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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"Political leaders, whose duty is to serve the good of man, as well as doctors and families, must remember that the deliberate decision to deprive an innocent human being of his life is always bad from the moral point of view, and can never be licit. Love and true compassion embark on another path.

The request that arises from the heart of man in his supreme confrontation with suffering and death, especially when he feels the temptation to let himself be overcome by desperation, and feels lost to the point of wanting to disappear, is above all a petition for someone to accompany him and a call to greater solidarity and support in this test.

This call can seem demanding, but it is the only one worthy of the human being, and it opens to new and deeper solidarity, which enriches and fortifies family and social bonds."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, speaking to the Luxembourg ambassador, December 18, 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Bishops pledge to help U.S. leaders advance common good and defend life

Washington DC, Jan 15, 2009 / 04:45 am (CNA).- Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, writing on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has sent a letter to President-elect Barack Obama, Vice-president-elect Joseph Biden and Congress to assure them of the bishops' prayers and their commitment "to make this period of national change a time to advance the common good and defend the life and dignity of all."

The January 13 letter from Cardinal George, who is the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offered an outline of "an agenda for dialogue and action." [Read more...](#)



Prevention First Act: Pathological Premises

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14, 2009 AT 11:24 AM EST BY JUDIE BROWN

Immediately after the election, I took the opportunity to share with our readers the facts regarding what would be in store for families, especially the youngest members. The one thing I failed to address is a horrific piece of legislation that has now been officially introduced in the United States Senate. At the time of the election, the [Prevention First Act \(S. 21\)](#) was an established goal in the mind of [Senator Harry Reid](#) and his fellow congressional pro-aborts. Since that time, much has occurred and none of it is good for preborn children or for the American family.

It is always a good idea to examine the facts prior to making a value judgment. And in the case of the PFA, the actual details about what this piece of legislation would do are staggering. Rather than reinvent what we have already reported at [American Life League's Stop Planned Parenthood](#) web site, allow me to share the analysis:

The Prevention First Act has several components, all of which would fund programs that are promoted by Planned Parenthood and would put millions more of our tax dollars into PP's coffers. [Read more...](#)



January 22, Day of Penance

The USCCB has declared that in all the dioceses of the United States, January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Please approach your pastor and request that a Mass for this intention be said on January 22. Priests are asked to wear violet vestments to celebrate Mass on this day.



FOCA Postcard Campaign

Please participate in the the USCCB postcard campaign against the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) during the weekend of January 24-25, 2009. If passed, FOCA would nullify all federal and state laws restricting abortion in this country. The Archdiocese of Seattle will provide postcards and flyers to pastors for parish distribution. For more information, please visit www.nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/Instructions.pdf.

EVENTS

March for Life Preparation

Knights and Ladies of St George are sponsoring an upcoming event on **January 17** at [St. George Byzantine Church](#), 9730 yelm Hwy Olympia, WA 98513, phone 360-413-5651. Join them as they prepare spiritually for the Washington State March for Life. A talk and confessions will begin at 6:30, followed by celebration of the Divine Liturgy. They will also be praying for all the souls who have died. The evening will end with assembling a banner for for the March and snacks.

Washington State March for Life

Please plan on participating in the 31st annual Washington State March for Life in Olympia on Tuesday, **January 20**, to witness that all life is sacred. The March will be followed by a *Week for Life*. Visit www.washingtonmarchforlife.org for more information. Information about the Pro-Life Mass can be found on [the flyer](#) from St. Michael's Respect Life committee.

If your group is planning on taking a bus to the Washington State March for Life, contact Aileen McEntee Carrell at 253-507-8812. If you have additional information or questions, contact Dick McEntee at 253-564-1497.

COME AND PRAY FOR LIFE

-The Unborn and All Touched by Abortion-

When: Friday - **January 23** - 9 a.m. to approx. 8 p.m.

Where: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish

What: Mass, Adoration and Recitation of the Rosary

Schedule:

- Mass - 9 a.m.
- Holy Hours (Adoration) - 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Rosary and Repose of the Blessed Sacrament - 7-8 p.m.

Please call Carol Fabrizio with any questions about “Come and Pray for Life” at 425-481-6835. To sign-up for the Holy Hours Adoration, please contact Kathy Grabicki at 425-481-4518. Everyone can certainly come for Holy Hours without signing up for a specific time but by doing so it helps us plan so we know there is always someone present with the Blessed Sacrament.

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** 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, call 415/586-1576 or e-mail info@WalkforLifeWC.com

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

Roe v. Wade Prayer Vigil

A Pro-life Prayer vigil marking the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Roe versus Wade Supreme Court decision will be held on Saturday, 9:30 a.m., January 31, 2009 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2501 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, WA.

The program starts with Morning Prayer followed by Mass and a prayerful walk to the local Planned Parenthood Clinic. Mass intentions and music selections focus on the unborn and their mothers.

Patty Bellows, vigil organizer, explains, *“Our purpose is to ask Almighty God to change the hearts of those seeking an abortion and the conversion of the hearts of those who provide abortions.”*

At the conclusion of Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, a procession and recitation of the Most Holy Rosary begin. Participants may also stay in church simultaneously praying the rosary. Lunch will be served by The Knights of Columbus Councils Everett #763 and Marysville #7863, and the Youth Ministry ClubSix56. Four local Deaneries have been invited. Additionally, members of John F. Kennedy Assembly #1530 will participate in regalia.

For more information contact Patty & Tim Bellows, 360-659-7501.

40 Days for Life

Are you getting ready for the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil? It's only 42 days away!

The Spring 2009 [40 Days for Life](#) campaign is scheduled to take place between Ash Wednesday, February 25, and April 5. Please mark your calendars and plan on participating.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Walter Hoyer. He is on trial for standing in front of an abortion clinic and praying. A friend reported that he is the "mildest mannered man you will ever meet (though a true spiritual warrior)."

More information can be found by visiting [Life Legal Defense Association](#).

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: **February 20 - 22, 2009**
- **Stanwood**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: May 15 - 17, 2009
- **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: March 6 - 8, 2009
- **Portland**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
Next retreat: April 24 - 26, 2009