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JUSTICE

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Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth

The **Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth** event was held on windy and cold January 21, 2024. But the weather did not deter more than 70 pro-lifers – toddlers, families, teens, and adults of all ages – to send a strong message against the aborting of preborn babies. Honks of support showed that <u>visibility matters</u> as we stood in front of Nassau University Medical Center. The LI Coalition for Life thanks those who participated and continues to encourage your attendance at public outreach events to keep the plight of the preborn on the minds of your neighbors.



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

March 25 at 7:30 PM at St. Joseph RCC Parish Center, Ronkonkoma.

All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust Pro-Life Oratory Contest for High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will be on **Saturday, March 2nd** at **1 PM** at the **Joseph Barry K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville.** All are welcome to hear and support these students.

High School 2024 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 2024 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. **Deadline to apply is April 15th.** For more info and an application, please visit ProlifeED.org/Events.

"EQUALITY" AMENDMENT WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

There will be a major effort over the course of the next 6-8 months to pass the so-called Equality Amendment (Bill S.108-A-Krueger/A.1283-Seawright). It will be on the November 2024 ballot. If this proposed state constitutional amendment is approved by the voters, it will create a state constitutional right to "Reproductive Healthcare and Autonomy," and engrave nearly unlimited abortion into the NYS Constitution. For more information on other problems with the amendment and ways to stop its passage visit The Coalition to Protect Kids New York (www.protectkidsny.com).

Patients opt for Euthanasia over Assisted Suicide

Michael Cook, editor of Bioedge.org, wrote an article on 2/8/24 entitled "Is assisted dying really about autonomy?" He noted that in assisted suicide, the patient administers the lethal drug, and in euthanasia the doctor administers it. The common reason given for people requesting assisted suicide is that they fear losing control. However, Cook noted that in places where both options are available, such as Canada and Belgium, people overwhelmingly choose euthanasia – putting the doctor in control. In 2022, out of the 13,241 Medical Aid in Dying deaths, only 7 cases were self-administered. All the others were euthanasia.

David Albert Jones, director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre in the UK, stated that people are seeking "a comforting heteronomy – 'outsourcing' their autonomy." More people die where euthanasia is legal (the Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada) than where 'only' assisted suicide is legal, such as the United States.

In places where patients are required to self-administer, fewer request it, and a considerable number of those do not administer the lethal drug but die of natural causes. Jones noted, "It seems clear that most people who die by euthanasia in jurisdictions such as Canada would have lived longer and died of natural causes had they been required to self-administer...these actions do not seem to be motivated by a desire for greater self-determination. [Instead, euthanasia] is the ultimate form of medical paternalism...It may be, for example, that some people associate assisted suicide with conventional suicide and reject it but find it easier to construe euthanasia as a medical procedure, conflating it with palliative care."

Jones stated that a pioneer of Dutch euthanasia, neurologist Jan Hendrik Vandenberg, "argued that the ethic of unconditional respect for human life belonged to a time when medicine was powerless, but as medicine had gained the power to extend life it needed a new medical ethic which emphasized quality over quantity, and which allowed life to be ended intentionally."

See Health and Science article on page 4: "Physician-Assisted Suicide"



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The House passed two pro-life bills by party-line votes: **HR.6914** – *Pregnant Students' Rights Act* - Colleges and Universities must tell pregnant students about resources that can help them choose life.

HR.6918 – Supporting Pregnant/Parenting Women & Families Act - makes it harder to

deny Federal TANF funds to Pregnancy Resource Centers. **HR.7024** passed in the House – it includes a boost to Child Tax Credit (backed by many pro-life groups). All three bills are currently in the Senate, without companion bills, as of early February.

The Supreme Court will decide two abortion cases this current term:

FDA v Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine: a TX District Judge ruled last April that the FDA (in 2000) should not have approved the *mifepristone* abortion drug, nor eased rules for its use in 2016 & 2021. On appeal (5th Circuit), the drug stayed available, mostly by the pre-2016 rules. On March 26, SCOTUS will hear a case against the eased rules, not the approval. The drug's foes cite harm to water quality, women's health, and that 1 in 25 users go to the ER.

The federal EMTALA law says anyone showing up at the ER must have their condition 'stabilized'. The Dept of Justice says that includes doing abortions, even in states with pro-life laws. Texas & Idaho sued. SCOTUS will decide.

Biden's deputy campaign manager Quent Fulks stated on *Meet the Press* (1/12/24) that Biden's Day 1 top priority will be *Roe*. "The president has been adamant that we need to restore *Roe*..."

The fourth meeting of the White House Task Force on Reproductive Healthcare Access was on January 22. Goals from Fact Sheet: Protect medication abortion & Ensure abortions via EMTALA.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries emphasized on January 30 that Democratic support for abortion without restrictions will be a key issue in the November elections.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

On January 22, 2024, two bills passed NY Senate 41-20. All LI Democrats voted Yes; all LI GOP who were present voted No.

Reproductive Freedom and Equity Grant Program (Free Abortions for Out-of-Staters Act) (S.348-C-*Cleare /* **A.361-B** *-Gonzalez-Rojas*). To "aid victims of abortion discrimination".

Targeting Hospitals that Refuse to Abort for Subsequent Harassment [THRASH] (S.1003-A-*Hinchey*/A.733-A-*Rozic*) The Assembly passed the THRASH bill on January 24, 2024. Democrats voted YES 94-4, (3 excused). GOP voted NO 45-3.

Bill S.201-*Cleare*/A.2656-*Walker* passed both Houses. It will allow a pregnant woman to enroll in a medical insurance plan (outside the normal enrollment period) without penalty. **Bill S.1965**-A-*Addabbo*/A.3865-A-*Gunther* passed Senate. It will require medical insurers to cover prescribed prenatal vitamins for pregnant women. The Assembly is working on this bill.

New Yorker's Family Research Foundation reported that there was a possibility that the Assembly Health Committee could vote on the **Medical Aid in Dying Bill** in February. As this issue went to print, there had not been a vote. If it clears the Health Committee, it is one step closer to a floor vote.

The *NY Post* reported that Hochul's Office of Children and Family Services is now enforcing a law saying families waiting to adopt can only aid the birth mother from 60 days pre-birth to 30 days after. Both in-state or out-of-state. This, while NY gives women incentives to come to NY for abortions.

TAKE ACTION – For contact info on legislators at all levels go to: prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative **OR** usa.gov/elected-officials

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

In the special election 2/13/24 for the 3rd Congressional District, Tom Suozzi (D) was elected to fill the seat formerly held by Santos.

OTHER NEWS:

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health sent doctors, nurses, hospitals, and druggists a warning their licenses could be at risk if they provide inaccurate information to their clients. An example was "unproven, unethical, and unsafe." Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) that is "not supported by science." Pro-life OB/GYN Dr. William Lile said APR is based on principles that are well understood from progesterone's common FDA-approved use in a variety of other .pregnancy-related situations. (APR has saved over 4500 babies to date.)

In January, *Project Veritas* released 2 videos, in which a man posing as the father of a minor girl's child is told by the Planned Parenthood staff that 'yes, a 13-year-old can come here without her parents'; and PP has 'an entire system laid out' for a minor to get an abortion without parental consent or knowledge.

There are conflicting studies regarding whether abortions have gone up or down since *Dobbs*. Births are up 2.3% (approximately 32,000) in states passing pro-life laws, according to economists from GA & VT (Nov. '23). Using data from Jan - Oct 2023, the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute said chemical and surgical abortions in the 'formal health system' will total approximately 125K more than in 2020, which totaled 8% more than in 2017. Michael New of the Charlotte Lozier Institute critiqued a study by #WeCount, that said abortions rose after *Dobbs*. "It looks at 12 months of post-*Dobbs* data, but only 2 months of pre-*Dobbs* data. Texas and Oklahoma had heartbeat laws in 2021 and 2022, before *Dobbs*." New also responded to a study in JAMA, claiming since *Dobbs*, 519,981 rapes took place in states with strong pro-life laws, resulting in 64,565 children conceived in rape, which is more than double the 5% rate stated in most studies. He said the report used "Poor study methodology."

StorkAdvisor.com is a new, pro-life informational website for pregnant women. See **Everylife.com** to learn about a pro-life company that sells diapers, wipes, and apparel. It also partners with pro-life organizations that support women who "make the bold and brave decision to choose life."

HEALTH & SCIENCE

Physician-Assisted Suicide



Dr. Tod Worner, a practicing internal medicine physician in Minnesota, submitted the following letter to his MN legislator regarding the proposed physicianassisted suicide bill:

"As a physician, my daily practice is to heal the sick and prevent disease. In so doing, I try to uphold the dignity of each patient—treating them with respect while working in partnership to achieve a rich quality in concert with a reasonable quantity of life. Of course, I recognize the value of autonomy to afford patient choice, but that means a choice insofar as it simultaneously comports with the practice of safe, sound, and ethical medicine. To be sure, patient choice must be just and the care they receive beneficent, but that same choice must not—by slippery euphemism and crafty manipulation, emotional appeal and legal maneuverings—I repeat, *must not* compel a physician to commit a maleficent act, especially one that runs against centuries of common law and customs, statutory law and social contract, as well as the sacred conscience and sound judgment of the physician in the relationship.

"So what does this mean when it comes to physicianassisted suicide? In a few words, it means that a patient has many rights, but he does not have the right to demand that I assist him in killing himself any more than he can demand I prescribe him unnecessary narcotics, unwarranted antibiotics, or ill-considered surgery. To demand these measures indiscriminately would be to violate the dignity of the patient with risky (or fatal) outcomes as well as compromise my dignity (and conscience) as a trained and seasoned physician to thoughtfully consider the best care for the patient. That is why, as a physician, I am opposed to physicianassisted suicide. Furthermore, allow me to offer these three arguments against this concerning practice:

"1. Physician-assisted suicide fundamentally transforms the very nature of the physician-patient relationship...Once medicine has transformed itself from a vocation whose first and only priority is to heal and comfort into a profession that is willing to kill, we will have "crossed the Rubicon." We will have wandered away from the oath to "First, do no harm" and to "give no deadly medicine to any one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel." Henceforth, the consequences would be both unintended and grave to patients, physicians, and society. We must stop, once again, and reconsider just what it means to be physicians, to be healers. And we must remember what it means to be human. If we forget the fundamental, uncompromising, and ineradicable value intrinsic to human life, can we still call ourselves physicians?

"2. Physician-assisted suicide is a solution in search of a problem. The popular press, judicial activists, and enterprising legislators have grown increasingly

sympathetic to the physician-assisted suicide movement. As such, anecdote after anecdote highlight people with grave medical maladies offering poignant interviews or writing last letters articulating their sincere fears of unremitting pain and incomparable suffering. They see only two alternatives: one is to suffer a prolonged, painful, and humiliating death, while the other is to proactively commit "dignified" suicide under the sympathetic eyes of their physician. That's it. What is striking, however, is how little conversation there is about Palliative Care and Hospice. Designed fully around the notion of providing dignity, autonomy, and symptom management in the face of terminal illness, Palliative Care and Hospice provide extraordinary end-of-life care to the very people who feel they have no fate but suffering ahead. These physicians and clinicians are well-trained and deeply committed to the care of those very patients that physician-assisted suicide advocates specifically target. In over two decades of practicing internal medicine, I have had a number of patients enroll in these services. I have yet to find *one family* who didn't gratefully describe the profound dignity, loving kindness, and tender management of pain, anxiety, and symptoms they witnessed in the waning days of their loved one's life. Surely, that is not to say that there can't be patients with symptoms that could be difficult to manage. But does that mean that we should then move to a widespread, systemic legalization of physicianassisted killing? With the oft untapped and unrecognized virtues of Palliative Care and Hospice, I think we are rushing to provide a dangerous solution desperately in search of a problem.

"3. When considering the fallout from physician-assisted suicide, the slippery slope is real. Invariably, when legislation such as physician-assisted suicide is considered, concerns are raised about the slippery slope—that is, the unintended consequences and abuses that result from permitting such a policy at all. "Enlightened minds" that "know better" shake their heads and tut-tut that our concerns are overreactions. "We would have safeguards against abuses," we are told, "We would craft laws protecting minors or the mentally ill or the demented or the handicapped or others without terminal illness from ever being considered for physician-assisted suicide." "It would be a rare event." "Economics (a patient's draining resources, the burden on the medical system) would never be a factor in a merciful act devoted to preserving the dignity of the individual." To be sure, all of these reassuring arguments sound good and have been made in countries and states that have legalized physician-assisted suicide. And, too often, they have been wrong. People with mental illness and no terminal disease have been allowed to die. Minors...have died under this policy...Exploding costs for end-of-life care and budgets groaning under the weight of the perpetually ill have a conscious or unconscious impact on a system where physician-assisted suicide is an option...

"When it comes to the institutionalization of physicianassisted suicide, mark my words, telling us that "everything will be okay" is a misguided, if not dangerous, philosophy...I love my patients, enjoy my colleagues, and cherish my calling. But that calling will fundamentally change if we devolve from a vocation that heals to a vocation that kills...It is hard not to ask, "What are we becoming? What does it mean to heal?" 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
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	917-544-0121
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	(W) Sa 10 AM-Noon	516-270-3845
" "	(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon	516-359-1298
Suffolk County - Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone(631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe	
	We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM	813-3412
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
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon	615-1735

<u>IMPORTANT</u>:
Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Women First Pregnancy Options: (Four locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at East 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), Smithtown 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave., open Mo.-Fr. 8 AM-4 PM closed Saturdays.

Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

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Live Stream: 7 PM Mondays marchforlifeny.org/events/march-for-life-ny-livestream

Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog: rickhinshaw.com

AFA of NY Programs on YouTube.com; then in Search bar: AFA New York; then click on AFA NY; then select VIDEOS

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40 Days for Life February 22 - April 2, 2023

Daily vigils on Long Island at following sites:

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- Massapequa: 35 Carmans Road 40daysforlife.com/massapequa email paul.arena29@yahoo.com
- Patchogue: 450 Waverly Avenue. 40daysforlife.com/patchogue or call 631-219-3278
- Smithtown: 70 Maple Avenue 40daysforlife.com/smithtown, email 40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com

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WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Rosary for Life every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom, sponsored by DRVC OHLFB. Meeting ID: 811 9648 1100 Passcode: 20EWp7; Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923.
- Holy Hour for Life St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park every Mon. at 7 PM. This is also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.
- **Right to Life Rosary** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue every Thurs. at 6:30 PM. For info call 631-475-4739.

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International Gift of Life Walk

Saturday, March 23

Grand Prolife Marshal: Bishop Joseph L. Coffey, **Archdiocese of Military Services**

Rally starts at Foley Sq., NYC at 11 AM, then walk down Broadway (0.9 miles). Walk ends at Broad & Stone Streets in the Financial District. Sponsored by PersonhoodEducationNY.com Register and info: 516-630-3947 Info@PersonhoodEducationNY.com

March for Life NY in Albany

Monday, June 24 - Begin at Noon

Meet at Children's Memorial, Empire Plaza and March to NYS Capitol Steps State St. & Washington Ave., Albany **Prolife Speakers**

To register, volunteer & more info visit marchforlifeny.org or call 631-681-7275

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March 29, 2024 Nassau University Medical Center, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow. Pro-life adults. teens, and families are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event for the protection of life in the womb. Please join the LI Coalition for Life and **be** a visible reminder to the public that abortion is

not healthcare. We stand



10:30 AM to NOON

on the public sidewalk in front of the hospital. Your participation for even part of the time is important! Signs provided (east end of hospital) or bring your own (no political signs). Please stand 5-10 feet apart for better messaging to the public. Information – contact the LICL: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.