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Long Island Coalition for Life Annual Oratory Contest

First, second and third place winners in the twelfth annual Oratory contest sponsored by the LICL Educational Trust on 4/19 are (1 to r) Christopher Honor, Katherine Jenkins both from St. Pius V School and Jon Michael Connolly from Kellenberg Memorial H.S. Christopher Honor will compete in the New York State Right to Life Oratory Contest at St. Rose College in Albany.

(See Page 4 for Christopher's speech).



Dear Fellow Defender of Life,

As you can readily see by the cover of this issue, we are making our annual appeal for your support of *Life News*. Many of you are long-time supporters and we appreciate your continuing support. Please keep it up. Some of you are readers we have recently added to our mailing list due to past or current involvement in prolife activities. We especially hope that those of you who have recently been added appreciate the wealth of pro-life information, especially that concerning activities here on Long Island, contained in *Life News*. Please give us a try for a year by subscribing so we can continue to keep you informed. Long Island Coalition for Life continues to be an all volunteer organization.

Life News is the most expensive continuing project of your Long Island Coalition for Life, bringing the prolife message to thousands of Long Islanders each month. It is our vehicle for informing not only active pro-lifers but also those who have influence in our society and can use that influence to promote protection for innocent human life. Media persons, educators, clergy of all denominations, legislators and political figures at all levels of government receive free copies of *Life News*. We also distribute over nine hundred copies of *Life News* each month, upon request, to numerous groups and churches.

Thanks to our loyal advertisers and subscribers, much of the cost of *Life News* is offset but the remainder must be made up out of general funds. Those same general funds are also needed to pay for our bus trips to Albany where we lobby for the pro-life cause. In April the LICL sponsored a trip and legislators were lobbied to stop anti-life legislation.

We are dependent on you, our loyal readers and contributors, to keep up our life-affirming work, key to which is *Life News*. But far more importantly, the defenseless innocent preborn babies in the womb are dependent on you. The fight for the unborn is the greatest human rights struggle of our time.

In the New York State Legislature, we are presently fighting physician-assisted suicide bills, and of course, although we have stopped the abortion expansion bill in the past anti-life forces have not given up. Your continuing support is crucial if we are to stop such barbaric anti-life laws as well as support pro-life laws.

Please at least make the \$18.00 subscription donation. If possible, send a bit more to help us close the funding gap. If you are a business person or professional, please advertise in *Life News*. That way you can support pro-life activity on Long Island with a legitimately deductible business expense. If you've been thinking of subscribing or taking an ad, now's the time.........Please don't wait any longer.

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George E. Frost, Chairman

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Planned Parenthood of Nassau County held a fundraiser at the restaurant in Bethpage State Park on 5/1/15. The LI Coalition for Life's Unmasking Planned Parenthood event was



held to remind the abortion advocates where their money goes - to help kill unborn babies. 21 pro-lifers held signs viewed not only by those going to the fundraiser, but by many golfers as well. Good opportunity to show the truth and educate! **VISIBILITY MATTERS!**

Many Long Islanders attended the New York State Right to Life Lobby for Life Day in Albany on 4/29/15. In an effort to be a voice for the voiceless, the Long Island Coalition for Life sent a bus-load of pro-lifers to lobby our legislators.





FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Just one Bill discussed recently in this column has made progress in Congress: the *Victims of Trafficking Act* [**S.178**] was passed. Prolifers said it had standard Hyde Amendment protection. Pro-abortionists said it had new abortion restrictions. The

deal finally agreed to, said fees collected for victims would only pay for shelters and law enforcement. Tax money only goes to medical services, but with Hyde protections. Companion bill **HR.296** sits in a House subcommittee.

With **S.178** settled, the Senate confirmed Loretta Lynch, (who once argued against the partial-birth abortion ban in front of the US Supreme Court), as US Attorney General. (See *Life News*, 5/2015). Both NY Senators voted Yes.

On May 2, two anti-religious liberty Bills became law in Wash., DC. Passed by their City Council, the Human Rights Amendment Act (HRAA) and the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act (RHNDA), could've been stopped by Congress, but only the House passed *H.J.Res43*, trying to stop RHNDA. The Senate didn't act on either bill.

As of May 3, the US Supreme Court has not yet taken any case involving a religious non-profit vs the HHS Mandate. But it has recently overruled several lower court decisions which would have forced obedience to the Mandate, by continuing 'Stays' for: Michigan Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities of PA and of TN, the Dioceses of Erie, of Pittsburgh and of Nashville, and Aquinas College. Over 750 plaintiffs are now protected from the Mandate.

NOTE: LICL objects to ObamaCare because parts in it include abortion coverage & abortifacient/ sterilization/contraception coverage at taxpayer expense, and direct or implicit limiting of care to vulnerable populations such as sick newborns and the terminally ill.

On April 6, the ACLU filed a lawsuit against the USCCB, to obtain records, and force it to provide 'morning after' pills and abortions for the "unaccompanied minors" who are under its care. The ACLU claims these services are required by Federal law since the USCCB takes millions of tax dollars to provide care for these minors.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net.

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NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

A number of us went to Albany on April 29, Lobby for Life Day. Of particular concern were denial of treatment legislation and the Physician-

Assisted Suicide legislation. Members of our group spoke with several senators and expressed our concerns.

As of this writing, LICL has verified the following denial of treatment bills, which LICL strongly opposed were "pulled" on 5/4/2015. The wording on the official NYS website for each of the four bills sponsored by Senator Hannon reads: "Recommit, Enacting Clause Stricken." LICL opposed the bills as the wording of the bills could, AS AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE, push New York State down the slippery steps to involuntary euthanasia.

Note: The official NYS website for four Assembly sponsored bills does not state "Recommit, Enacting Clause Stricken."

The original bills:

S4796 (Hannon) A6966 (Gottfried) related to Do Not Resuscitate orders; S4794 (Hannon)/ A674 (Rosenthal), related to starvation and dehydration of a patient; S4795 (Hannon)/ A2775 (Pretlow) related to overriding family direction for treatment; and, S4791 (Hannon) A6936 (Clark) related to parental notice before a minor child is denied treatment.

While there is doubt the denial of treatment legislation will be reintroduced in the Senate in 2015 we urge vigilance for now and the remainder of the 2015-2016 NYS Session.

Physician-Assisted Suicide - OPPOSE any legislation that would legalize Physician-Assisted Suicide, specifically the following bills: S3685 Savino/ A2129 Rosenthal/ A5261 Paulin which would make killers out of doctors; thereby, violating the first principle of a doctor's obligation: "First do no harm." The disabled and the elderly would feel that they have a duty to die in order to ease the burden on loved ones.

<u>Action:</u> Contact Senator Kemp Hannon, Health Comm. Chair. and your local Senator.

Sample Message: Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide legislation S3685 Savino/ A2129 Rosenthal/ A5261 Paulin. You are urged to research the above legislation and work to stop its passage. Please reply as to how you will vote. Thank you.

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The Ongoing Massacre by Christopher Honor

(2015 First Place LI Coalition for Life Oratory Contest Winner)



On November 23, 2013, a news story shook the United States. Estranged husband and father Merrick McKoy visited his infant daughter. It seemed like a normal visit, playing games, taking pictures, acting like a normal father. It was moments after McKoy took a picture with his daughter, and posted the image to his Facebook page, saying "Don't judge me, I had no choice" that McKoy shot his daughter, and then proceeded to take his own life. When this story made national headlines, Americans were completely outraged and disgusted. News commentators expressed their condolences for the victim while also vehemently condemning McKoy's monstrous and inhumane actions.

Although definitely a tragedy, it is quite interesting to know that the outcry over abortion pales in comparison to the outcry of this and similar murder cases. But what is the difference between the two which warrants condemnation for one but acceptance and promotion for the other? Was a life not taken in both cases, or is a baby's life just not as

important as a toddler's a teenager's, or an adult's? If a life is taken, no matter what age the victim is, then it is always murder.

Where, therefore, are the demands for justice for the 1.4 million babies slaughtered per year in the United States alone? In 2009, Vietnam had the highest abortion rate with a total of 1,520,000, or about 83.3 abortions per 1,000 women. But what is there to gain from murdering an innocent child, and why is the baby's death thought to be so adamantly necessary? The answer given is, "It is my body, and it is my choice", the basis of the infamous Roe V. Wade Supreme Court Case, and apparently a mere slogan has become a justifiable answer to all abortion related inquiries.

We have to think for a moment what 1.4 million babies could have become and contributed to our country. They could have been celebrities, businessmen, polyglots, doctors, presidents, the list is endless. They also could have just grown up to be an ordinary man or woman, loved by their family and friends and loving unceasingly in return. They could have had their own children and happy homes, but this possibility was destroyed the moment the vacurrette was inserted into the womb to extract the fetus. Women know the fetus is experiencing pain, for some have seen it writhing in agony on the ultrasound monitor.....but hey that's ok because it's her body and her choice. Murdering a baby is totally ok because she chose its death. It's ok to kill so as to escape the responsibility of motherhood. Yes there are times when pregnancies result from unfortunate incidents such as rape and incest, but that doesn't give a girl the right to gain a sense of justice through murder...an injustice to her baby. Most pregnancies are the result of carelessness and lack of responsibility...but people have to realize that their actions have consequences. If the consequence to your action is pregnancy, then I'm sorry but you can't express your anger via abortion. You can either care for the baby and love it as a parent, or you can give other men and women the chance to do so by means of adoption.

The girl is aware of her choice for her baby, but the baby doesn't realize that its own mother, the person we all tenaciously clung to for protection when we were toddlers, has deemed it unworthy of her time and must therefore be terminated. At 28 days, the eyes, ears, and respiratory system begin to develop, yet the baby doesn't see the fate chosen by its mother or hear the dreaded consent to an abortion. Both revelations would take the baby's breath away, and still no outcry is heard because it's a so called woman's choice.

It is also unfortunate that neonatologists often recommend abortions if the child has certain defects such as Down Syndrome, cleft palates, and the like. There is often the opinion that if a child has a birth defect, it is better to prevent a miserable life by aborting it....but numerous people with birth defects lead perfectly happy and content lives. For example, my cousin has Down Syndrome, and while he might not be able to function 100% like you and me, he is always found with a smile from cheek to cheek. He fills the room with an innocent happiness, a happiness you can't help but enjoy.

We all know with certainty that abortion is a despicable practice, so what are we going to do about it. You see the problem with people today is that while they may stand for a cause, they are always waiting for someone else to rise above the pack and lead the way. How many of us say with absolute conviction that we will take a stand for the helpless children, yet fail to do anything more than proclaim the message amongst our friends and family? If we want our voices to be heard, we need to go the extra mile and become a leader. We can lead in so many easy ways. For example, we can rally with other pro-life groups and protest abortion on the very steps of Planned Parenthood offices. We can make our voices heard during the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. It is a must that we elect pro-life candidates into office both local and national. We can also pray that this nation will reform its ways and correct this blatant misconception about the value of life. We can't lose hope...our efforts are succeeding, for the abortion rate has steadily declined since 1973, and as a whole America has passed 205 laws which limit abortions in the past 3 years alone.

The babies can't speak for themselves....will we too remain silent and let this massacre continue, or will we speak up for those who have been eternally silenced? Will we just sit back and watch the show unfold...or will we stand up for those who will never be able to crawl? It is estimated that one baby is aborted every half second....how many more babies have to die before we decide that enough is enough?

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

PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE. Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. **Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important. Signs provided. Note:** Vigils & Witnesses are **NOT** sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

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" "	(M) 3rd. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	741-3405
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	541-8056
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70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-7017
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-7017
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" "	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
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540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
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" "	(M) 2nd Fr Noon-1 PM	790-6629

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Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (FOUR locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mn, Tu, We, Th, Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9 AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mn 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-3 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 6 E. Main St., Ste. 2, Mo, We, .Fr 10 AM-4 PM Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk, Smithtown, call for hours 631-360-7707.

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Th 7/9-Sa 7/11 NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION, New Orleans. Information at 202-378-8842.

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Hispanic Day Parade Sun., June 7 lineup at 12 Noon 5th Ave., Brentwood. Walk with the Pro-Life float. Call Steve or Matt Yellico 631-615-2183 or 631-766-3892 for lineup location.

Hold the Date..... Friday, July 3 3:00-4:30 PM **Pre-Independence Day Face the Truth** LIE x 70S & Ctv. Rd. 111, Manorville 11949.



Witness on west side only. Signs provided 1st block south of LIE and 1/2 mile south at light. Co-sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435 & Peconic Respect Life Assoc. 631-288-3263. Rain or Shine.

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Save the Date: Sunday evening July 26 Pro-life witness at a Suffolk County Planned Parenthood fundraiser. Sunken Meadow State Park, Kings Park.



Fashion Show to benefit **MOMMAS** House

Wed. June 10th 6:30p.m. - 10:30p.m. Milleridge Cottage, 585 N. Broadway, Jericho Fashions by Lord and Taylor of Manhasset, Music, Dinner. \$65. Reserve at 516-781-8637 Mommashouse.org

STAND UP FOR LIFE Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015

Reminder: Organizations not meeting during summer may submit now to have name listed as a supporter on the SUFL poster/ flier. Deadline is Aug. 5! If you did not receive a sponsorship form, you can obtain one from ProLifeLI.org/Events/SUFL.



