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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"We cannot make peace with the barrenness of contraception, abortion and homosexuality, precisely because these evils deny the most fundamental God-given principle. They contradict life, fruitfulness, hope; and they deny the family which exists to cooperate with God in the procreation of life."

~ Fr. Allan Hawkins, www.stmarythevirgin.org, *Salve*, June 6, 2008 ~

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gospel of Life Institute invites you to "illuminate hope" in the lives of mothers and their babies by joining us as we Ride, Run or Walk 4 UltraSound on **Saturday, September 20, 2008**, at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. As many of you know, [4US](http://4US.org) (formerly known as Ride4US) raises money to purchase ultrasound machines for clinics, illuminating hope for mothers in crisis. Benefitting clinics offer entirely free services to pregnant women, bringing the joy of motherhood into focus within a loving network of support. **Ride** one of four distances (5, 25, 42 or 62 miles) beginning at **7:30 a.m.**; **run** a 5K or 10K timed race at **10:30 a.m.**; or **walk** (5K) through the pristine beauty of an old-growth forest at **11:00 a.m.** All participants will enjoy the **Family Fun Festival** with a free pancake breakfast, live Christian music, food and inflatables for the children from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Registration may be completed [online](#) or via [snail mail](#). Be sure to indicate that you are participating as part of the Gospel of Life Institute's team (Father Ed White is the team captain).

Please consider making a donation to 4US via one of our [team members](#).

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

The Washington State Medical Association recently reiterated their stance against physician-assisted suicide. The statement can be found at

http://www.wsma.org/files/Downloads/NewsEvents/PressReleases/pr_I1000_%20release.pdf



Please tell your friends and family about the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) and if you have not already done so, [make a donation to this organization](#) to help them defeat I-1000. The Coalition also needs volunteers to contact senior centers, service clubs, and faith organizations in your community and help them schedule a speaker who can give an educational presentation about assisted suicide and I-1000. Please take the time to educate yourself regarding I-1000 by visiting the question and answer section of www.noassistedsuicide.com.



Lynden Human Life and Great Expectations Maternity Home is encouraging people to purchase and display the banners below from Heritage House.



Heritage House has several other "voting" banners, posters, etc. available, www.victorywon.com/pro_life_search_results.asp



Human Life of Washington's preliminary candidate endorsements are available on their website, http://humanlife.net:80/view_reports.htm?rpId=31



Human Life of Seattle has been invited to participate in staffing a booth at the West Seattle Junction Street Fair, which will occur this **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 11, 12, and 13**. This will be a new activity for them.

About ten years ago, there was a right-to-life booth in that street fair, but that was stopped in later years after complaints. In recent years, though, both Planned Parenthood and NARAL have had booths. Apparently there has been a change in management of the fair. There is support for a booth from the West Seattle Ministerial Association (which includes the pastor of Holy Rosary Church) and from Healing Hearts, a Protestant group with a mission similar to that of Project Rachel. The plan is, though, for any booth to be under the "Human Life of Washington" banner.

Ted Nutting, President of Human Life of Seattle, is canvassing to see if there is enough interest for Human Life to support this endeavor. The affiliate is already extended by its booth in the Fremont Fair in June, and Ted is seeking some outside support for the West Seattle Junction Fair.

He notes that his affiliate, though secular, has a membership that is predominantly Catholic. For

years they have wanted to reach out to other pro-life organizations, but they haven't had much success. This could be an opportunity to do that.

If you are interested in helping staff the booth, please contact Ted.



Father Thomas Euteneur, the president of Human Life International, is asking priests to sign a "pledge of assent" in support of *Humanae Vitae*, to mark the encyclical's 40th anniversary. Please encourage your pastors or brother priests to sign the pledge on HLI's website, www.hli.org/hv_pledge.php.



Gardasil, the HPV vaccine, has killed 18 and caused 140 serious reactions. Please think twice before allowing your daughter(s) to receive this vaccine. Visit www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/jul/08070809.html for more information.

EVENTS

40 Days for Life

The fall 2008 40 Days for Life campaign will run from September 24 to November 2. If you would like to see your city participate in this event, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/location.cfm

Healing the Culture: A New Vision for Life

Healing the Culture's 2008 Conference and Expo will be November 6-8 at the Hilton Bellevue Conference Center. Visit www.healingtheculture.com to register.

March for Life

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 22, 2009 and plan on participating in the 31st annual March for Life in Olympia.

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)

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 or Stan Schack.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for Ken VanDerhoef, [Human Life of Washington's](#) Chairman of the Board.

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: 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: **August 8 - 10**

- **Stanwood**

Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE

Next retreat: TBA

- **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: TBA

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: TBA

- **Portland**

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

- Next retreat: November 14 - 16

If you would like the Gospel of Life Institute to post information about a pro-life event in Washington, please e-mail us.

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