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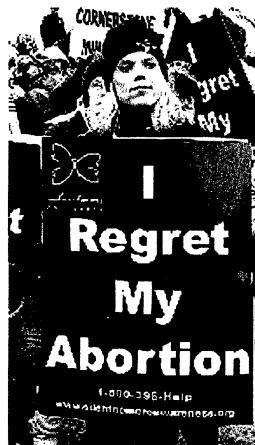


The March for Life in Washington, D.C., on January 23 was acclaimed a grand success by its founder, Nellie Gray. The rally included 125,000, the majority of whom were young people. THE WORD IS GETTING TO THESE CURRENT AND FUTURE VOTERS! LIFE begins at conception! A picture is worth a thousand words, and our modern technology allows us to SEE the baby growing from its smallest stages in the mother's womb and to hear the heartbeat.



There was also a second annual March for Life in San Francisco and 15,000 participated. Both coasts are witnessing to the fact that the majority of Americans are not in favor of abortion on demand.

We are seeing more and more women who have had abortions and realize years later the wrong they did to themselves as well as their child and are expressing their deep sorrow -- and fathers are coming forward as well. The Rachel Ministry here in Rockland sees this happening. They meet at the Marian Shrine.

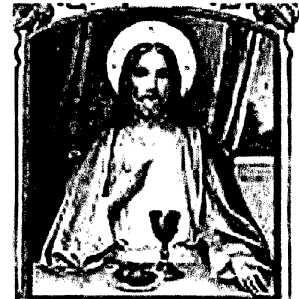


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### Viva Papa

Pope Benedict XVI in his Christmas homily said, "Western culture is caught up in a technological age." He went on to say that we are barren in our morality; we are people of shallow faith who leave the church in time of scandals. He told the bishops they must preach realistically, boldly, optimistically, giving clear, courageous witness to Jesus Christ. Although they have to be prudent and sensitive, they must be clear on what is right and wrong. They should also promote the Rosary and Eucharistic adoration.

In the Pope's Epiphany message, he said, "I would like the whole church to renew humanity by evangelizing. We have to point out the darkness and reveal the light." Where is the light? It is in the Sacred Host, the Holy Eucharist. We can all have courage because Christ said, "Lo, I am with you until the end of time." Open your hearts wide and allow Christ's gentle grace to come in. How are we to turn the heat up on the lukewarmness of people? Point to the Eucharist.



In our county, there has been an increase in Eucharistic Adorations. Why not try to sit, talk, adore Jesus in this wonderful way? It brings many graces to you and your intentions. Here in Rockland, there is a 24-hour Eucharistic devotion at St. Gregory's in Garnerville and St. Joan of Arc in Sloatsburg. Several churches have First Friday Eucharistic Devotions at various hours, and at the Marian Shrine on Wednesdays. Check your bulletins and call the Shrine for times. Jesus will never forget your efforts!

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## God won't ask what kind of car you drove, he'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

### Stem Cell Research

We must continue to do whatever we can to stop embryonic stem cell research, also called, "therapeutic research." Morally, we believe this to be the beginning of life and using it for research and then destroying it is the killing of a person. On January 10, 2006, the NY State Assembly passed bill A.6300. This bill prohibits "reproductive cloning" and enables "therapeutic cloning," which kills human embryos. This bill now sits in the Senate health committee awaiting action. Please contact State Senator Morahan to thank him for opposing funding of this research at 845-425-1818.

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### Parents Be on Your Guard!

- Don't turn your children's education over to the schools. Know the curriculum: Recently, a Rockland school nurse was going to show a health class video about the dangers of smoking. When she viewed the film, it began with two gays kissing! Upon looking at the handouts, she found the distributor was a Gay and Lesbian group.
- In North Rockland, children in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade are being introduced to the reproduction process by guest speakers from Planned Parenthood. The sex ed has been approved by the school board and parents have been told nothing about it. How many other public schools in Rockland do the same thing? Why not have meetings for parents, with a detailed health curriculum so they can have some say in the sex ed of their own children?
- The NY State Dem.-led Assembly last year passed the Healthy Teens Act. It died in the Senate, but Sen. Nicholas Spano is sponsoring it again. Said Spano, "Teens are

having sex at an earlier age. We can't afford to keep our heads in the sand." The Catholic Conference of NYS sees it differently: "The contraception education, we believe, is based on faulty assumptions, and one of them is that teenage sexual activity is inevitable." The Healthy Teens Act would permit sex ed to be developed by the community organization and schools with what they felt would best suit their students needs.

- The Rockland Family Shelter advertises, "Exciting Program for Teens! Get paid, have fun, and earn community service credits. SAEDA (Student Activists Ending Dating Abuse)" It's interesting that the students are counseled NOT to share any information discussed at the meeting with ANYONE. If it's a good thing, why the secrecy? Also, Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, advertises, "Attention Teens; TIPS has a job for you!! BECOME A PEER EDUCATOR. ...trains teen educators to provide health and sexuality information and referrals to teenagers in Rockland Cty." This is from the largest abortion provider in the country; parents need to be notified here in NY. This is the organization that provided a public informational service at Finkelstein Memorial Library last year aimed at teens, with explicit information on "safe sex," which included oral sex!
- Movie shown at the Nyack Center, Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: *The Education of Shelby Knox*, brought to the public by PP Hudson Peconic, VCS Community Change Project, Rockland Youth Bureau, the Nyack Center, and the Rivertown Film Society. Tickets were free. The movie "is a coming-of-age story about a teenage girl

and avowed virgin-until-marriage who joins a campaign for high school-based sex ed in Lubbock, TX. During the campaign, she faces questions about how to be a good Christian and passionate about the issue, while her parents try to balance their daughter's emerging adulthood and their conservative values." In the end, she is open to sex before marriage. There is also a strong pro-gay agenda in the film. The only redeeming thing to come out of the movie is that it promoted openness between parent and child.

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### Education Tax Credits

Those fighting for school vouchers have seen strong opposition by the Teacher's Union. Are not our children in private schools the same as those in public schools? How many tax payers pay school taxes and do not have children in the system?

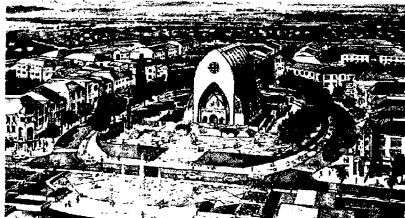
The NYS Catholic Conference made great points regarding this issue:

- All parents bear expenses for their children's education beyond what they pay in local and state taxes.
- Education Tax Credits can help all parents meet the educational needs of their children.
- It costs more than \$14,000 annually on average to send a child to public school. The parents of the 500,000 children in independent and religious schools save taxpayers more than \$7 billion each year. Encouraging more parents to choose religious and independent schools will save the state significant money, enabling even greater financial support of public schools. To find out additional information on the above subjects, go to [www.nyscatholics.org](http://www.nyscatholics.org).

God won't ask the square footage of your house, he'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.



Thomas S. Monaghan, the millionaire founder of Domino's Pizza and ardent Roman Catholic, has, in a manner of speaking, decided to put his money where his mouth is and is in the process of bankrolling the building of a new university, the Ave Maria University, located 25 miles east of Naples, FL. In addition, Mr. Monaghan goes further and intends to build a town around the university with a European inspired town center with a massive church and sixty-five foot crucifix as its centerpiece.



It's envisioned that Ave Maria town will have 11,000 homes, housing 20,000 people and community stores that will have leases with restrictions on the sale of certain items. Items such as birth control pills, X-rated TV channels, adult bookstores, and other articles and practices that run counter to Church teachings, will be prohibited where legally possible.

Mr. Monaghan deserves all the support that we can give him, for despite the blessings of Gov. Jeb Bush, the ACLU is undoubtedly preparing to counter his plans. Mr. Monaghan's words, on selling his business in 1998, bear repeating: "I believe all of history is just one big

battle between good and evil and I don't want to be on the sidelines." For more info: [www.avemaria.com](http://www.avemaria.com) and [www.naples.avemaria.edu](http://www.naples.avemaria.edu).

#### Look at What Public Pressure and Money can Effect!

A group of Catholic investors and their allies are bringing more than money to their boardrooms -- morality strings are now attached. As a result of their activities, Walt Disney Co. has a Roman Catholic priest on its board of directors, while Whirlpool Corp. no longer donates to Planned Parenthood. There are many more instances where faith-based investors have levered compliance with decency agendas through the power of their money. One such fund, Aquinas Funds, headquartered Dallas, has committed to advancing Catholic values, managing \$170 million behind the pro-life cause. Aquinas leans on drug-makers, hospitals, and insurance companies (whose stock the funds own) to quit offering contraception or abortion services.



#### A Good Thing

Under the law, if a student in high school forms a club (of three or more,) the club can request to have a program brought to the school, which gives information and promotes chastity/abstinence. For further info, call 845-623-4893.

#### Watch Out!

Beware of charities to which you donate. Some well-known charities sponsor activities that are opposed to our moral values, such as counsel for abortion when a baby in utero has a disease.

#### Pornography

Pornography is having devastating effects on young and old alike. Have we ever heard of so many sex crimes being committed? Even "good" marriages report husbands are indulging "online." Nyack's so-called "adult store," limited to 10 to midnight, M-Th and 10 to 3 am F-Sun after irate villagers protested its request to be open 24 hours was denied. Say a Hail Mary as you pass these stores and clubs, that they be rooted out entirely!

#### Gay Agenda

The Gay Agenda is a very sensitive issue. Everyone has a relative or friend who fits this lifestyle. God loves us all, but we must remember that God created Adam and Eve and their job was to procreate, care for, and protect children. Thus male and female became parents, and they became the basic structure of society. Don't be taken in by media pressure to allow gay marriage. It's a false premise and promotes false compassion. Support for gay marriage has recently fallen to 51%, down from 63%.

#### Priests for Life

Bishops of U.S. have said that each parish should have an intercession for life at every Mass (not just on Sunday.) Fr. Pavone from Priests for Life suggests having Masses said for those in a crisis pregnancy, abortion doctors, those who have had an abortion, etc. Call 888-PLF-3448. Web: [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).



God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, he'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

Planned Parenthood

Per *Celebrate Life*, Mar-Apr 2006, Planned Parenthood is big business! Everyone who respects human life has every reason to fight PP and here's why:

1915: PP listed abortion as a method of birth control (Margaret Sanger, founder.)

1955: PP laid plans to select states easiest to liberalize abortion.

1965: Supreme Court struck down remaining laws against contraception. PP immediately went into action.

1967: Abortion laws liberalized in Colorado.

1970: Under the guidance of PP, abortion became legal in NY (Syracuse clinic opened.)

1973: Roe v. Wade decision; 14 states made abortion easier to obtain.

1978: Faye Wattleton, PP Pres.: 70,000 abortions increasing to more than 132,000 per year

1993: Pamela Maraldo, a prof. nurse, PP Pres., upped abortions to 139,000 per year by 1995.

1996: Gloria Feldt PP Pres. skyrocketed abortion rate to 255,000 per year by 2004.

The abortion total: 3,800,000 babies killed by PP since 1970. PP has 872 full-service and express clinics across the country, of which 173 are surgical abortion clinics. These clinics perform 255,000 abortions per year. 1 out of every 5 in the US is done by them. No other facility does as many.

In the 2001 terrorist attacks, 3,000 were killed. Every week, 4,900 innocents are killed at PP clinics.

Jim Sedlak, Executive Director of American Life League's STOPP

International asks that you sign a petition at: [www.StopPlannedParenthoodTaxFunding.com](http://www.StopPlannedParenthoodTaxFunding.com)

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A Mystery

Unfortunately, Planned Parenthood is receiving over \$20,000 of our tax dollars again this year. They say it is to provide a Spanish-language healthcare worker in their Spring Valley clinic. Strange! Two county clinics already have this service, and both are in locations readily accessible by public transportation, one in Nyack near the hospital and the other at the Yeager Center in Pomona. PLEASE speak up at the monthly legislature meetings. It's easy. Just write down what you want to say and read it. You have to sign in around 7 pm and put your name on the list of those wishing to speak for 2 minutes or less. The building is on New Hempstead Rd. near the Court House

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Tidbits

• Planned Parenthood opposes parental notification laws, but abortion rates declined significantly among Texas girls of every age after the state enacted such laws.

• Keep your eye on the Supreme Court. In January, they blocked the Bush administration's attempt to punish doctors who help terminally ill patients die, protecting Oregon's one-of-a-kind assisted-suicide law.

• In a stunning decision released on March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's second attempt to ban the phrase "Choose Life" from the pro-adoption specialty plate in NYS.

• Our state lawmakers want to give \$28,000 to NARAL, a pro-choice organization that lobbies the state on a host of issues. This is just one of the 23,000 pork projects totalling 479 million taxpayer dollars!

• Catholic Charities Chairperson Father Bryan Hehir of Boston ran a fundraiser. The honoree was Mayor Menimo, who is pro-abortion and supports gay marriage. Archbishop O'Malley did not attend. The honoree said the church should stick to teaching the faithful as the above was not doctrine. *Watch where you give your money!*

• A good book to purchase: *Women Who Made the World Worse*, written by National Review's Kate O'Beirne. The book concerns women from the 1960's on, such as Betty Friedan, who she quotes as saying there is an overnurturing of children. In an interview on EWTN, O'Beirne said that history is being rewritten. For instance, books are being written for school children in California so that there is a gender balance! Have too many men accomplished too much?

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Thanks for your support. Your donations paid for Msgr. John Smith's outstanding presentation in the fall and will pay for our beautiful pro-life ad in the Journal News in May, as well as our newsletter.

DONATIONS

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