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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"The contention between the culture of life and the culture of death is not a battle of our own choosing. We are not the ones who imposed upon the nation the lethal logic that human beings have no rights we are bound to respect if they are too small, too weak, too dependent, too burdensome. That lethal logic, backed by the force of law, was imposed by an arrogant elite that for almost forty years has been telling us to get over it, to get used to it.

But "We the People," who are the political sovereign in this constitutional democracy, have not gotten over it, we have not gotten used to it, and we will never, we will never ever, agree that the culture of death is the unchangeable law of the land."

~ Fr. John Neuhaus, "We Shall not Weary, We Shall not Rest" National Right to Life Convention, July 2008 ~

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gospel of Life Institute invites you to "illuminate hope" in the lives of mothers and their babies by joining us as we Ride, Run or Walk 4 UltraSound on **Saturday, September 20**, at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. As many of you know, [4US](#) (formerly known as Ride4US) raises money to purchase ultrasound machines for clinics, illuminating hope for mothers in crisis. Benefiting clinics offer entirely free services to pregnant women, bringing the joy of motherhood into focus within a loving network of support. **Ride** one of four distances (5, 25, 42 or 62 miles) beginning at **7:30 a.m.**; **run** a 5K or 10K timed race at **10:30 a.m.**; or **walk** (5K) through the pristine beauty of an old-growth forest at **11:00 a.m.** All participants will enjoy the **Family Fun Festival** with a free pancake breakfast, live Christian music, food and inflatables for the children from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Registration may be completed [online](#) or via [snail mail](#). You are encouraged to **join the Gospel of Life Institute's team (Father Ed White is the team captain)** and save \$5 per person on registration.

Registration prices increase on September 1. If anyone has questions about how to register online, please email the [Gospel of Life Institute](#).

Please consider making a donation to 4US via one of our [team members](#).

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

For those of you who have not done so, please listen to Father Robert Spitzer's thought-provoking case against assisted suicide. The audio from his presentation can be heard on our website at <http://gospeloflifeinstitute.org/audio.htm>. Please share Father's presentation with family and friends.



Vote NO on I-1000!

On November 4th, voters in the state of Washington will be voting on Initiative 1000, the so-called "Death with Dignity" initiative. It is not about death with dignity. It is in fact about justifying suicide and displacing what belongs to God alone, that is, the gift of life and the moment of death. As Catholics we ask Blessed Mary to "...pray for us now and at the hour of our death." We pray for it because we want it to belong totally to God. Do you want something else for your future besides God? Is there someone else, even yourself, you want to be in control of your life at that crucial hour?

Our late Archbishop Murphy said as he was dying of cancer, "...assisted suicide is not compassion. True compassion is willingness to share the pain of others, be present and learn from them." (2/11/1997, World Day for the Sick)

Please <http://gospeloflifeinstitute.org/webarchives/august2008.htm> to read Fr. Ed White's entire message.



Urgent need for volunteers on assisted suicide issue:

The [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) (CAAS) **needs volunteers** to help distribute literature at public events, doorbell, and assist in coordinating volunteers.

If you can help, please contact Marie at CAAS: (206) 337-2091.

This is the most pressing issue facing our State this year.

Thank you to those of you who are already volunteering for the Coalition Against Assisted Suicide. For those who have not yet stepped forward, please consider doing so now.

Any amount of time and effort you can give will be appreciated.

EVENTS

Gigantic Rummage Sale to benefit Pregnancy Resource Services and Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Ministry.

Friday, September 5 from 8:00 to 5:00

Saturday, September 6 from 8:00 to noon

Silverdale United Methodist Church, 9982 Silverdale Way, Silverdale

Drop off items for donation on Wednesday & Thursday, **September 3 & 4**, 10:00-3:00

Call Suzan with questions: 360-613-5344

Wash for Life

The 3rd Annual Wash for Life will be **Saturday, September 13**. If you work with youth, please encourage them to participate in this event. The Gospel of Life Institute will be happy to share the locations of local Wash for Life car washes with its readers. Visit www.washforlife.com for more information and to register for this event.

40 Days for Life

7 cities in Washington will be participating in the fall 2008 [40 Days for Life](#) campaign. Please mark your calendars and plan on praying outside one of the following Planned Parenthoods, at least once, between **September 24 and November 2:**

[Centralia](#)

[Everett](#)

[Olympia](#)

[Seattle](#)

[Spokane](#)

[Tacoma](#)

[Tri-Cities](#)

Weekly Hour of Reparation for the Upcoming National Elections

God is conscious of every strand of hair upon our heads. He cares greatly about our world, our nation, and the elections for which we are preparing.



Please join us for a weekly holy hour of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the intentions of our national elections. We ask that God's will be done as He guides the minds and hearts of those who go to the polls.

WHEN: Every Wednesday, **June 25 to November 4, 2008**

WHERE: **Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Bremerton**

IN THE CHAPEL

TIME: **3:00 to 4:00 pm**

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Suzan Hudak

Life Chain

The 21st Annual Life is Sunday, October 5. Please see below for locations and times:

* **BELLEVUE / REDMOND** - 148th Ave NE at NE 24th St south of Hwy 520, first Sunday of every month all year, including Oct 5, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Myron Miller](#) 425-643-1246 or [Robert Owen](#) 425-746-5056

* **BELLEVUE** - NE 8th St & Bellevue Way NE, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Myron Miller](#) 425-643-1246 or 800-473-6175

* **BELLEVUE** - 156th Ave NE at NE 8th St, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Myron Miller](#) 425-643-1246 or 800-473-6175

* **BOTHELL** - St Rte 522 at Bothell-Everett Highway, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Ronald Fernandes](#) 425-821-3599

* **BURLINGTON / MT VERNON** - S Burlington Blvd at E Cedar St, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Susan 360-757-3909

* **CENTRALIA / LEWIS COUNTY** - I-5 Fwy Exit 82 off ramp at Harrison Ave, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; signs available at 2:15 p.m. at AM-PM side lot across from Wendy's on Harrison; [Darlene Mackey](#) 360-748-3706

* **EVERETT** - Everett Mall Way at 3rd Ave SE, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Arlene Noyes 425-778-0258

* **FEDERAL WAY** - S 320th St at Pacific Highway S, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Chaplain Mike Ballinger](#) 253-927-3757

- * **KENNEWICK / PASCO / RICHLAND** - Columbia Center Blvd at Grandridge Blvd, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.; Jim Toth 509-546-9923
 - * **LYNNWOOD / EDMONDS / MOUNTLAKE TERRACE** - 220th St SW at Hwy 99, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; Nicholas & Marie Harkins 425-775-9711
 - * **OLYMPIA / THURSTON COUNTY** - Legion Way at Adams, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Dani Sauley](#) 360-491-0610
 - * **RENTON** - S 43rd St & Talbot Rd S, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; Sarah Schaper 206-243-7515
 - * **SEATTLE** - NE 50th St at Interstate 5 overpass, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; Carol Fraser 206-365-3064
 - * **SEATTLE / WHITE CENTER** - 17th Ave SW at SW Roxbury, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Toni Halsey](#) 206-856-0609
 - * **SEDRO WOLLEY** - Hwy 20 at Ball St, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Pastor Bill Heberling](#) 360-856-0509
 - * **SILVERDALE** - Silverdale Way at Ridgetop Blvd, 2:00 to 3:15 p.m.; [Tom Holtsnider](#) 360-830-0650
 - * **SPOKANE** - Division Couplet between Mission and Indiana, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Violet Stephens](#) 509-238-6356
 - * **STANWOOD / CAMANO** - SR 532 at 88th Ave NW, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Bill & Karen Majkut](#) 360-939-2102
 - * **WHATCOM COUNTY / BELLINGHAM** - Guide Meridian at Horton Rd, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Juanita Verbree](#) 360-354-8329
- Visit www.lifechain.net for more information.

Public Square Rosary Rally

You are cordially invited to take part in an outdoor Public Square Rosary Rally in honor of the 91st anniversary of the miracle of Fatima on Saturday, October 11 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Bremerton from 11:15 to 12:45.

Healing the Culture: A New Vision for Life

Healing the Culture's 2008 Conference and Expo will be November 6-8 at the Hilton Bellevue Conference Center. Visit www.healingtheculture.com to register.

March for Life

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 20, 2009 and plan on participating in the 31st annual March for Life in Olympia. The March will be followed by a week of pro-life activity, volunteering at Crisis Pregnancy centers or other pro-life charities and witnessing in prayer at abortion clinics on January 21, 22, and 23.

Bremerton Prayer Vigil

Please join us in praying outside the Bremerton Planned Parenthood abortuary, 623 Riddell Rd. in East Bremerton, on **Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** We pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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

We have a 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. As the weather gets colder, 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

Mondays, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Sidewalk counseling and prayer at Olympia's Planned Parenthood (Meet at Planned Parenthood)

Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Some Catholics meet on Fridays at St. Michael Parish for 9:00 a.m. Mass, and pray the Rosary for Life at 9:45. They then join the sidewalk counselors who have been at Planned Parenthood beginning at 8:00 a.m. The counselors are able to offer immediate help (Shelter Home for Pregnant Teens) to those arriving for abortions. At 12:30 we break for lunch. The day's activities **usually** end around lunchtime 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 REQUESTS

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: Espanol

- **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 15 - 17, 2009
- **Tacoma area**
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814 (Espanol) or [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: September 19 - 21, 2008 Espanol
Next retreat: November 7 - 9, 2008
- **Vancouver**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: TBA
Note: Espanol

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: November 14 - 16

If you would like the Gospel of Life Institute to post information about a pro-life event in Washington, please e-mail us.

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