells” (iPS cells). This past summer, the process was reported using mice. Both groups were then in a ‘scientific race’ to prove that it could be done with human cells.

The Japanese team took skin cells from the face of a 36 year-old woman and connective tissue from a 69 year-old man and induced them to become pluripotent. The resulting cells were able to produce muscle, gut, cartilage, neurons and heart cells. Four genes are inserted into the adult cells, which reprograms the cell so that it forms into an embryonic-like stem cell. However, one of the genes used by the Japanese research group was an oncogene – one that is associated with cancer. The process can disrupt the DNA of the skin cells and can create the potential for cancer development. Researchers are already working on ways around this problem. The DNA disruption is “just a byproduct of the technique.” In fact, Dr. Yamanaka, the head of the Japanese research team, announced that he can produce iPS cells without the cancer gene. The American research group avoided using the cancerous gene. However, Wesley J. Smith writes, “viruses are currently used to introduce the genes to reprogramme the cells and can in theory disrupt other genes.”

Recently, scientists at MIT were able to successfully treat sickle cell anemia in mice using iPS cells. James Thomson, head of the American research group at University of Wisconsin-Madison was not surprised at how fast the discovery progressed. He said the technique “is so simple that thousands of labs in the United States can do this, basically tomorrow.”

Dr. Robert Lanza of Advanced Cell Technology stated, “This work represents a tremendous scientific milestone, the biological equivalent of the Wright Brothers’ first airplane.” Rev. Thomas Berg of the Westchester Institute said, “It’s a win-win for everyone involved. We have a way to move forward which... brings the kind of painful national debate over this controversial research to very much a peaceful and promising resolution.” Ethicist Leon Kass told the *National*

Review that the breakthrough is “an enormously significant achievement, one that boosters of medical progress and defenders of human dignity can celebrate without qualification.”

Thomson and other scientists, however, say that embryonic stem cell research must continue. They want to compare the embryonic stem cells to the induced pluripotent stem cells to observe behavior and potential, especially regarding genetic diseases and drug treatments. Dr. George Daley of the Harvard Institute will continue with both strategies to “see, ultimately, which one works and which one is more practical.”

Dr. John Shea cautions that we must be sure that the reprogrammed cells remain merely stem cells and do not become embryos. Daniel Kuebler wrote in the *National Catholic Register*, “The problem is that many researchers have staked their lives and reputations on the success of embryo-destructive research, and simply expecting all of them to pack up shop when alternative sources of embryonic stem cells arrive is a bit naïve. After years of working on a project they have fought tooth and nail to mainstream, many are convinced that we still need to proceed down both paths.”

Michael Gerson stated in his column in the *Washington Post* on 11/23/07: “A number of companies have a financial stake in embryonic research, and their stocks fell on the news. Others have an emotional investment in embryonic research because of a conviction that humanity should have unrestricted technological control over its reproductive and genetic future... But as CS Lewis said, ‘Man’s power over Nature turns out to be a power exercised by some men over other men with Nature as its instrument... Each new power won by man is a power over man as well.’ Now science has demonstrated an even greater power – the power of morally responsible technology to serve the cause of human dignity instead of undermining it.”

Wesley J Smith commented on November 23, “Unfettered science, that is science unbounded by ethics and proper moral parameters, can grow monstrous. But science in the service of the intrinsic value of human life, now that can lift the whole human race.”

Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568

Sources:

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“Stem Cell Breakthrough Uses No Embryos”, Malcolm Ritter, AP, 11/20/07
“Stem Cells, Simply”, Daniel Kuebler, *National Catholic Register*, 12/9-15/07
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Annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Mass



Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008 10:15 AM
St. Patrick Cathedral, NYC

For additional information contact your
local Council. All Welcome.

Rock for Life Training & Activism Weekend 2008

Sun.- Tues. Jan. 20-22

at the Washington Court

525 New Jersey Ave., NW, Wash, D.C.

Includes: Workshops, Concert, Religious Services,
Witness at Planned Parenthood, March for Life, etc.

Rock for Life is a division of ALL.

www.rockforlife.org

1/22 PRAYER VIGIL in Smithtown

for those who cannot go to Washington.

11:30 AM Prayers at the Tomb of the Unborn
in St. Patrick Cemetery, Smithtown

Mount Pleasant Rd. (just N. of Rt. 347)

12 Noon Prayer Service at Planned Parenthood
abortion provider 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown

12:30 PM Light lunch provided by sponsor

Holy Mother Mary Council Knights of Columbus at
130 Lake Avenue, Smithtown (just N of Rt. 347).

COMMUNION BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 2, 2008

after all Masses in the SSPJ Auditorium

Saints Philip & James Parish
Saint James, NY

Benefit Right-to-Life Activities Free-will Offering

Sponsored by: Saints Philip & James

Right to Life Committee

For Information call:

Richard Pedersen 631-862-8128

Students For Life of America

Annual Leadership Conference

Sun. Jan. 20, 2008

Catholic University, Wash, D.C.

www.studentsforlife.org

Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life

Sun. Jan. 20 & Mon. Jan. 21

High School Juniors, Seniors, & College

Georgetown University, Wash. D.C.

www.cardinaloconnorconference.com

Pray, Pray, Pray.....

1,000 Hail Marys for Pro-Life

Sat. Jan. 12, 2008

10 AM-3 PM - Mass 4 PM

Lunch Break at Noon

Church of St. Rocco

18 Third St., Glen Cove, 516-676-2482

All are welcome for 30 minutes

or for all day.

For information call Diana Barone 516-759-7137



National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest

Jr. Contest - Grades 7-9 Sr. Contest - Grades 10-12

Prizes each category-1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100

Topics: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or
stem cell research. Use 300 - 500 words.

Must submit by January 20, 2008. For details & entry form:

<http://www.nrlc.org/essaycontest/index.html>

PASTORS BRIEFING

Mon., Jan. 28, 2008

8 AM - 9:30 AM

Rev. Jason McGuire will give an update of
the 2008 Legislative Session and a report on the
NYCF ministry.

All pastors, assistant pastors and ministry leaders
(and wives) invited.

Holiday Inn, MacArthur Airport (restaurant)
3845 Veterans Memorial Hwy., Ronkonkoma.

Sponsor: New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms.
No fee. Cash breakfast. Must reserve.
Call Rachel - 585-225-2220 e-mail Rachel@nyfrf.org.

JANUARY 2008 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

PRO-LIFE WITNESSING SITES Prayer and Witness Save Lives!

Prayer vigil schedules at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer speak with the contact person listed below before going to a site and never witness alone. **PLEASE STAND WITH US. BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!**

<u>Nassau County</u> ---Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (516)	IMPORTANT: Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-1 PM	741-3405	
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 -11 AM Prayer Rally		
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056	
244A Old Country Rd, Hicksville	(W) Fr 10-11:30 AM & Sa 7:30-10 AM	741-3405	
444 Community Dr, Manhasset	(W) Sa 8-9:30 AM	546-0290	
64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead	(W) 9-11 AM	781-8699	
<u>Suffolk County</u> ---Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)	Prayer & Witness Save Lives!
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017	
498 Rt 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7:30-9:30 AM	751-8217	
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829	
240 Meeting House Ln-Southampton Hosp	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829	
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630	
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(M) 1st Sa 10:15 -11:30 AM	472-0033	
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111	
NEW! 755 New York Ave, Huntington	(W) Sa 11 AM-1 PM	796-7685	



Please come out to the site nearest you, especially during these cold months. If you attend for even thirty minutes during the listed witness times, your presence will be appreciated. Never stay alone. Public witness for life is often difficult, yet so very important, as many hearts have been changed.

Pro-Life Counseling Centers open on Saturdays (in addition to their regular weekly schedule):

- 10 AM-Noon **Life Center** 35 Willow St, Massapequa (E of Carmans Rd & W of Sunrise Hwy, on the E side of Sunrise Mall) 516-798-9100 and • 10 AM-2 PM **Life Center** 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead 516-408-6300 (Offers bilingual counseling.)
- New Listing:** • 10 AM-Noon **Birthright** at 99 W Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays (Offers bilingual counseling.)

"**Pro -Life Viewing and Listening**" and "**Pro Life Prayer Opportunities**" can be found in 12/07 *Life News* and will return in the 2/08 issue.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY

- Sa 1/5 **MEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION**, Bronx. Call Lumina 718-881-8008.
- Fr-Su 1/11-13 **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND** (Spanish Language), Uniondale. See Page 12.
- Sa 1/12 10 AM - 3 PM **1000 HAIL MARYS FOR LIFE**, St. Rocco's Church, Glen Cove. See Page 5.
- Sa 1/12 **WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION**, Bronx. Call Lumina 718-881-8008.
- Fr 1/18 **DRVC RESPECT LIFE STUDENT CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE**. 516-379-8292 x215.
- Su 1/20 **NRLC PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE**. See Page 5.
- Su 1/20 **STUDENTS FOR LIFE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**, Catholic U, Washington, DC, See Page 1.
- Su&Mo 1/20&21 **CARDINAL O'CONNOR STUDENT CONFERENCE ON LIFE** Georgetown U, Washington DC See Page 1.
- Su 1/20 10:15 AM **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE MASS**, NYC. See Page 5.
- Su 1/20 1-2:30 PM **FACE THE TRUTH**, Roe v Wade Memorial Anniversary at NUMC, East Meadow. See Page 12.
- Su-Tu 1/20-22 **ROCK FOR LIFE TRAINING & ACTIVISM WEEKEND**, Washington, DC. See Page 5.
- Su & Mo 1/20&21 **MARCH FOR LIFE CONVENTION**, Washington, DC 202-543-3377. See Page 1.
- Mn 1/21 7 PM **MASS & PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE EVENTS**, Basilica, Washington, DC. See Page 1.
- Tu 1/22 10:45 AM **PEACEFUL PRO-LIFE PRAYER & DEMONSTRATIONS**, Southampton. See Page 12.
- Tu 1/22 11:30 AM **PRAYER SERVICES**, Smithtown. See Page 5.
- Tu 1/22 8:45 AM **RALLY FOR LIFE & YOUTH MASS** at Verizon Center, Washington, DC. See Page 1.
- Tu 1/22 **INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE**, Washington, DC. See Page 1.

LOOKING AHEAD






- Tu 1/22 **SILENT NO MORE AWARENESS**, Washington, DC. See Page 1.
- Tu 1/22 **11:30 AM MARCH FOR LIFE**, Washington, DC, 202-543-3377. See Page 1.
- Mo 1/28 **8-9:30 AM PASTORS BRIEFING (and breakfast)**, Ronkonkoma. See Page 5.
- Mn 1/28 **7:45 PM LICL GENERAL MEETING**, St Regis Council, K of C Hall, Ronkonkoma. See Page 2.
- Sa 2/2 **COMMUNION BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT PRO-LIFE**, St. James. See Page 5.
- Sa 2/9 **RESTORING THE HEART MINISTRIES, INC. DINNER**, Three Village Inn, Stony Brook. Call 631-689-6686.
- Su 2/24 **3-6 PM Cocktail Party to benefit Birthright of Nassau & Suffolk** at Holy Innocents Knights of Columbus Hall, Levittown. \$17.50. Gene McDonagh 516-520-4601.
- Fr-Su 2/22-24 **RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT** (English Language), Uniondale. See Page 12.
- Sa 3/8 **10 AM 2008 PRO-LIFE YOUTH DAY** sponsored by New York State Right to Life Committee, Inc. at Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall, Albany. Reservations \$5. \$10 at door, inc. lunch, entertainment, etc. 518-434-0756.
- Su 3/9 **LICL 2008 ORATORY CONTEST**, Uniondale. See Page 8.
- Tu 3/18 **NEW YORKERS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS LEGISLATIVE DAY & TEEN PROGRAM**. Albany. 585-225-2340

IN MEMORIAM Hugh McEaney, Jr., and Congressman Henry Hyde

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Where Do the Democrats Stand on Life?

	Stem Cell Research	Roe v. Wade	Partial-Birth Abortion
 <p>Hillary Clinton U.S. Senator from New York Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 42%</p>	<p>Voted <i>in favor</i> of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"[L]et me be very clear: When I am president, I will lift the ban on stem cell research....This is...one example of how the President puts ideology before science.... And it's...why we're going to send them packing in January 2009, and return progressive leadership to the White House."</p>	<p>Voted to <i>endorse</i> <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act."</p> <p>"I strongly support <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>Voted <i>against</i> the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"[<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>*] marks a dramatic departure from four decades of Supreme Court rulings that upheld a woman's right to choose..."</p>
 <p>Barack Obama U.S. Senator from Illinois Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 26%</p>	<p>Voted <i>in favor</i> of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>"Embryonic stem cells can be obtained from a number of sources, including in vitro fertilization. ...We should expand and accelerate research using these embryos..."</p>	<p>Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act."</p> <p>"I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under <i>Roe v. Wade</i> a priority as President."</p>	<p>"I am extremely concerned that [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>*] will embolden state legislatures to enact further measures to restrict a woman's right to choose, and that the conservative Supreme Court justices will look for other opportunities to erode <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>
 <p>John Edwards Former U.S. Senator from North Carolina Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 12%</p>	<p>"I will do absolutely everything in my power to make sure that America as a nation is funding embryonic stem cell research."</p>	<p>Voted to <i>endorse</i> <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"I have always supported a woman's constitutional right to...reproductive choices."</p>	<p>Voted <i>against</i> the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"I could not disagree more strongly with today's [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>*] decision....This...is a stark reminder of why Democrats cannot afford to lose the 2008 election."</p>
 <p>Bill Richardson Governor of New Mexico Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 4%</p>	<p>"Congress must maintain pressure...to expand federal funding for the National Institutes of Health to conduct research on embryonic stem cell lines."</p>	<p>"The [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] ruling is a dangerous precedent and a worrying erosion of the right to privacy established in <i>Roe v. Wade</i>. This is a...decision that the government should not be playing a part in."</p>	<p>Voted <i>against</i> the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>"In Congress I voted against [the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act]...and I am disappointed the Supreme Court upheld the ban [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>*]."</p>
 <p>Joe Biden U.S. Senator from Delaware Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 3%</p>	<p>Voted <i>in favor</i> of funding research that requires killing human embryos.</p> <p>In a 2004 letter to the President, co-signed with 57 other Senators, urged the President to "expand the current federal policy concerning embryonic stem cell research."</p>	<p>Voted to <i>endorse</i> <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.</p> <p>"I strongly support <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>Voted <i>for</i> the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.</p> <p>Has subsequently stated: "I am a long-standing supporter of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and a woman's right to choose. The Supreme Court's intellectually dishonest and paternalistic opinion in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>* makes clear that the Bush-appointed conservative majority is tipping the scales against <i>Roe</i>."</p>

**Gonzales v. Carhart* is the April 2007 Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

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



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with the privilege of bringing
new life into the world.
You have imparted in our hearts
the desire to nurture and protect life
at all its stages.
I accept these gifts as a sacred trust.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit
help me to affirm the value of life.
Grant me the wisdom and courage
to speak out and defend human life.
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so that I may lovingly counsel
those who would reject the gift of life,
which is the reflection
of your image and likeness. Amen.*

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Where Do the Republicans Stand on Life?

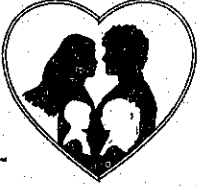

	Stem Cell Research	Roe v. Wade	Partial-Birth Abortion
 <p>Rudy Giuliani <i>Former New York City Mayor</i> Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 23%</p>	<p>"As long as we're not creating life in order to destroy it, as long as we're not having human cloning, and we limit it to that...I would support [embryonic stem cell research] with those limitations."</p>	<p>"The present state of the law on these issues is not something that I would seek to change." "[U]ltimately, since it is an issue of conscience, I would respect a woman's right to make a different choice."</p>	<p>"I support the ban on partial-birth abortion... but ultimately I think when you come down to that choice, you have to respect a woman's right to make that choice differently than my conscience."</p>
 <p>Fred Thompson <i>Former U.S. Senator from Tennessee</i> Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 22%</p>	<p>"I'm for adult stem cell research, not stem cell research where embryos of unborn children are destroyed...there's... promising developments [with] adult stem cell[s]...we don't need to go down that other road."</p>	<p>Voted to <i>oppose</i> <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason. "I think <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was bad law and bad medical science. And the way to address that is through good judges."</p>	<p>Voted <i>for</i> the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "The Supreme Court was absolutely right in the... [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]* partial-birth abortion decision. The very idea that we could even have a debate over whether or not that atrocious activity should be allowable is very unfortunate..."</p>
 <p>Mitt Romney <i>Former Governor of Massachusetts</i> Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 15%</p>	<p>"I will not create new embryos through cloning or through embryo farming because that would be creating life for the purpose of destroying it." "Some stem cells today are obtained from surplus embryos from in-vitro fertilization. I support that research..."</p>	<p>"I do believe...<i>Roe v. Wade</i> does not serve the country well...[it's] an example of judges making the law instead of interpreting the Constitution.... I would like to see the Court return the issue to the people to decide."</p>	<p>"[The] Court [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]* reaffirmed the value of life in America by upholding a ban on a practice that offends basic human decency. [It] represents a step forward in protecting the weakest and most innocent among us."</p>
 <p>John McCain <i>U.S. Senator from Arizona</i> Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 10%</p>	<p>Voted <i>in favor of</i> funding research that requires killing human embryos. "I do support embryonic stem cell research..." "I believe that we need to fund [embryonic stem cell research]..."</p>	<p>Voted to <i>oppose</i> <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason. "...We would be better off by having <i>Roe v. Wade</i> return to the states...I don't believe the...Court should be legislating in the way that they did on <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>Voted <i>for</i> the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "Today's Supreme Court ruling [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]* is a victory for those who cherish the sanctity of human life."</p>
 <p>Mike Huckabee <i>Former Governor of Arkansas</i> Standing in Rasmussen Public Opinion Poll as of Oct. 7, 2007: 6%</p>	<p>"I don't think it's right to create a life to end a life. That's not a good health decision."</p>	<p>"My convictions regarding the sanctity of life have always been clear and consistent, without equivocation or wavering. I believe that <i>Roe v. Wade</i> should be over-turned."</p>	<p><i>Signed</i> the Arkansas Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law. "I applaud the Court's action [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]*, which also sends a strong reminder that we must stay vigilant in our cause to protect those who cannot protect themselves."</p>

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