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*Western Washington Pro-Life Update*

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"This is not a debate about religious doctrine or even about public policy options. It is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what it means to be a member of the human family, even though tiny, powerless and unwanted.

We are knee-deep in a culture of death...Look, in this advanced democracy, in the year 2000, is it our crowning achievement that we have learned to treat people as things? Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between a culture of life and a culture of death. God put us in the world to do noble things, to love and to cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them. Today we must choose sides."

~ Henry Hyde (April 18, 1924 - November 29, 2007) ~

## COMMENTARY AND NEWS

### National Night of Prayer for Life

If you were asked to give blood to save someone's life, would you? Or if you were asked to donate money to help survivors after a natural disaster, would you? For you who answered 'yes' to these questions, we, members of the Respect Life Ministry, are asking for your time. Just one hour praying with us in the sanctuary of **St. Jude's in Redmond** on **December 8th**, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, **between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 pm** (after the evening Mass), is all we ask.

Our prayers that evening will be united with those of parishioners in 700 other churches throughout the United States. We will ask our Blessed Mother for her powerful intercession for life from conception to natural death. We will pray for the end of abortions, wars, terrorism, genocide, famine and suffering.

This will be our seventh annual Night of Prayer at St. Jude's in Redmond. Will this be the year you join us? Our prayers can make a difference, so please mark your calendars.

For more information please call Sharie Stecher at 425-868-2310.

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Does your school or library carry the Planned Parenthood-endorsed book *It's Perfectly Normal*? If so, please strongly urge them to remove this pornographic "children's" book from their shelves. American Life League's November 2007 *ALL News* reported that a Washington state prison rejected a letter that contained pictures from the book saying, the letter was too "sexually explicit" and "obscene" to be allowed in the prison. If excerpts from the book are inappropriate for adult prisoners, how can the book possibly be appropriate for 8 to 13 year olds (the targeted audience)?

ALL's recent video report on the book was removed from several websites due to "inappropriate content". If websites won't show pictures from *It's Perfectly Normal*, how can it possibly be appropriate for our children?

American Life League is "calling for libraries, schools and parents all across the country to take similar action" to our state's prison. Jim Sedlak of STOPP stated, "Planned Parenthood should be denied access to our children at all times. The material it promotes is totally inappropriate and could be harmful."

The [Bellingham Public Library](#), [Everett Public Library](#), [King County Library System](#), [Seattle Public Library](#), [Tacoma Public Library](#), and [Yakima Valley Regional Library](#) carry *It's Perfectly Normal*. Please contact the libraries above and ask them to remove this book from their shelves.

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Nurses for Life WA is participating in the 2008 March for Life on January 22nd in Olympia, WA. They will meet at St. Michael Parish for Mass and then march to the state capitol under the Pro-Life Nurses banner. Please plan to attend this event. More details will be shared, as they become available.

[RSVP](#) if you plan to attend, and pass this information on to all pro-life nurses and healthcare workers that you know. WE need to let our legislators KNOW that we are PRO-LIFE and that we stand behind them.

## EVENTS

### Walk for Life

The 4th Annual [Walk for Life West Coast](#) is Saturday, January 19, 2008. Last year, approximately 25,000 people participated in the Walk for Life in San Francisco. Please help promote this year's walk by distributing the flyers that are available for download and printing at <http://www.walkforlifewc.com>

### March for Life

The **30th Annual March for Life** will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at noon on the Capitol grounds in Olympia. Please plan on participating and encourage your family and friends to do the same. If you are chartering a bus, please make arrangements for parking by calling Kathy.

### It's About Life Conference

Don't miss the 4th annual It's About Life Conference on February 23, 2008 at St. Joseph's Parish in Kennewick. Speakers include Fr. Frank Pavone, Georgette Forney, and Wesley J. Smith. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information. Directions are available via the [Event Map](#).

### Bremerton Prayer Vigil

Please join us in praying outside the Bremerton Planned Parenthood abortuary, 623 Riddell Rd. in East Bremerton, on Thursdays from 8:45-10:00 a.m. (after 8:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea). We meet on Thursdays, as this is when abortions take place at Planned Parenthood. We will be praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### Helpers of God's Precious Infants

**December 8** - 8:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Robert Egan at Knights of Columbus, 722 East Union, Seattle, followed by a prayer vigil to Planned Parenthood, 2001 Madison St., Seattle. 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

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

Catholics meet on Fridays at St. Michael Parish for 9:00 AM 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 the 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](http://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 for directions and information, 360-480-9329 or check the [SHOW THE TRUTH](#) web page.

### Tacoma Stands Up For Life

Sidewalk counseling and Prayerful Presence

**Date:** Every **Tuesday** Morning

**Planned Parenthood**, 813 MLK Way, Prayerful Presence, **Tacoma**

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please bring your own prayer partner with you if possible or contact Bud if you'd like to come at a particular hour and need a second. We would like at least "2 or more gathered in His name" at any time. (Please don't attempt to join Bud, who'll be there part of this time, at the other end of the building -- he'll be sidewalk counseling, which is best done 1 on 1.)

**Contact:** Bud Niebergall

**Phone:** 253-564-5241

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

## PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Oakland, California's City Council that they do not place an 8 foot "bubble" around those entering an abortion facility.

## 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 us toll-free at 877 HOPE 4 ME.

### Washington

- **Ellensburg**  
Sponsor: Diocese of Yakima  
Contact: [Nancy Murray](#) 509 554 9415  
Next retreat: TBA
- **Longbranch**  
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE  
Next retreat: TBA
- **Stanwood**  
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE  
Next retreat: TBA
- **Stanwood**  
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814  
Next retreat: TBA  
Note: Spanish Retreat

### 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: February 22-24, 2008
- **Portland**  
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186  
Next retreat: TBA