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Where Do The Candidates Stand on Life?

MITT ROMNEY versus BARACK OBAMA

Taxpayer Funding for Abortion

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment

ROMNEY: "I support the Hyde Amendment, which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."

OBAMA: The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 3): "If the President is presented with H.R. 3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

Roe v. Wade & Abortion

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and its companion *Doe v. Bolton* decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 54 million abortions since then.

ROMNEY: "I support the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, because it is bad law and bad medicine. *Roe* was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."

OBAMA: "I am pro-choice. I believe in *Roe v. Wade*." "With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since *Roe v. Wade*, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)

Funding for Abortion Providers

Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.

ROMNEY: "I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."

OBAMA: On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.

Information compiled by NRLC from various sources. Taken from www.nrlc.org rev. 05/29/12
National Right to Life Committee, Inc.

Obama Health Care Law

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.

ROMNEY: "Obamacare will violate that crucial first principle of medicine: 'do no harm.'"

Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed. (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)

OBAMA: On March 23, 2010, signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) into law, which will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.

Rights of Conscience

The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (S. 1467, H.R. 1179) would exempt institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.

ROMNEY: "... on day one I will eliminate the Obama Administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."

OBAMA: The Obama Administration issued a "final rule" mandating that groups, including religious schools and hospitals, provide health insurance plans that cover certain drugs or procedures, even if it violates the groups' religious and moral convictions.

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Is Abortion Safer Than Childbirth? No!

The notion has again cropped up in the mainstream media that abortion is safer than childbirth. Reuters says, "Getting a legal abortion is much safer than giving birth, suggests a new U.S. study published Monday. ... Researchers found that women were about 14 times more likely to die during or after giving birth to a live baby than to die from complications of an abortion."

Unfortunately for Reuters, the problem is that it's not true. Here is Part One of three, containing information showing that abortion is more dangerous than the CDC data would have you believe.

Part 1: Researchers misapplied government data.

The U.S. study depends on data from the Center for Disease Control, and even the CDC says that its abortion data can not be validly compared with mortality statistics.

Statistics on mortality usually list as cause of death something like blood clots, rather than the abortion that occasioned them. Medical coders find that most of the time they cannot enter abortion as the cause of death. That makes for a "ghost" category, commented David Reardon. It exists, but will not contain any of the data that is gathered.

Examination of government statistics and known abortion deaths show a significant disjoint. For instance, in Maryland, in 1989, 16-year-old Erica Richardson and adults Gladys Estanislao and Debra Gray died from abortion complications. However, the official Maryland

public health statistics showed no deaths from abortion that year. So, officially, they didn't die from abortion.

Another woman that year went into a coma, from which she did not recover, dying three years later. It is unlikely that her death would have been noted as an abortion death.

This misuse of data means that the researchers are comparing apples and oranges, and certainly presenting an over-optimistic view of the safety of abortion.

"Abortion safer than giving birth: study" Genevra Pittman Reuters <http://www.chicagotribune.com/health/sns-rt-us-abortiontre80m2bs-20120123.0.2638751.story>; "The Cover-Up: Why U.S. Abortion Mortality Statistics Are Meaningless" David C. Reardon, <http://afterabortion.org/2000/the-cover-up-why-u-s-abortion-mortality-statistics-are-meaningless/>

Parts 2 and 3 of "Is Abortion Safer Than Childbirth?" will appear in the next issues.

House votes on pain-capability issue

The U.S. House of Representatives in Washington voted 220 to 154 to prevent abortion of pain-capable unborn children in Washington, D.C. Although it had a 66 vote majority, H.R. 3803 did not pass because it was short of the two-thirds vote required under the fast-track procedure utilized.

H.R. 3803 contains findings that by 20 weeks after fertilization (if not earlier), the unborn child has the capacity to experience great pain. The bill prohibits abortion after that point, except when an acute physical condition endangers the life of the mother. Eight states have already enacted abortion limitations based on the pain suffered by unborn children.

Lame duck warning - Quack! Quack!

Do we have your e-mail address? During the campaign season, legislators want to be on the road campaigning. However, once the election is over and Congress and the NYS Legislature go back into session, individual legislators may feel a little more free to do things that their constituents don't want them to do. (1) They just got re-elected (or didn't) and (2) they think maybe you're not watching them.

Please make sure we have your e-mail address. When we see legislation coming up that you could fruitfully take part in, we will let you know. Things change quickly, and an e-mail or a phone call is frequently the only way to get you into the fight before it's over.

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ObamaCare's IPAB removed by the House

In March, the House voted to eliminate IPAB, the Independent Payment Advisory Board, which is tasked with preventing total medical spending from keeping up with the rate of medical inflation, which translates to fewer services for patients.

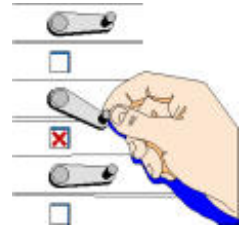
Rep. John Fleming, a practicing physician, said the IPAB is "a socialist dream, but it's a nightmare for the American people" that would adversely affect Medicare. It is unlikely that the current Senate will take up the bill.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/2chambers/post/bill-stripping-parts-of-health-care-law-passes-house/2012/03/22/gIQAp9LqTS_blog.html

For almost 40 years American babies have been killed - over a million a year.

Protect babies, mothers, families, the disabled, the aged and ourselves.

VOTE on Tuesday, November 6th 2012



The Rochester Area Right to Life Committee, Inc. Political Action Committees (PAC), in consultation with national and regional right to life representatives, based on candidates' voting records, and challengers' responses to questions about abortion and euthanasia - such as human embryonic stem cell research, cloning, Medicaid abortion funding, partial-birth abortion ban, parental notification of a minor's abortion - have determined the candidates below to be "pro-life" in their opposition to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. We support their candidacies.

President of the United States of America: Mitt Romney (R)

Vice-President of the United States of America: Paul Ryan (R)

United States Senator: Wendy Long (R)

NCE = No Candidate Endorsed

County	Congressional District	State Senate District	State Assembly District
Erie	26 CALL FOR UPDATE 27 CALL FOR UPDATE	59, 60, 61, 63 NCE	141 142, 149 NCE 140 Robin Schimminger 143 Dennis Gabryszak 144 Jane Corwin 147 David DiPietro (R)
Genesee	27 CALL FOR UPDATE	61 NCE	139 NCE
Livingston	27 CALL FOR UPDATE	57 Catharine Young (R) 59 NCE	133 NCE
Monroe	25 CALL FOR UPDATE 27 CALL FOR UPDATE	55, 59, 61 NCE 54 Michael Nozzolio (R) 56 Joseph Robach (R) 62 George Maziarz (R)	133, 135, 136, 137, 139 NCE 134 Bill Reilich (R) 138 Peterson Vazquez
Niagara	26 CALL FOR UPDATE 27 CALL FOR UPDATE	62 George Maziarz (R)	142, 145, 146 NCE 140 Robin Schimminger
Ontario	23 Tom Reed (R) 27 CALL FOR UPDATE	54 Michael Nozzolio (R) 55 NCE	131 Brian Kolb (R)
Orleans	27 CALL FOR UPDATE	62 George Maziarz (R)	139 NCE 144 Jane Corwin
Oswego	23 Tom Reed (R)	48 NCE	115 Karen Bisso 122,124,128 NCE
Seneca	23 Tom Reed (R)	54 Michael Nozzolio (R)	131 Brian Kolb (R) 132 NCE
Steuben	23 Tom Reed (R)	58 NCE	132, 133 NCE 148 Joseph Giglio
Wayne	24 Ann Marie Buerkle	54 Michael Nozzolio (R)	130 Robert Oaks
Wyoming	27 CALL FOR UPDATE	59 NCE	147 David DiPietro (R)
Yates	23 Tom Reed (R)	58 NCE	132 NCE

CALL FOR UPDATE means that at press time insufficient information was available.

Call (585) 621-4690 for updates in status or look on www.righttoliferoch.org

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Know where the candidates stand!

By Fr. Frank Pavone

On Election Day, our country will make critical decisions about the types of leaders we will have for years to come. If you have not been doing so, it is time to begin looking more carefully at the candidates who will be running.

To make the right decision when deciding on the candidates whom you will support, it is essential that you look carefully at the positions of the candidates in the race. This step in the process is critical in fulfilling your responsibilities as a faithful citizen, as you must participate in the political process with a fully informed conscience. This includes knowing the positions of the candidates.

- You can find this information in several places, such as newspapers, television news, voter guides, and on the internet.
- If these sources fail, you can always contact the candidate's campaign to make an inquiry about his or her position. If possible, this should be done well in advance of the election and should include a request for a response in writing. The reason for this is that, especially in local campaigns, phones can be answered by people who think they know more about the candidate than they actually do. Once you find sources of this information, be sure to review them carefully.

Frequently politicians make statements like, "I have always been personally pro-life," or, "I would never encourage a woman to have an abortion." Rather than offering comfort to pro-life voters, statements like these should raise red flags, as they are typically followed by, "but I would never impose my personal beliefs on anybody else," or some similar statement. Even in cases in which these words do not follow, they are often implied. In such cases, be sure to look for a clearer statement of the candidate's position, again, in writing if possible.

And remember, the key question is not simply what the candidate believes. Ask what the candidate *will do* to restore protection to the unborn.

- You should also look at a candidate's voting record. This is extremely easy with members of Congress

as you can simply contact any one of a number of national organizations that track votes as part of their regular activity. They will be able to inform you how your Congressman and Senator voted on the bills that have come before them. You can often obtain similar information about state candidates from pro-life organizations within your state.

Pay attention to what individuals or groups have endorsed, promoted, volunteered for or contributed to the campaign of a candidate. This says a lot about what the candidate stands for. You will know a person by his or her friends.

Finally, remember that elections not only put candidates into power, but they put parties into power, too. In voting for a candidate, you should know the positions of the candidate and also the positions of the party to which he/she belongs.

From the website of Priests for Life

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/candidates/>

Priests for Life also publishes a 2012 Presidential Voters Guide and a comparison of the 2012 Democratic and Republican party platform. Both are legally approved by the Alliance Defense Fund for distribution by churches, C-3 qualified based on IRS guidelines.

Area Events of Interest

Saturday, October 20	Natural Law Symposium – see Page 6 for details.
	Stand Up for Religious Freedom. Rally begins 12:00 noon at Washington Park Square (181 South Clinton), near St. Mary's R.C. Church, downtown Rochester. http://standupforreligiousfreedom.com/
	"Celebrate Life" Banquet, speaker Jill Kelly, Greece Assembly of God Church at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$35. Benefit for Crossroads Pregnancy Care. Call Florence Thomas (585) 368-0746.
	Western New York Regional Students for Life Conference, 11:00 am-4:00 pm at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda. Call Phil Eddy at (518) 391-0962 or e-mail peddy@studentsforlife.org .
Sunday, October 28	Candidate Night 2012 at 6:00 pm at First Bible Baptist Church, 990 Manitou Road, Hilton, NY
Tuesday, October 30	"A Physician Looks at ObamaCare" presentation by Dr. Katherine Lammers. Rochester Area Right to Life Annual Meeting. 5:30 pm potluck supper, 7:00 program. Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center in Greece. Public welcome, no charge. Call RARTL at (585) 621-4690 for questions or to RSVP.
Sunday, November 4	End of 40 Days for Life campaign.
Tuesday, November 6	Election Day – VOTE!
Friday, January 25, 2013	March for Life in Washington, DC. See the list of contacts on Page 7 for bus transportation. This is the 40 th March for Life.
March 16, 2013	Break for Life 2013, a day for the youth.
April 18, 2013	Women's Care Center Gala at the Webster Country Club.

Come Join Us! Tuesday, October 30, 2012

“A Physician Looks at Obamacare”

a presentation by

Katherine Lammers, MD, FACOG



Dr. Lammers received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology and English from Canisius College in Buffalo in the year 1983. She commenced medical training at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and was awarded an M.D. degree in 1987.

Dr. Lammers received her specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York. Her particular interests during residency included laparoscopic and minimally invasive surgery as well as psychosocial issues in ob/gyn, such as clinical depression, PMS, perinatal loss and menopause.

She has been practicing medicine since 1991.



Bonus Speaker: Brenden Flynn, who by rights should be dead. He is an example of medical survival against doctors' predictions. After a horrific car accident, doctors advised his mother to let him die. Thanks to her refusal, he is today a married man and has a baby daughter.

Potluck Supper with Speakers

Holy Name of Jesus Church in the Parish Center
15 Saint Martin's Way (off Bonesteel Street in Greece)
Rochester, NY 14616

All are invited. No charge!

5:30 PM Doors open for you to nibble finger food, and chat with your fellow pro-lifers, and peruse the displays.

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Program

Please call the office at (585) 621-4690 to tell Pat if you're coming and if you can bring a dish to share.

Also, please tell her if you would be able to offer a ride to someone else.

**Can't bring anything to share? Come anyway.
Can't call? Then JUST COME!**

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New Blood Test for Down Syndrome

The headline in the British Telegraph reads “Blood test for Down's 'could avert 300 miscarriages a year' ”

The 300 averted miscarriages are those that result from the amniocentesis that frequently follows a positive nuchal translucency screening, suggesting that the unborn child has Down syndrome. These 300 miscarriages are considered undesirable only because some of the babies miscarried do not have Down syndrome.

Professor Kypros Nicolaides expects that this new blood test will be done routinely for pregnant women in England in five years. Reported to be more than 99% accurate, it was developed by LifeCodexx. It is currently available in Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland.

Joannes Bucher of LHI in Austria is more direct. His title is “New Prenatal Test Will Bring Eugenics Back to Germany.” He says, “It seems that we are in for another life protection scandal in Europe, and possibly for the return of mainstream eugenics to German-speaking Europe.”

He says it will “put unborn children with Down syndrome at increased risk for abortion” but warns that it won't stop there. The CEO of LifeCodexx anticipates that the test should soon also be able to identify “other chromosomal mutations such as trisomy 13 and 18.”

The German Down Syndrome Information Center points out that people with Down syndrome “will, in the long run, be the first people with a different genetic makeup to disappear from our society, and with the tacit approval of the majority.”

“Blood test for Down's 'could avert 300 miscarriages a year' “ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/9518668/Blood-test-for-Downs-could-avert-300-miscarriages-a-year.html>

“New Prenatal Test Will Bring Eugenics Back to Germany” *Joannes Bucher resides in Austria and is the regional coordinator for Europe at Human Life International.* <http://www.hliworldwatch.org/?p=1717>

Obamacare, Tax Consequences, and the Constitution

Natural Law Symposium - FREE

The controversial Obamacare HHS mandate requiring certain employers to provide early abortions, sterilizations, and contraceptives to their employees as “health care”, or face heavy taxes, despite long held conscientious moral objection to such practices, has raised serious questions of Religious Freedom, Rights of Individual Conscience, and who is to define Church values. The Natural Law is a pillar on which the US Constitution rests. The Symposium will endeavor to explain the basics of Natural Law, as applied to these regulations as well as the constitutional and statutory considerations. The scheduled presenters and topics are:

- **Overview:** Honorable William P Polito , NYS Supreme Court
- **Natural Law Perspective:** Father Jack Healy, O.Carm.
- **Tax consequences of non- compliance and options:** Jennifer Tenebruso Lockemeyer, Esq., J.D, with Tax Cert.
- **The Constitution and The Religious Freedom Restoration Act perspectives:** James M. Valenti, Esq., J.D., LL.M.
- **Panel Discussion**

Reserve your spot. Contact J.Lockemeyer at 266-7780 or jen.lockemeyer@yahoo.com for more details.

St. John Fisher College, Atrium in the New Pharmacy Building

October 20, 2012 10 A.M. to 1:00 PM

Registration at 9:30 A.M.

Remembering Carlos Lima

According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, Dr. Carlos Lima died suddenly on June 21, 2012. He will be remembered for a long time by legions of grateful patients.

Dr. Lima used adult stem cells to treat many patients who were paralyzed as a result of damage to their spinal cords. Most were healthy young adults who were injured in vehicle collisions. He pioneered a technique of extracting stem cells from the olfactory mucosa of the patient and then putting those cells at the location of the spinal cord where the break was.

His patients came to him in Portugal from all around the world. Paul Rudat, of Canadaigua, was one of them. Injured in a diving accident on the day of his high school graduation, Rudat went to Portugal to be treated by Dr. Lima. Afterwards, with physical therapy, he went from being wheelchair-bound to being able to walk with what he called “moon boots.”

Dr. Jean Peduzzi-Nelson has been working at Wayne State University to bring his technique to the point of clinical trials here in the US. She has participated in the stem cell transplant process, including the process of scar tissue removal in Portugal with the rehabilitation of patients being done in Portugal and Italy.

<http://www.lozierinstitute.org/2012/07/dr-carlos-lima-adult-stem-cell-pioneer-dies/>

SOM researcher finds adult stem cell grafts increased mobility in paralyzed patients <http://prognosis.med.wayne.edu/article/som-researcher-finds-adult-stem-cell-grafts-increased-mobility-in-paralyzed-patients>

Suggested prayers

Please become a **prayer partner**. Spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer about life issues to provide a 24-hour prayer shield over our area. Join in the following monthly prayer themes that

October: those who daily end the lives of unborn children may have their eyes opened to the results of their actions.

November: as we go to the polls and vote, we seek God's help and guidance.

December: the actions of those in the medical professions may always respect the right to life from conception to natural death.



IN MEMORIAM

Georgia Cowles
(Tami Menges)

Kevin McAfee
(son of Tom McAfee)

Deceased Russo & Skill Families
(Mr. & Mrs. Joe Russo)

IN HONOR OF

Gerry Oftedahl
(Mary Monroe Smith)

March for Life in Washington, D.C. **Friday, January 25** **Bus Contacts**

Rochester, EARLY departure, a specialized trip for youth, January 24 – 26, leaving from Holy Apostles Church. For information on possible space or if interested in sponsoring a student, call Rev. Anthony Mugavero (254-7170).

In the evening of Thursday, January 24, buses will be leaving from various locations, to come back the following night:

- Webster - Church of the Holy Spirit - charge is \$35. Contact person is Sandy Giannavola (585) 387-0993 or e-mail at committeeoflife@yahoo.com.
- Fairport – St. John of Rochester - \$25 for students and \$60 for adults. Contact Donna Nemeth at 425-3606.
- North Chili – Church of St. Pius X. Contact Jan Armstrong at (585) 293-1717
- Canadaigua – St. Mary's. Contact person is Debbie DeMarco at (585) 248-2647.

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Point to Ponder

Quote from actress and director Penny Marshall, whose first pregnancy produced her daughter and whose second pregnancy ended in abortion. "I'm pro-choice. But I'm glad that there was no choice back then, because I have a wonderful daughter and three grandchildren." Taken from Dave Andrusko's National Right to Life News Today September 25, 2012

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What A Great Garage Sale 2012

Thanks to all the helpers who unpacked goods every morning, packed them back up at night to be locked up, and staffed the sale during the hours in between.

Thank you to all who donated. Thank you to all who shopped. Some of you donated during the sale and THEN stayed to shop!

An enormous thank-you to Marylee Wilk and her husband Tom Tripiciano for allowing RARTL to take over their house, garage, and driveway for the four days of the sale, with special mention to Tom for cooking lunch for the crew each day.

Thank you also to Joyce and Karl Maxim, who opened their knife and scissors sharpening booth at the sale, donating the proceeds to RARTL.

We made \$1,266 through merchandise sales and \$77 through the knife and scissors sharpening, for a total of \$1,343. Congratulations to all!

Please note: If you happen to discover sometime in the coming months that you have items you would like to remove from your house for donation to next summer's garage sale, please call the office. If they aren't too big, we would love to have them.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!