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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"I become more and more convinced that we as bishops have been too silent for too long. I fear that we have left in error by our silence many who could have been taught. I fear that we have often failed to 'say openly what is right because of fear of losing the favor of men.' I do not necessarily expect that the clear and consistent teachings of the Church will be warmly received and accepted by a very secular age, but the decision about whether to speak or to remain silent must be based on the conviction about what is right and true and good, not what is popular."

~ Bishop Robert Vasa, *Catholic Sentinel*, November 5, 2004

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

In the face of FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) NOW is the time to get our voices out loud and clear!

St. Monica's Respect Life group is starting to make preparations for the January 20, 2009, Olympia March for Life.

If you might want to travel with them to Olympia, please contact Anne, by Friday, so that she can determine how many buses to hire. The buses usually leave soon after 9:00 a.m. Mass. Riders share coffee and snacks, and pray the Rosary together. The bus returns to St. Monica's by 3 p.m. All are welcome!

The cost is \$10.00/person or \$15.00/family (larger donations gratefully accepted).

Please know this is not an absolute commitment. Committed reservations will be made after Christmas.



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GROW 4US into a national charity.

Please consider making a donation to [4US](#). Your **tax-deductible donation** will fund the **Grow4US** national expansion plan. Their all-volunteer charity is developing an infrastructure to "bottle and distribute" their "recipe" to other cities. **There are over 2,000 crisis pregnancy centers nationwide - only 5% of them have ultrasound machines.** 4US' founding vision in 2004 guides them to this day: create an all-volunteer charity that hosts events in major metropolitan cities, benefiting centers that are committed to making abortions rare by providing entirely free services to pregnant women in crisis.

Your donation will help them design user-friendly marketing materials, integrated registration and fundraising software, and fund other much-needed capital improvements to help them remain an all-volunteer charity...and illuminate hope for pregnant women in crisis for years to come. A donation as small as \$5 allows you to share the gift of hope with someone you love -- with a small token of our appreciation. Larger donation amounts allow your friends and family to proudly wear jerseys and shorts to **illuminate hope** at the gym, on the track or on the road. Most importantly, 4US athletic gear invites others to **join the rhythm of life**.

FREE SHIPPING for donations of \$30 or more.

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Visit www.instantteleseminar.com:80/?eventid=5247552 to hear the replay of the 40 Days for Life Hope teleconference and webcast. Learn about the "big next-step plans" for 40 Days for Life in 2009 and beyond.

EVENTS

Pro-Life Rosary Procession

On **Sunday, December 14**, banners of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be carried to abortion sites throughout the United States, while thousands peacefully petition Our Lady to intercede for unborn children. Pope John Paul II invoked God's blessings upon the associates of this Mission, and Bishops around the world have given their support. Invite family and friends to meet in the Gathering Space at St. Michael's in Olympia at **12:45** and join in this prayerful procession to the Planned Parenthood abortion site located at 402 Legion Way. Please see [the flyer](#) for more information.

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 for Life*. Visit www.washingtonmarchforlife.org for more information.

Walk for Life West Coast

Join tens of thousands of pro-life women, men, families, and friends as they take to the streets of beautiful San Francisco proclaiming that 'Abortion Hurts Women' and 'Women Deserve Better than Abortion®'. Walk on **January 24, 2009** and let the world know that there is an ever increasing voice for Life on the West Coast! Join [Walk for Life West Coast](#) in ever greater numbers as we challenge the belief that abortion is a good choice for women. Walk to proclaim that Life is a Choice —Life is the Best Choice!

If you would like to organize a group or would like further information, e-mail info@WalkforLifeWC.com

Please help promote this event by downloading and distributing the .pdf flyers: [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

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). Fr. Lee Perry from St. George Byzantine Church leads prayers. All faiths are welcomed and respected.

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.

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: TBA
- **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: TBA Espanol
Next retreat: TBA
- **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**
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