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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs? Is it consistent for practicing Catholics to ignore or exploit the poor and the marginalized, to promote sexual behavior contrary to Catholic moral teaching, or to adopt positions that contradict the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death? Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to U.S. Bishops, April 16, 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

As a boy of fourteen, Joseph Ratzinger had a cousin who had been born with Down's Syndrome, only a bit younger than himself. In 1941, German state "therapists" came to the boy's house and probably informed the parents of the government regulation that prohibited mentally handicapped children from remaining in their parents' home. In spite of the family's pleas, the representatives of the Nazi state took the child away. The Ratzinger family never saw him again. Later the family learned that he had "died," most likely murdered, for being "undesirable," a blemish in the race and a drain on the productivity of the nation. This was Joseph Ratzinger's first experience of a murderous philosophy that asserts that some people are disposable. ([Catholic Exchange](#))



Prayers are desperately needed for Europe, especially Malta, Poland, Ireland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino :

STRASBOURG, April 16, 2008 ([LifeSiteNews.com](#)) - The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe has passed a resolution to declare unlimited legal abortion an unconditional right. The Assembly passed the resolution with 102 to 69 votes with 14 abstentions. Amendments seeking to make the resolution less extreme in its promotion of abortion were rejected.

Human Life of Seattle has been invited to participate in staffing a booth at the West Seattle Junction Street Fair, which will occur on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 11, 12, and 13. This would be a new activity for them.

About ten years ago, there was a right-to-life booth in that street fair, but that was stopped in later years after complaints. In recent years, though, both Planned Parenthood and NARAL have had booths. Apparently there has been a change in management of the fair. There is support for a booth from the West Seattle Ministerial Association (which includes the pastor of Holy Rosary Church) and from Healing Hearts, a Protestant group with a mission similar to that of Project Rachel. The plan is, though, for any booth to be under the "Human Life of Washington" banner.

Ted Nutting, President of Human Life of Seattle, is canvassing to see if there is enough interest for Human Life to support this endeavor. The affiliate is already extended by its booth in the Fremont Fair in June, and Ted is seeking some outside support for the West Seattle Junction Fair.

He notes that his affiliate, though secular, has a membership that is predominantly Catholic. For years they have wanted to reach out to other pro-life organizations, but they haven't had much success. This could be an opportunity to do that.

If you might be interested in helping staff the booth, please contact Ted at theodorenutting@msn.com.



Please visit the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) and [make a donation to this organization](#) to help them defeat I-1000. As Rita Marker recently shared, "Everyone who opposes assisted suicide is a Washingtonian for the next year." (*Celebrate Life*, March-April 2008, p. 32) Let us show our country that we value human life and that killing people (via assisted suicide) because they are sick or disabled is *never* acceptable.

EVENTS

SHOW THE TRUTH WASHINGTON'S Cross State Tour

[Show the Truth](#) has scheduled its annual "Cross State Tour." The adults and teens (the teens really do a great job) will tour from **April 21 to April 25**. They will visit colleges/universities and abortion mills from the Olympia area to the Spokane area. **Donations for fuel and educational handout materials would be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.**

All are invited to participate who are pro-life and pledge to treat all they meet with respect. In four plus years, Show the Truth has not even had a traffic ticket! At the same time, it is very effective in changing hearts and minds. Call Ed Sauley for information: (360) 480-9329.

Bound4Life: The Mercy Seat

This Passover season, on **Saturday, April 26**, Bound4LIFE is gathering Christians around the nation to pray and fast at supreme courts in all 50 states, along with Washington, D.C.

Our justice system legalized abortion, and on April 26 we will gather at those courts in prayer to cry out for mercy and apply the blood of Christ to the doorposts of our national guilt.

WHAT: The Mercy Seat

DATE: **Saturday, April 26, 2008**

TIME: 9 AM - 4 PM

WHERE: **Temple of Justice (WA State Supreme Court), Olympia, WA**

Will you join with thousands as we cry out in united prayer?

The event is free, and everyone is invited to attend in whatever way their schedule allows. Come for a part of it or the whole day! Groups will be gathering at every supreme court from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Leaders and arrangements for each location are already in place.

Please register by visiting: www.bound4life.com/themercyseat

2008 could very well be a year that something extreme is required of America. If that's true, then let it be that God's people moved en masse to plead the blood of Jesus.

Thanks again for your willingness and heart to be a voice for the voiceless. I believe this is a key moment for the Body of Christ to stand together in intercession on behalf of the nation.

Contact Jamie Anderson (jamesfentonanderson@gmail.com) for more information

National Pro-Life T-shirt Day

American Life League's National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day is **April 29, 2008**. Visit their [store](#) to order your t-shirt.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

On Saturday, **May 3**, between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. the **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event is scheduled to take place. Please register for this prayer event by visiting [Saint Michael the Archangel Organization](#).

Dawn Eden

Fr. Sean Raftis is bringing a chastity speaker, Dawn Eden (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dawn_Eden) to the Seattle area. After working as a rock-n-roll historian and living the associated lifestyle as a single woman in New York City, Ms. Eden underwent a dramatic faith conversion. She is the author of the book, *The Thrill of the Chaste: Finding Fulfillment While Keeping Your Clothes On*.

On her blog *The Dawn Patrol*, she frequently critiques the organization Planned Parenthood and other pro-choice organizations from a pro-life standpoint, as well as exploring topics related to her religious faith (she was received into the Catholic Church in 2006) and her personal interests.

Itinerary:

- 1) **Seattle University: Friday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.** Bannan Hall, Room 102. Audience will be 18 years of age and older.
- 2) Book Signing: **Holy Family Parish hall, West Seattle**, 9622 - 20th Ave SW Saturday May 17th; after 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses. Book signing **Sunday, May 18**, after 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. and 12:30 Masses.
- 3) **Sunday, May 18, St. Stephen the Martyr Parish**, Dawn will address young adults 16 years of age and over; 13055 SE 192nd St., Renton, WA 98058; **6:30 p.m.** (after 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass).

Fr. Thomas Euteneur

Please mark your calendars for **May 23** and **May 24**. The [Helper's of God's Precious Infants](#) are bringing Fr. Thomas Euteneur to the Seattle area. More information will follow.

Bremerton Prayer Vigil

Please join us in praying outside the Bremerton Planned Parenthood abortuary, 623 Riddell Rd. in East Bremerton, on Thursdays from **8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** We meet on Thursdays, as this is when abortions take place at Planned Parenthood. We will be praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please visit [Kitsap 40 Days for Life](#) to sign up to participate.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

For more information regarding upcoming Prayer Vigils, please visit [Helper's of God's Precious Infants](#).

Holy Family, Seattle Activities

Please join us at our weekly Friday morning prayer vigil in front of the West Seattle Planned Parenthood at 9641 28th Ave SW. We leave from Holy Family Parish (9622 - 20th Ave SW) at 7:15 a.m. We especially welcome those who can join us, either walking from the parish at 7:15 a.m. or in front of the clinic from 7:30 to 8:10 a.m. We walk back to the parish in time for the 8:30 a.m. Friday morning Mass. All are welcome to participate.

Olympia Activities

9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. each Friday

Catholics meet on Fridays at St. Michael Parish for 9:00 a.m. Mass and pray the Rosary for Life at 9:45. The group then meets with others from Show the Truth and at 10:15 we proceed from the church to Planned Parenthood's Olympia mill. At 11:30 we break for lunch. Then it is back to PP. The day's activities end at 2:45 p.m. with ecumenical prayer. For more information, please contact Ed Sauley at 360-480-9329 or www.SHOWTHETRUTH.org

Show the Truth Cross State Tour

We have numerous one day tours which we schedule so as to assist the local pro-lifers with their outreach.

Please call Ed Sauley at 360-480-9329 for directions and information, or check the [SHOW THE TRUTH](#) web page.

Tacoma Stands Up For Life

Sidewalk counseling and Rosary Brigade.

Date: Every Wednesday morning

Location 1: Cedar River Abortion Mill, 14th and Martin Luther King Way in Tacoma Hill Top area

Sidewalk Counseling: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Rosary: 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Location 2: Planned Parenthood Abortion Mill, 813 M L K Way

Rosary: 11:15 -12:00 noon

Everyone with a heart for life and the "little ones" are invited to join us as we pray and tell the truth.

For information contact: Bud Niebergall at 564-5241 or Stan Schack at 564-7822.

Please visit <http://gospeloflifeinstitute.org/vigils.htm> for additional prayer vigil dates, times, and locations.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue to pray for Ken VanDerhoef, [Human Life of Washington's](#) Chairman of the Board.

SUPPORT

Rachel's Vineyard

If you wish to attend a [Rachel's Vineyard](#) retreat at one of the locations below, please call or e-mail the contact person listed or call toll-free 877 HOPE 4 ME.

Washington

- **Auburn**
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814
Next Retreat: TBA
Note: Español
- **Ellensburg**
Sponsor: Diocese of Yakima
Contact: [Nancy Murray](#) 509 554 9415
Next retreat: September 19 - 21
- **Longbranch**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: TBA
- **Stanwood**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: May 30 - June 1
- **Stanwood**
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814 or [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: TBA
Note: Español
- **Vancouver**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: **May 16 - 18**
Note: Español

Oregon

- **Eugene**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
Next retreat: TBA
- **Medford**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
Next retreat: TBA
- **Portland**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
- Next retreat: May 2 - 4
- Following retreat: November 14 - 16