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### **Molloy College Hosts Lecture: “The Feminist Case Against Abortion”**

Molloy College will be hosting a lecture “The Feminist Case Against Abortion” on March 27, 2006 at 3:30 pm in the Hays Theatre, Wilbur Arts Center at Molloy College. This lecture is sponsored by Feminists for Life of NY (Long Island Chapter) and the Long Island Chapter of University Faculty for Life.

The President of Feminists for Life of America, Serrin Foster, will address 200 years of pro-life feminism and explain how the modern women’s movement came to support abortion. Foster’s speech has been included in the anthology *Women’s Rights*, published in 2001 as one in a series entitled “Great Speeches in History.”

Ms. Foster is widely recognized as a national spokesperson for pro-life feminism. During the 1996 Republican National Convention, Ms. Foster joined fellow pro-life advocates Ambassador Alan Keyes and *USA Today* special correspondent Linda Chavez in an abortion debate with Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania at an event hosted by the Creative Coalition. In 2000, Ms. Foster participated in a panel discussion on abortion at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. She was joined by Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of the National Abortion and Reproductive Right Action League (NARAL) and Gloria Feldt, President of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the country, and Bill Baird, Director of Pro-Choice League.

Internationally, Ms. Foster presented “The Feminist Case Against Abortion” in 2000 at the annual Life Conference in Stormont, Northern Ireland and was a featured speaker in 1998 at the first-ever joint pro-life and pro-choice conference in Dublin, Ireland,

entitled “5000 Too Many,” a reference to the number of women who leave Ireland for abortions in the United Kingdom each year.

Founded in 1972, FFL is a national non-sectarian, grassroots organization that continues the efforts of the early American feminists, including Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, to systematically eliminate the root causes that drive women to abortion by facilitating practical solutions. FFL has emerged as the link between the pro-life and pro-choice organizations, working on legislative efforts such as child support enforcement and the Violence Against Women Act, and opposing the child exclusion provisions in welfare reform.

FFL has distributed pregnancy resource kits to colleges across the country and is leading a discussion on developing practical resources for pregnant and parenting students. Planned Parenthood’s Insider newsletter calls the program “the newest and most challenging concept” in college organizing and predicts that it “could have a profound impact” on colleges “as well as Planned Parenthood’s education and advocacy efforts.”

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