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"When we look into the eyes of a newborn child we see the beauty of the human soul and the majesty of God's creation, we know that every life has meaning and every life is worth protecting. I will always protect the first right in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life." President Donald Trump

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020 "Life Empowers: Pro-life is Pro-woman."



Thank you to all who went to the March for Life 2020 in DC and thank you to all who couldn't make the trip but participated in other local pro-life events and/or prayed wherever they were.

SAVE THE DATE: March for Life, Wash., D.C. Friday, January 29, 2021

March for Life NY Albany Monday, May 18, 2020 11 AM Opening Prayer at Children's Memorial inside the NYS Empire Plaza 11:30 March to the State Capital 12:30 PM Rally For more info Marchforlifeny.org



You're Invited

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next general meeting will be **Mon., March 23** at **7:30 PM** at St. Regis Council K of C Hall, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma **All are welcome - please join us!** For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

The Annual Oratory Contest PRO-LIFE TEENS SPEAK UP

If you want to be encouraged in your pro-life commitment, join us on Sunday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Millennium Room at Kellenberg Memorial High School. Junior and senior high school students from Long Island will participate in our annual Oratory Contest and deliver inspiring pro-life speeches researched and written by them and then delivered that day. Your presence will also help support these young people in the pro-life convictions.

Pro-life Q & A program - coming soon.

In response to abortion expansion and other assaults on the right to life in New York State, pro-lifers have an increased need to explain pro-life positions to friends and neighbors. Experienced pro-lifers are preparing a program to provide guidance on your questions about topics like in-vitro fertilization and assisted suicide. Details of the program, set for April, will follow. For information: Celeste at fortydflli@gmail.com

Face the Truth Vigil



1/19/2020: More than 50 pro-lifers brought the right to life message to the public at the Face the Truth vigil in front of Nassau University Medical Center. Hundreds of drivers, as well as those coming and going to the hospital, were reminded of the abortion issue and that we care about the preborn babies. Thanks to all those who participated. Mark your calendar for the Good Friday Face the Truth vigil (4/10 at 10:30 AM).

'Gattaca Baby Tests'

Imagine being able to shop for the perfect baby. How about a boy with blonde hair...blue eyes...tall...high IQ...low risk of disease. Would you choose if you could?

A recent article highlights a New Jersey startup company, Genomic Prediction, and its use of DNA testing to predict health, height and intelligence levels in IVF embryos. According to the company, their technology will enable mothers to pick a baby with a low risk of disease and will warn clients if the child is likely to be among the lowest 2% of the population in height and intelligence.

While the project is still in its early stages, Genetic Prediction hopes to be added to existing preimplantation embryo tests which screen for major chromosome abnormalities. Some experts argue that the science isn't advanced enough to make reliable predictions. Regardless of these claims, Nathan Treff, the company's chief scientist, believes one day parents will choose IVF over natural fertilization in order to "reduce the incidence of disease in humans."

While currently, these tests are only available for IVF clients, it is possible that they will be available for natural pregnancies in the future. As this technology advances, questions about human life surge to the surface. Is life pointless because you might suffer from physical illness in the future? Is life more valuable for someone with a higher IQ? If you developed breast cancer at the age of 40 would you wish you had never been born?

Advanced DNA testing such as this could lead to an adoption of eugenics. If someone is labeled as defective (however society defines it) and therefore inferior, that life could be terminated. As we have learned throughout history (particularly in Nazi Germany) this is a dangerous message to broadcast. If someone is deemed unworthy of life while in the womb, who's to say this principle wouldn't also apply to those outside of it?

Do we have the right to determine who's deserving of life? When it comes to the unborn, many people uphold this right to choose on their child's behalf. Ronald Reagan, with an estimated IQ of 105, led a country. Martin Luther King Jr. united races while standing at 5'7". Stephen Hawking, one of the greatest physicists of the 20th century, lived with ALS. Mother Teresa was less than 5 feet tall and suffered from osteoporosis. Sandra Day O'Connor was diagnosed with breast cancer at 58. If we dismiss life due to undesirable genetic traits, we deprive ourselves of influential men and women who can enrich the world.

Submitted by Sarah Scuderi Source: "The World's first Gattaca Baby Tests Are Finally Here," by Antonio Regalado Technology Review, 11/8/19

FEDERAL LEGISLATION



*The Discharge Petition to force a House vote on the *Born Alive Act* (HR.962/S.311) now has 204 of the required 218 signatures.

*House Dems rejected an effort to add "unborn child" to **HR.535**'s list of groups severely harmed by PFAS pollution in drinking water.

*HR.647/S.2080, *Palliative Care and Hospice Education & Training Act* (PCHETA), to boost palliative care staff and research, passed the House 10/28/19; all 5 L.I. Representatives co-sponsored. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition USA warns definitions of palliative and hospice are not clear enough. Too often, they say palliative care means an earlier start of hospice, and hospice means no more attempt to cure. Many warn the patient will be dead in 6 months.

***HR.5267/S.3037**, the *International Violence Against Women Act*, is in House and Senate Committees. It would fund "reproductive health" (aka abortion) efforts overseas through many international organizations.

*Two Omnibus Spending Bills passed and were signed as 2019 ended. Current levels of abortion funding in Obamacare and other programs will continue. Efforts to boost overseas abortion funds by \$60M failed. Title X rules regarding separation of abortion and 'family planning' survived. C-FAM reports Rep. Ami Bera [D-CA] spoke of the need to 'educate' the Trump Administration on the national security value of foreign aid for family planning, to fight the 'youth bulge' in sub-Saharan Africa. (Research, however, shows population decline has made the world less stable). Bera cited Sen. Lindsey Graham and USAID Dir. Mark Green as Republicans whom Democrats have been able to work with to preserve the (funding) status quo. [www.lifesitenews.com, 1/17/20] C-FAM also says the EU thwarts US efforts to cut UN abortion programs. (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 terminally ill.)

*The Senate renewed funds for the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, to monitor religious persecution globally. On Jan, 16 (Religious Freedom Day) the Trump Admin. said faith-based programs, higher education, and religious institutions had been targeted for policy reform. In January, *Human Rights Watch* head Ken Roth told the US Comm. on Unalienable Rights that abortion is a "fundamental right" (according to UN 'experts') while claims the unborn are human merely 'philosophy'. Roth said there's no tension between religious freedom and abortion rights, since human rights protect only "freedom of belief", not the ability to act on those beliefs in society, or your job. [*www.lifesitenews.com 1/17/20*] **The Courts**

*The 5th Circuit Court ruled (12/18/19) Obamacare is unconstitutional, since the mandate requiring everyone to have health insurance was repealed in 2018. Twenty 'blue states' asked SCOTUS for a quick review of this ruling. On Jan. 21, the Supreme Court refused. [See March 2019 LN p3]

Federal Legislation continued......

HHS will begin sending out separate bills for abortion coverage in Obamacare policies that include the procedure, which should have been the case all along.

*The Supreme Court will hear *June Medical Services* v. *Gee* on March 4. Louisiana mandates abortionists have (emergency) admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles. The State Attorney General argues this is not an 'undue burden'. *Amicus* briefs have been filed by the US Dept. of Justice, 200+ members of Congress (including 2 Democrats), and many pro-life groups.

*The *Little Sisters* will be back to SCOTUS again, after Circuit Courts sided with about 20 states suing the *Sisters* (& others) to force them to cover abortifacients, sterilization and contraceptives in their medical insurance policies. *Little Sisters v. Commonwealth of PA* will be heard this Spring. (See: LN p3 Jan/Feb 2020 and Dec. 2019)



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Gov. Cuomo recently appointed two abortion activists to administrative positions:

Emily Kadar as Director of Women's Affairs and Kelli Owens as Executive Director of the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

Gov. Cuomo is pushing for passage of the Physician-Assisted Suicide bill, S.3947/A.2694, this legislative session. Hear the Assisted Suicide 'Slippery Slope' by watching the last 5 minutes of this video: www.voutube.com/watch?v=-

Z9PSkRrVBs&feature=youtu.be

To download the National Right to Life version of the *Will to Live* form go to:

www.nrlc.org/uploads/willtolive/NewYorkrev316.pdf

The 'Boss Bill', S.660 Metzger/A.584 Jaffee, signed 11/8/19 by Gov. Cuomo, could force pro-life organizations and religious entities to hire someone whose "reproductive-health decisions" oppose the group's core beliefs. A pre-enforcement suit challenging the law was filed 11/14/19.

Gov. Cuomo is also pushing for passage of the bill to lift the ban on Commercial Surrogacy in NYS. The NYS Senate passed the bill last year, but it failed in the Assembly. New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms reports that passage is hindered because there are those who see it as a form of empowerment while others see it as an exploitation of women. The legislation denies any and all rights to the pre-born child, basically viewing the child as a manufactured product or disposable good.

New Yorker's Family Research Foundation will be participating in Legislative Day, Tuesday, 3/17/20. Among issues that will be addressed is legislation regarding gestational surrogacy, physician assisted suicide, and bills that threaten the liberty of organizations that stand up for life. Register to participate at LegDay.NewYorkFamilies.org

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

Federal Legislation continued in next column...

HEALTH & SCIENCE "To kill - or not to kill?

"To kill - or not to kill? That is the question."



Sean Murphy, administrator of the Protection of Conscience Project [Canada] posted an article with the above title on the project's website. The project supports the conscience rights of health care workers. A member of the Canadian Clinician's Advisory Council of Dying With Dignity sent Murphy the following message: "I just can't understand why as learned as you are, you tenaciously use the verb KILL to refer to MAD [Medical Assistance in Dying]. You cannot ignore that this verb requires a non-consenting victim. It makes of you a malicious pro-lifer who does not mind lying. MAD must be requested!" Murphy noted in the article, "The substantive morality of the procedures [euthanasia and assisted suicide] and their legalization is outside the scope of Project advocacy." Rather, the Project's intent is to "defend practitioners unwilling to be parties to killing their patients by providing or facilitating EAS services."

Murphy stated, "Euthanasia is achieved by deliberate intravenous administration of drugs intended to cause coma, respiratory arrest and death by anoxia (asphyxiation). Practitioner assisted suicide (very rare in Canada) entails deliberate oral self-administration of a combination of prescribed drugs intended to cause death by the same means. EAS practitioners prescribe the drugs and teach patients how to ingest them so as to ensure that death ensues as quickly as possible." He noted that assisted suicide is not always 'successful'. In those cases, "EAS practitioners are advised to administer lethal drugs intravenously "to insure death as an outcome...While patients may eventually die from an underlying condition, they will not die at the appointed time unless lethal drugs are administered... And that is the point. Administering a drug that causes the death of a patient kills a patient. To "kill" is to cause death – period...consent does not enter into the definition."

Canada's Supreme Court, in Carter v. Canada, ruled in favor of EAS. However, Murphy said that case "did not change the meaning of "killing," and it left intact the definitions of homicide and suicide. It is essential to understand these terms because they correspond to the two forms of "medical aid in dying" – euthanasia and assisted suicide." Culpable homicide is "blameworthy and punishable as a criminal offence; non-culpable homicide... is not blameworthy and not an offence. The Carter decision and subsequent Criminal Code amendments [Canada] created a new category of non-culpable homicide: directly killing a patient by euthanasia. That is why practitioners who kill patients by lethal injection in accordance with the law commit homicide, but do not commit murder. Consent by the patient killed is relevant to the distinction between culpable and non-culpable homicide, but...not to a distinction between killing and not killing. "Suicide" means willfully causing one's own death killing oneself. Since the definition of "medical assistance in dying" includes helping patients to kill themselves, the *Criminal Code* was amended to permit practitioner assisted suicide...To repeat: the [Canadian] Supreme Court did not rule that inflicting death by lethal injection is not killing, nor that helping patients to cause their own deaths is not helping them to kill themselves. It decided that medical practitioners should be allowed to commit homicide and assist with suicide in certain circumstances: that is, to kill patients and to help them kill themselves." One of the judges who wrote the Carter decision acknowledged that in allowing practitioners to "purposefully and deliberately take someone's life with impunity," it was important to have safeguards such as judicial approval.

Murphy stated, "The term "killing cannot be avoided in public and professional disputes about morally contested procedures that invoke killing because the disputes typically arise from disagreement about the acceptability of killing...even if one decides...that killing human beings need not be limited to cases of self-defense, that the kind of homicide contemplated is justifiable, the method of killing humane, and the risks of permitting it acceptable, other issues remain. Although some practitioners can kill without suffering adverse effects, most can either not participate at all or experience a great deal of stress afterward. Any discussion concerning EAS must involve the "stress associated with killing another human being and what appears to be a frequent if not general aversion to the practice among health care personnel." Another issue involves overcoming aversion to killing. A chief counsel in the Carter case acknowledged that "all doctors believe it is their professional and ethical duty to do no harm." He felt that physicians would therefore be excellent 'gatekeepers' because of their reluctance to be involved. However, Murphy notes that their reluctance is now viewed "as an impediment to euthanasia and assisted suicide." EAS is now "widely accepted as medical treatment and health care... [and classified] as "therapeutic" and "legally permissible medical services." This reversal is significant. Now the discussion centers on when the physician can refuse. Seven doctors wrote in the World Medical Journal that by refusing to participate, they face discipline and expulsion from the profession, have been accused of human rights violations and have been called bigots. Murphy noted that since EAS is considered a therapeutic medical service, objecting practitioners must now "justify their refusal to participate in killing their patients." Murphy warns, "if the state can force unwilling people to kill or help to arrange for the killing of other people, there would seem to be nothing that the state cannot demand of its citizens," leading to an authoritarian or totalitarian government.

Murphy acknowledges that out of respect for patients and colleagues, conscientious objectors will sometimes use the term "medical assistance in dying" However, when they are faced with refusing to support or participate in these procedures, by right they can refuse to be a party to "killing people who really ought not to be killed." Murphy concluded, "Make it impossible even to think of medical assistance in dying as anything other than a medical procedure, make it impossible even to think that it involves killing, and "barriers" and "impediments" to access to EAS services will certainly disappear. And so will freedom of conscience, religion, thought, opinion, belief and expression."

See: www.consciencelaws.org, 28 Jan. 2020

"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.

| Nassau County - Location | Day/Time_ | Contact Phone | |
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| 540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead | (W) Sa 8 AM-Noon | 917-544-0121 | IMPORTANT : |
| | (M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy | 917-544-0121 | Peaceful assembly on |
| " " | (W) Th 10:30-Noon | 516-270-3845 | public property near an |
| 35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa | (W) Sa 10:30-Noon | 516-541-8056 | abortion site is a lawful |
| Suffolk County - Location | Day/Time | Contact Phone (631) | First Amendment right. |
| 498 Rt. 111, Smithtown | (W) Sa 6-9 AM | 751-7894 | |
| 70 Maple Ave, Smithtown | (W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM | 979-8541 | |
| 42 First Ave, Brentwood | (W) We 10-10:30 AM | 667-2532 | |
| " " | (W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM | 665-3630 | |
| 540 E. Main St, Riverhead | (W) We 2-4 PM | 722-3111 | |
| 450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue | (M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM | 472-4314 | |
| 595 Hampton Rd. S. Hampton OB/GYN | (W) Fr 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | 807-6001 | |

Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (Three 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 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa)

Local Pro-Life Viewing – All programs weekly on Altice (formally CableV) Ch 20 (except where noted):

Life Issues – hosted by LICL - Thurs., 5 PM Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics – Mon. 8 PM, Ch. 20; youtube.com/channel/UCX13pg11nqITyzlVGjJzAdQ. EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285: Defending Life hosted by Priests for Life: Sun. 11 PM; Pro-Life Weekly: Thurs. 10 PM Long Island Teen Freedom "Sexual Risk Avoidance Education" - Life Center of L.I. - Mon., 3:30 PM AFA of NY Programs on YouTube.com; then in Search bar: AFA New York; then click on AFA NY; then select VIDEOS

Listen to pro-life radio on the Internet: blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio

In Memoriam: Paul Muhs, Rev. David Havrilla, Eddie Carter and Joan Peters

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its 2020 High School Scholarship Award. Applicants are to participate in and engage their peers in respect for human life activities. Students will be evaluated on their level of involvement, creative advocacy and dedication in supporting respect for human life. Applications are available at www.ProlifeED.org and www.ProlifeLI.org or call 631-575-1482 to request a copy of the application.

Prayers and Stations of the Cross for Life Wed., 3/18 7:30 PM

Christ the King RCC, 2 Indian Head Rd, Commack Other on-going monthly prayer opportunities at CTK:

- 1st & 3rd Mon., 7:30 PM Rosary & prayers for life;
- 4th Tues. at 7:30 Eucharistic Healing Service For more information: Ann at 631-754-9141.

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- 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown Contact: 40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com
 277 E. Main St. Directored
- 877 E. Main St., Riverhead Contact: Pastor Joni 631-681-7275; march4lifeNY@gmail.com

Good Friday Silent Vigil On Behalf of Unborn

April 10 - 10:30 AM - in front of Nassau Univ. Medical Center, 220 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow

Holy Saturday Annual Liturgy for the Pre-Born

April 11 - 10 AM in front of Planned Parenthood, 540 Fulton Ave., Hempstead

More information in April *Life News*.

PRAYER CHANGES HEARTS!

Help Open a Maternity Home

You're invited as Regina Napolitano, Founder of Breath of Life Center, Inc. casts the vision for a Breath of Life Maternity Home. Friday, March 20 6:30 PM \$50 per person

Villa Lombardi's – 877 Main Street, Holbrook Keynote speaker: Darlene Pawlik – Sex Trafficking Survivor who found hope and healing in a maternity home.

Call 631-738-8829 or register online www.breathoflifecenter.org with payment by March 13, 2020 Make checks payable to: *Breath of Life Center, Inc.* Breath of Life Center, 1930 Veterans Memorial Hwy. Ste 4, Islandia, NY 11749

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