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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. In a remarkably relevant passage Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it, indeed if he request it because, hanging between life and death, he begs for help in freeing the soul struggling against the bonds of the body and longing to be released; nor is it licit even when a sick person is no longer able to live".

~ The Gospel of Life, no. 66 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

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. In addition, take the time to educate yourself regarding I-1000 by visiting the question and answer section of www.noassistedsuicide.com. The Coalition Against Assisted Suicide needs volunteers to:

1. Go to locations and special events where they are gathering signatures and hand out their palm cards urging people, "Don't sign the death warrant." The signature gatherers are just hired hands who get paid for every signature they collect. We need volunteers to counter their activity.
2. 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.

For more information, please visit www.noassistedsuicide.com



Project Mustard Seed is an organized letter writing campaign directed at corporations that fund Planned Parenthood. Once a month, participants are asked to write a letter expressing opposition to a company's funding of Planned Parenthood. Project Mustard Seed gets its information about corporate supporters from [Life Decisions International's](#) Boycott List. If you are interested in joining Project Mustard Seed, please contact the founder, David Arms, at PO Box 1951, S. San Francisco, CA 94083 or by email at mseed4life@aol.com.

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



Planned Parenthood Targets Native Americans with Abortion

By Colin Mason

June 9, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com/PRI) - The American abortion lobby claims to be an equal-opportunity abortion provider, looking out for the needs and wants of all women. Not so. Big Abortion devotes an inordinate amount of attention to Blacks, Hispanics, and Alaska Natives who, in proportion to their population, have the highest abortion rates in America. Now, eager to add another scalp to its collection, it is turning its sights on Native Americans.

The whole article can be found at <http://www.lifesitenews.com:80/ldn/2008/jun/08060903.html>

EVENTS

Upcoming Events for No I-1000

June 12: Dr. Patricia O'Halloran - Lynnwood Rotary
Nile Country Club
12 p.m.

Please visit www.noassistedsuicide.com to learn more about the dangers to individuals and families posed by any legalization of assisted suicide.

Angelorum Auction

The Angelorum Auction will be at St. Matthew's Parish in Seattle this **Saturday, June 14** at **6:00 p.m.** Seats are \$40 each or \$300 for a table of eight.

For tickets or questions please visit www.angelorum.org

Physician-Assisted Suicide: What does it mean for us and our families?

Rita Marker, a practicing attorney and executive director of the *International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*, www.internationaltaskforce.org, will speak at several educational

forums in the Puget Sound area to discuss the pro-euthanasia movement, its promotion of assisted suicide and the practice of assisted suicide in Oregon as well as the proposed initiative in Washington State.

Rita Marker will be speaking at:

St. Brendan Catholic Church, Bothell
Thursday, June 19 – 7:00 p.m.

St. Monica Catholic Church, Mercer Island
Friday, June 20 – 7:00 p.m.

Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Port Angeles
Saturday, June 21 – 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, June 22 – 12:15 p.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church, Olympia
Sunday, June 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Please see the attached flyer for more information. In addition, please spread the word and encourage people to attend one of these events. This is an issue that will eventually affect us all. We need to stand firm for the dignity and value of all human life in all states of health.

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

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