

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Legislative Update on Planned Parenthood Funding in NJ



"Behind every 'no' in the difficult task of discerning between good and evil, there shines a great 'yes' to the recognition of the dignity and inalienable value of every single and unique human being called into existence."

Dignitas Personae,
Vatican Instruction
on the use of
biotechnology

Headlining this month's pro-life news is yet another attempt in the state legislature to provide millions of dollars to Planned Parenthood agencies in New Jersey.

Last month, the State Senate passed Democrat Senator Loretta Weinberg's \$7.45M appropriation for women's "health" and "family planning" services.

A vote on the companion bill, **A3914**, will likely take place in the Assembly this month and with very little warning.

New Jersey is in financial crisis. Hidden investigatory videos have repeatedly shown Planned Parenthood facilities aiding and abetting child prostitution, statutory rape and human trafficking. Time to end government subsidies for this corrupt industry!

Call your Assemblyman NOW and tell him: **no taxpayer dollars for abortion services!**

Upcoming Events

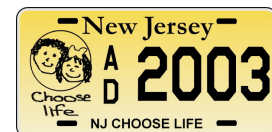
Saturday, June 18

Choices of the Heart
Annual Walk for Life
Washington Lake Park
Green Lakes Park
9 AM
Flier in St. Martha Room

Sept 28 - Nov 6

40 Days for Life Vigil at
Cherry Hill Women's Ctr
Details soon!

Reminder...



Applications for the new "Choose Life" NJ license plates are available in the St. Martha Room. The process is easy and the price is reasonable (about \$50 total). It's a beautiful way to spread the pro-life message!

Dr. Ruppertsberger Sheds Light on Bioethical Questions

Parishioners and visitors to Mater Ecclesiae were treated last month to a wonderful presentation by Dr. Lester Ruppertsberger, an OB/Gyn from Bucks County, Pa. With clarity and a down-to-earth style, Dr. Ruppertsberger provided insight on the many bioethical questions facing our society today.

Some notable remarks from his presentation:

- **Only about 20% of medical schools still take the original Hippocratic Oath to “do no harm”.**
- **“Science is an invaluable tool, but it is not intended to change theology.”**
- **“Doctors do not have the authority to dispose of people or decide their fate.”**
When doctors interfere with the natural procreative process, they attempt to be “like God”, reminiscent of the first sin, when the devil told Eve that if she ate of the forbidden fruit, she would become “like God”.
- **“Children are a gift, not a right.”**



Lester Ruppertsberger, D.O., F.A.C.O.O.G.

Dr. Ruppertsberger spoke touchingly of his own personal experiences and what he called the “gift of infertility”. When his wife Betty miscarried early in their marriage and was unable to conceive again, they adopted a son who is now 37, has 5 children (& one on the way) and is a physician himself. Following the adoption of their son, the Ruppertsbergers were blessed with another son, naturally conceived, whom Betty describes as “our miracle baby”.

Dr. Ruppertsberger himself was an adopted child.

Dr. Ruppertsberger explained that any surgeries or medications that help the fertility of couples are fully supported by the Catholic Church. But he cautioned that artificial fertility procedures that substitute for the conjugal act are not permissible.



**Edie Console
and
Betty Ruppertsberger**



**Dr. R chats with
Lou DiLoreto.**