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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"[W]e can be civil in discourse and strive to show respect for the office which President Obama holds, but we cannot give ONE SINGLE INCH on any life issue or allow the civility of our discourse to be interpreted as compromise."

~ Fr. Thomas Euteneur, [LifeSite News](#), January 19, 2009 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Thank you to [Hyper Pixels Media](#) for permitting the Gospel of Life Institute to share *The Miracle of Life*. It is accessible from [Pro-Life Videos](#) and [Weekly Prayer Vigils](#). Hyper Pixels Media prays "that the video will be used to educate our society with the TRUE facts about life and abortion." Please encourage family, friends, and others to watch it.



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 and www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/postcard.shtml.

In addition to writing, please call your Senators and Representative and tell them to vote "No" on FOCA. Let them and the Legislative Director know that you will not politically forgive a vote for FOCA.

Senator Patty Murray: (202) 224-2621 or (206) 553-5545

Senator Maria Cantwell: (202) 224-3441 or (206) 220-6400

Contact information for your Representative can be found at

www.congress.org/congressorg/directory/congdir.tt

Legislative Director: (202) 224-3121 (ask to speak with the Legislative Director for your Senators and Representative)



President Obama is wasting no time in laying out his anti-life agenda. The following information comes from www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/women:

Health Care

- **Supporting Stem Cell Research:** President Obama and Vice President Biden believe that we owe it to the American public to explore the potential of stem cells to treat the millions of people suffering from debilitating and life-threatening diseases. Obama is a co-sponsor of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007, which will allow research of human embryonic stem cells derived from embryos donated (with consent) from in vitro fertilization clinics. These embryos must be deemed in excess and created based solely for the purpose of fertility treatment.

Reproductive Choice

- **Supports a Woman's Right to Choose:** President Obama understands that abortion is a divisive issue, and respects those who disagree with him. However, he has been a consistent champion of reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under Roe v. Wade a priority in his Administration. He opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's decision in that case.
- **Preventing Unintended Pregnancy:** President Obama was an original co-sponsor of legislation to expand access to contraception, health information, and preventive services to help reduce unintended pregnancies. Introduced in January 2007, the Prevention First Act will increase funding for family planning and comprehensive sex education that teaches both abstinence and safe sex methods. The Act will also end insurance discrimination against contraception, improve awareness about emergency contraception, and provide compassionate assistance to rape victims.

Now is the time for everyone in the pro-life movement to courageously stand up and witness that all life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. Yesterday, approximately 6000 people gave such witness by participating in the Washington State March for Life in Olympia, showing that there is indeed reason for hope.

EVENTS

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** 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

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 at one of the following locations:

[Bremerton](#)

[Centralia](#)

[Everett](#)

[Olympia](#)

[Renton](#)

[Tacoma](#)

[Tri-Cities](#)

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 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 or Stan Schack.

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: **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