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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"Bad law and defective moral reasoning produce the evasive language to justify evil. Nothing else can explain the verbal and ethical gymnastics required by elected officials to justify their support for partial-birth abortion, a procedure in which infants are brutally killed during the process of delivery. The same sanitized marketing is now deployed on behalf of physician-assisted suicide, fetal experimentation and human cloning. Each reduces the human person to a problem or an object. Each can trace its lineage in no small part to *Roe.*"

~ *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 10, USCCB ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

The International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide has provided a detailed [Analysis of the Washington Assisted Suicide Initiative](#). Please take the time to educate yourself about this issue! Additional resources are available at [Human Life of Washington](#).



Your help is needed to prevent assisted suicide from being made legal in Washington! A ballot initiative was filed recently in Olympia and signature gathering (to get it on November's ballot) is expected to start soon. What you can do to help stop this:

1. Go right now to the website of the broad-based Coalition Against Assisted Suicide and sign up. You will get periodic email updates on the campaign against assisted suicide and your name will appear on the website as opposing assisted suicide. www.noassistedsuicide.com
2. If at all possible, please contribute financially to the Coalition as it will be very expensive to defend against this dangerous and misguided attempt to bring assisted suicide to Washington. No donation amount is too small (no amount is too large either! Unlike with campaigns for elected office, there is no dollar limit on contributions pertaining to ballot initiatives.)
3. If you pray daily, please add the efforts of those fighting against assisted suicide to your daily intentions and don't forget to pray for those people who are fighting for it.
4. Spread the word!



Thank you to Michelle McIntyre of [Life of the Party](#) for sharing the following information:

Are you concerned with who your choices will be for president, come November?

You can help decide who your party's nominee is by attending your caucus on **February 9**. I'm amazed by how many normally concerned and active citizens I talk to do not know this, so I thought I'd take this opportunity to pass it along. The caucuses start at **1 PM**. It is recommended that you arrive early. If you are late, you may not be able to participate. I recommend getting a sitter for the day, though you can bring children if you need to; although, you might find it distracting to care for little ones and concentrate on the process simultaneously. If both spouses cannot attend, perhaps just one of you can do so. The caucus can last anywhere from one to a few hours. It is a small price to pay for our republic.

For Republicans:

You can find out where your precinct caucus is being held here:

<http://www.wsrp.org/News/Read.aspx?ID=6885>

For Democrats:

You can find out where your precinct caucus is being held here:

<http://www.wa-democrats.org/caucusfinder>

At the caucuses, you will elect delegates to the county convention, where they will elect delegates to the state convention, and they will elect delegates to the national convention. The delegates who attend the national convention will play a critical role. Be sure you can trust them.

Based on the National Right to Life Committee's [Presidential Comparison Flyer](#), the only remaining candidates who appear to be truly pro-life are Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul.

The Gospel of Life Institute does not endorse any of these candidates; however, we feel it is important for people to go to their caucuses and vote for the candidate of their choice.

For voter's guides addressing life issues, please visit [American Life League](#) and [Catholic Answers](#).

EVENTS

Hill Day

The [Family Policy Institute of Washington](#) invites you to their 1st annual "Hill Day" (an all-day citizen lobbying event) **tomorrow, Thursday, January 31**. Please consider joining them as they make personal visits to the Olympia offices of our state legislators, communicating our concerns on the most important issues of the day: The Protection of Human Life, the Defense of Marriage, and the Defense of Religious Freedoms. The schedule of events can be found at <http://www.fpiw.org/id1.html>

40 Days for Life

During the season of Lent leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, from Ash Wednesday, February 6, to Palm Sunday, March 16 of 2008, communities in our state will be uniting with 53 other

cities in 31 states for a large simultaneous pro-life mobilization - the nationwide [40 days for Life](#) campaign. People of faith across America are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in more than 80 cities where it has been implemented. Some locations have reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers and hundreds of new people getting involved in local lifesaving ministry efforts. The 40 Days for Life campaign is made up of three key components:

- Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout Washington to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- Peaceful Vigil: standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside a local Planned Parenthood abortion facility
- Community Outreach: taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, petition drives, and public visibility

40 Days for Life invites each one of you, and your families, to join with them in this exciting, non-denominational, grass-roots effort.

To sign up to participate in a local vigil, or to find out how else you can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves", please visit one of the following websites: [Bellingham](#), [Issaquah](#), [Kitsap County](#), [Olympia](#), [Spokane](#), and [Tacoma](#).

It's About Life Conference sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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

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

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 us toll-free at 877 HOPE 4 ME.

Washington

- **Auburn**
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814
Next Retreat: March 28 – 30
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: **February 22 – 24**
- **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: **February 22-24**

- **Portland**

Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186

Next retreat: TBA