



Gianna Jessen.

Abortion survivor to speak at NUI Galway

BY MARY O'CONNOR

An American woman who survived being aborted as an unborn baby and who has been described as a "modern day miracle" will tell her story in Galway next week.

Gianna Jessen is visiting Ireland as part of the Revelation Tour which

is being organised by the pro-life student network Ultrasound. She will speak at the O' hEocha Theatre at NUI Galway at 7pm on Thursday November 24 during the tour which takes in six universities over an eight day period.

Gianna's mother underwent a saline abortion when Gianna was an unborn baby of seven months.

"This left Gianna burning inside her womb for 18 hours," says Eoghan de Faoite, events co-ordinator with Ultrasound. "This should have killed her but miraculously she survived. A nurse at the abortion facility took pity on her and she was saved. Gianna suffers from cerebral palsy as a result of the abortion but this does not stop her from travelling the world to share her story. She has been featured on major TV shows in the US and internationally and has also testified before Congress.

"She has an amazing story to tell of survival, perseverance and triumph

and will surely captivate every student who comes to listen to her."

Ms Jessen says she survived against the odds. "I should be blind and burned, I should be dead. I was aborted but I did not die".

Mr de Faoite says the Revelation Tour is designed to bring "the truth about abortion to over 50,000 college students".

"Our aim is to create awareness about abortion and related issues on college campuses across the country. This tour is our biggest project to date. A pro-life blitz of colleges, on such a scale as this tour, has never been seen before in Ireland and promises to gain the attention of thousands of students."

The tour involve 15 Ultrasound team members promoting the pro-life message on campus during the day and inviting students to Ms Jessen's talk in the evening.

Ultrasound was formed in March 2002 and consists of pro-life students across various universities. This

is its third college featuring international roadshow but the first speakers.

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Woman (84) dies in Kilbeacanty house fire

BY UNA SINNOTT

Gardaí are investigating whether a candle was the source of a house fire which claimed the life of an elderly woman near Gort at the weekend.

Emergency services were alerted to a fire in a house in Cloondine, Kilbeacanty at around 11.30pm on Saturday. Fire services from Gort and Loughrea attended the blaze along with gardaí from Gort.

A woman was found in a bedroom of the

house and she was brought to hospital by ambulance. She was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The woman has been named as Mary Margaret Lynch (84), who was known to friends and family as Pauline. Gardai have carried out a technical examination of her house and the fire is not believed to have been the result of foul play. It is understood the investigation into the fire is centred on the possibility that a candle had been left burning in the kitchen of the house. Mrs Lynch was buried yesterday.



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