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As you know the Long Island Coalition for Life is the largest pro-life organization on Long Island. Please view our Mission Statement and consider joining us in our efforts to save lives.

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The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro -life activity, education, legislation and/or volunteering. The next general meeting will be Monday, June 26 at 7:30 PM at Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville and we are proud that the LI Coalition for Life Educational

Trust Oratory Contest Winner, Kathleen Hovestadt (pictured on right), will be with us to give us her winning speech. All are welcome - Join us in giving Kathleen our support. For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.



#### 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.

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 so called, medical-aid in dying bills which is really doctor-prescribed suicide (DPS). Remember the slippery slope we have gone down with abortion legislation. At first we were told abortion would only be necessary for the hard cases when a mother's health and life was at serious risk. However, abortion is now legal for any reason through all nine-months of pregnancy. The same outcome will likely occur with DPS. At first the law will apply only to the terminally ill which will be defined by some arbitrary time-limit like six months, but as time goes on DPS will eventually be expanded to include the mentally ill, physically disabled and the elderly. It is vital that we understand that support for Doctor Prescribed Suicide will lead to acceptance of euthanasia. These two topics are inextricably linked. Once you declare the purpose of DPS is to end suffering, there is no limiting principle because suffering is part of the human condition and comes in many different forms and degrees. This outcome is exactly what has happened in Belgium, the Netherlands and Canada. For further information on end-of-life issues, contact Patients Rights Council at www.patientsrightscouncil.org.

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Thank you for your support of pro-life work on Long Island and for your prayers which are just as important.

For His innocents,

George E. Frost, Chairman



#### FEDERAL LEGISLATION

In Sept. 2000, the US FDA allowed the use of mifepristone and misoprostol (aka RU-486) as a chemical abortion agent, citing "Subpart H" (rules to speed the approval of 'lifesaving' drugs already tested for safety). The two drugs are taken a few days apart, beginning no later than 49-days gestation. In 2016, the limit became 70-days gestation,

and the only adverse side-effect that still had to be reported was death of the mother. In 2019 and 2021, other rules were loosened.

Petitions filed against the 2000 ruling went unanswered by the FDA for 14 years, instead of the required 180 days. Pro-abortionists say the approval took four years – that it was not a 'rush job'.

In Nov. 2022, the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine filed suit against the FDA's rules, including the COVIDera telemed (i.e., remote/online 'visits') to prescribe mifepristone. On April 7, TX District Judge Kacsmaryk ruled the FDA approved the drug based on 'unsound reasoning' and 'studies that did not support their conclusion'. He ordered the drug off the market in a week. Two hours later, a Washington State judge issued an order that would keep the drug available in nearly 20 States. The conflict quickly progressed to the US Supreme Court. On April 21, they ruled 7-2 (Justices Alito and Thomas dissenting) that mifepristone can remain on sale, under pre-April 7 rules, while the suits continue. Some pro-abortionists argue the second drug alone, misoprostol, can safely induce abortions.

The World Health Organization also states misoprostol alone is an 'acceptable choice' when mifepristone is not available. Several states, including New York, are now stockpiling misoprostol. Gov. Hochul has ordered the NYS Health Dept. to start purchasing 150,000 doses of misoprostol (a 5-year supply).

**SCOTUS has taken a lower-than-average** number of cases this session and is issuing rulings at the slowest rate in 100 years. Two cases to watch are: 303 Creative LLC v Elenis, re conscience rights v. 'public accommodation'. Also, National Pork Producers Council v. Ross, a case that may set precedent for future cases involving state laws that try to restrict out-of-state abortion travel or data reporting.

Justice Alito says he has a "pretty good" idea who leaked Dobbs but lacks enough proof. It was "rational" to believe killing a justice might stop Dobbs, and says he is now driven wherever he goes in a vehicle he calls "a tank."

**Pres. Biden has approved the VA** paying veterans and their family members for abortions - a violation of Federal and State laws. **S.J.Res.10**, to block the move, failed 48-51 in Senate. HHS will launch an abortion hotline, to provide referral info about 'reproductive healthcare options.' For National Adolescent Health Month (May 2023), the Biden Admin. set up a special website, with links to the nearest Title X 'family planning' recipient and the local Planned Parenthood.

**'Abortion trafficking'** – an adult taking a minor for an abortion without parental consent (in any state) is now a crime in Idaho. **Arizona Gov. Hobbs** has vetoed a state 'Born Alive' bill, stating "It overrides patient and clinician decision-making."

**Michigan Gov. Whitmer** signed a repeal of a 1931 near-total state ban of abortion. In Nov., MI voters approved a State Constitutional "right to decide all matters re pregnancy". The Gov. called efforts to ban abortion "frankly sickening."

**Connecticut failed to pass a Medical Aid in Dying** bill for the eleventh year in a row.

**The governor of Kansas** vetoed a Born Alive bill. GOP has vowed to override the veto.

**The Indiana Health Dept.** sat on records from last year, which reported two 'born alive' incidents, and three mothers who died following abortions.

A Utah State court heard a Planned Parenthood suit on April 30, asking for a delay of the impending statewide ban of abortion.

**Nebraska and South Carolina** each failed, by one vote, to pass abortion restrictions when a handful of GOP lawmakers either abstained or voted against the measure.



# NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Gov. Hochul expedited A.1395C/S1213B into law. All SUNY and CUNY

campuses must now stock the abortion pill or have it available nearby.

A bill requiring parental notification for a minor's abortion died in the Senate Women's Issues Comm. Sen. Weik made a motion to send the bill on to the Senate Codes Comm. but could not get a 'second' even from the one other GOP member, Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick.

**A.1060/S.1043A**: Governor Hochul signed a bill allowing doctors to write 'non name specific' contraceptive Rx's (over the counter) for druggists to fill, starting in November of next year.

As of May 7, Medical Aid in Dying seems 'unlikely' to pass the NYS legislature during this session.

#### **OTHER NEWS**

An April 21<sup>st</sup> *LifeNews.com* article cited several studies, including some from pro-abortion groups, which showed that pill abortions are less safe than surgical abortions.

Pro-abortionist Marie Stopes AU cited a 6.4% complication rate. Other studies say 6% of women go to the ER after taking the abortion pill. This refutes the claim that abortion drugs are as safe as Advil or Viagra, neither of which have a "Black Box warning on their label" which includes death. Mifepristone has such a warning. A Sept. 2022 Charlotte Lozier Institute study found that 23.9% of misoprostol-only abortions led to a need for surgical intervention.

In 2022, 5% of all deaths in the Netherlands were due to euthanasia. It will soon be permitted for children ages 5 to 12.

Abortions jumped 27% in Ireland between 2021 and 2022.

*Elevated Access* is a group of 200+ private pilots who fly women across state lines for 'needed medical care,' without the usual 'cost, delay, paper trail or airport security check.'

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

#### JMJ

#### The Abortion Industry: The Ultimate Exploitation of Women

by Kathleen Hovestadt (Oratory Contest Winner) student at St. Pius V

Broken afraid and manipulated. This was what Elizabeth dealt with at seventeen. Being a teenage mother, Elizabeth was swayed to believe that this pregnancy would ruin her life, her future. After being forced to have an abortion by her parents, Elizabeth was left feeling dead and numb. She now struggles with alcohol, depression, and anxiety, all stemming from the guilt and shame she felt from aborting her unborn baby. Its cases like these that make me wonder why abortions are advertised as "empowering", by sayings like "My body my choice." Because Elizabeth never got a choice, and her baby certainly did not. When it comes to unplanned pregnancies, women are coerced to believe, just as Elizabeth was, that once their child is born, they're life will be over. All their hopes and dreams, gone because of one mistake. Abortion is left, the only option.

It is a scientific fact that at conception, the child's own DNA, blood type, and genetic makeup. According to a nursing textbooks, at the seventh week in the womb, a heartbeat can be heard, by the eighth week all major body organs and main external features are completed and by the twelfth week, the child's nervous system is developing, meaning the baby can then feel pain. Babies have even been seen on sonograms trying to flee away from the abortion instruments. So how can there be any doubt that abortion is the <u>intentional killing of a human life</u>? And how can people justify this horrible crime of abortion as women's healthcare. The abortion industry gives the idea that abortion is here to support and empower women, by convincing women this isn't murder, that it's their right to decide , their right to healthcare, and no can force them to have a child they don't want. It's" their future, their choice, their right" all according to the abortion industry.

But this isn't really about women's health care or empowerment. The founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, promoted the ideology of a superior race, eugenics, proclaiming, "We want a world freer, happier, cleaner — we want a race of thoroughbreds." She evens goes further with her discrimination, by specifically placing Planned Parenthood clinics in predominantly poor and minority neighborhoods. For as she claimed, people of color are "like human weeds that need to be exterminated." Sanger used abortion and birth control not to empower or support women, but to mask the true purpose of Planned Parenthood. For this industry does not care about the disabled or minorities. It even pressures women to kill their child when they discover it will be born with a defect or disease. They discriminate against these children, representing them as useless or worthless to society. Since as Sanger has said "More children from the fit, less from the unfit-that is the chief aim of birth control."

Although Planned Parenthood now tries to distance themselves from Sanger, these clinics still target minorities and provide little to no prenatal care. In their own 2020-21 Annual Report, Planned Parenthood advertises the "Be Seen" campaign, listing "Priority audience 18–29-year-olds in Black and Latinx communities." Once again, targeting minorities by referring to them as "priority audience." Even now, according to research done by an organization known as Protecting Black Life, 78% of all Planned Parenthood clinics are in minority neighborhoods, Also, according to the organization Black Dignity, a Prolife no-profit organization, a black baby is 3 times more likely to be aborted than a white baby, and since 1973, when Roe v Wade was first passed, the black population has decreased by 25% due to abortion. This annual report also reveals that out of the 8.6 million services provided by Planned Parenthood, only 0.1% were prenatal services. In addition, if women regret the abortion, Planned Parenthood does not offer the abortion reversal pill or counseling. Nor do they offer guidance or supplies if the mother decides to keep their child. Because this is not about support, compassion, or healthcare; it's a business with an agenda, which sadly thrives at the expense of young and afraid women.

In New York, Planned Parenthood is allowed to perform abortions on teenagers without parental consent; they are allowing a child to go through a medical procedure that could easily go wrong and has, without informing any guardian. Women all the time are being taken advantage by these so-called feminists and supporters. But none of them help when they don't have an abortion and want to keep the baby. By legalizing abortion, women are stripped of the singular privilege--- the privilege of bringing a child into this world.

But there are options for these women. Institutions like Hope Clinic, Birthright, and Open Arms are Pro-Life, and provide counseling whether the woman has had an abortion or not., Unlike Planned Parenthood, these organizations provide ultrasounds, the reversal pill, adoption guidance, and supplies.

With the overturning of Roe v Wade, a tremendous victory was won .However, with the decision returning to the state, the state legislators now have the power to regulate up to what point a woman can legally have an abortion. In some states, this will eliminate or greatly decrease abortion such as Louisiana. But in other states, such as our home state of New York, accessibility will only continue to increase. For this reason, we as the pro-life generation have the power and duty to be the voice of these innocent children who never had one, and for all the women, such as Elizabeth, who could never stand up against the illusion, that abortion was her only option. We can help these women and children by donating and volunteering at prolife centers, voting pro-life, praying, and most important, having the courage to vocalize this exploitation of women and children, and advise those who are misled. So let us be their voice and help these women choose life.

#### "Whenever Two or More are Gathered in My Name"

#### 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. Note: Vigils & Witnesses are NOT sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

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540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	917-544-0121	
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<u>Suffolk County - Location</u>	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)	
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42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630	
877 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	323-8001	
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	& 2nd & 4th We 3-5 PM	615-1735	

**Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:** 

**Women First Pregnancy Options: (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 Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30

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In Memoriam: Damian Geminder & Howard Shannon

**Assisted Suicide**: "Why is there a debate at all about a law that protects the act of killing oneself? Why isn't there simply a consistent legal history throughout the world that "thou shalt not kill"? That simple statement, made by God Himself and handed down by Moses as one of the Ten Commandments, really needs no clarification, but human beings are prone to meddle in the affairs of God, and as we all know, chaos ensues. This is how we arrived at our current state in a society that condones killing innocent people, whether by ingestion of chemicals, surgical instruments, or alleged "mercifully administered" lethal drugs. Some would say this is the new normal, but I say it is demonic. It is a signal that society is on a fast track to destroying itself. The enemy is not a foreign country; it is our own insatiable hunger to be comfortable, no matter who has to die in the process. The law should be a teacher, constantly reminding the uninformed that taking an innocent life is a crime, but instead the law protects such acts. And thus it is that killing oneself with the help of another is becoming more acceptable every day. How much farther down this vile hole will we go?"

(From Judie Brown's Commentary 5/5/23)

#### **PREBORN!**

PreBorn! is a pro-life organization whose mission is "to glorify Jesus Christ by leading and equipping Pregnancy Clinics to save more babies and souls."

PreBorn! supports life-affirming pregnancy clinics to reach women considering abortion, particularly in areas with high abortion rates. Among the ways PreBorn! assists these centers are by providing the pregnancy clinics with grants for ultrasound machines, and through digital marketing strategies to connect abortionminded women to the pregnancy clinic. In addition, PreBorn! provides evangelism training and support services for the ultrasound visit and fundraising. All services provided to expectant mothers within the PreBorn! Pregnancy Network are offered at no cost. According to its 2022 Annual Report, PreBorn!, 69 ultrasound machines were placed during that year and many thousands of babies lives were saved. Pro-life pregnancy centers seeking to become a medical clinic offering free ultrasounds can submit an application to PreBorn! to receive funding for an ultrasound machine. https://preborn.org.

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Sunday, July 2, 2023 - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Lake Grove - Route 347, public

sidewalk near Staples S/C & Smith Haven Mall. Prolifers are

invited to join this peaceful outreach to stand against abortion and for the unalienable right to life born and pre-



born.. Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org

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## 5K Run/Walk 4 Life

Saturday, June 10 Cedar Creek Park 3340 Merrick Rd., Seaford Sponsored by Life Center of Long Island. For more info,



call Marina at (516) 798-9100 for inquiries regarding sponsorships, donations and registration.

#### Stand Up for Life Sun., Oct. 1 (Respect Life Sunday) 2-3:30 PM

Please join us in the largest pro-life gathering on Long Island. We are two of over 1500 pro-life witness sites throughout the US and Canada on this day. Have your organization, name, and/or church listed as a supporter on the SUFL posters/fliers. Deadline is Aug. 5. If you did not receive a sponsorship form, call 631-243-1435 or obtain one at ProLifeLI.org/Events/SUFL.

We cannot become complacent. "Take your current success as the beginning of your journey and you will keep breaking your own records." Israelmore Ayivor