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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"Science teaches that human life begins at conception. If it is also true that it is affirmed by religion, it does not for that reason cease to be a strictly scientific truth, to be transformed into a religious opinion. He who denies that human life begins with conception does not need to contend with religion, but science. To deny this certainty of biology is not to express a lack of faith, but a lack of basic knowledge of human genetics, something that is even known by the general public."

~ [Ecuadorian Federation of Societies of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#), April 17, 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](#) (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

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 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



Divine Mercy Care Expands to Include a Pro-Life Pharmacy

(6/10/08, Fairfax, VA) – By the grace of God, and with the unfailing support of our donors, Divine Mercy Care (DMC) will expand its healthcare operations beyond the Tepeyac Family Center (TFC) and launch a second entity in August 2008— the DMC Pharmacy, a pro-life non-profit pharmacy.

“In His providence, God has seen fit to bring us a successful, competent, pro-life pharmacist in the person of Robert Semler,” stated Dr. John Bruchalski, Board Chairman, “and we are thrilled to bring his professionalism and expertise under the mantle of Divine Mercy Care for the benefit of all our patients, friends, donors and members of the community.”

The pharmacy, only one of seven pro-life pharmacies in the United States and the only one near a major metropolitan area, will be managed by Robert Semler, R.Ph., a graduate of Rutgers University College of Pharmacy. Semler, a long-time member of Pharmacists for Life International, has over 30 years experience in hospital, chain, franchise and independent pharmacy practice.

“Our mission as a non-profit pharmacy,” stated Semler “is to offer superior pharmaceutical care—both traditional and clinical services—focusing on the individual in a family-oriented, pro-life environment, free of contraceptive products and anti-life messages. I am thrilled to be able to provide excellent pharmaceutical care to all who walk through the doors,” Semler said, “and I am grateful to be able to practice within the umbrella of Divine Mercy Care where my conscience will never be violated and my faith does not have to be ‘checked at the door’ each morning.”

The DMC Pharmacy will offer FDA approved prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and quality alternative products including vitamins, natural products, homeopathics and herbals, home health needs and special order products and equipment. In keeping with Divine Mercy Care’s principles, the DMC Pharmacy will not dispense, recommend or counsel on contraceptive products. It will truly be a pharmacy for life!

“Divine Mercy Care is values based and consumer driven. Both patients and professionals do not want to abandon their conscience while they seek medical care,” Bruchalski continued. “We need to be professional, personal, and passionate about how we infuse our community with the love of Jesus Christ. We must not separate our faith from our work. The God of science is also the God of revealed religion” said Bruchalski. “As Pope Benedict XVI emphasized in his recent visit to the USA, ‘Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel.’”

DMC Pharmacy is the second operating entity of Divine Mercy Care, the first being the Tepeyac Family Center. To learn more about Divine Mercy Care, a 501(c)3 tax exempt health care organization, and its mission to transform hearts through healthcare, call 703-934-5552, email info@divinemercycare.org, or visit them on the web at www.divinemercycare.org.

A pharmacy *for life* is a pharmacy *worth* supporting! If you would like to make a **tax-deductible** donation towards the start up costs of the pharmacy, you may do so by:

#1. Calling 703-934-5552 x 304

#2. Donating online at www.divinemercycare.org

#3. Mailing a check to DMC Pharmacy, c/o Divine Mercy Care, 11096-B Lee Hwy Suite 102, Fairfax, VA 22030



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.



Embryonic stem cell research 'absolutely unacceptable,' U.S. bishops say

Orlando, Jun 13, 2008 / 07:16 pm (CNA).- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), gathered for its spring meeting in Orlando, on Friday issued its first formal statement addressing in detail embryonic stem cell research and the ethical controversies surrounding it. The nine-page statement said that harvesting embryonic stem cells is a "gravely immoral" and "absolutely unacceptable" act that involves the deliberate killing of innocent human beings. [Read more](#)



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.

EVENTS

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.

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](http://www.SHOWTHETRUTH.org) 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](http://www.humanlifeofwashington.org) Chairman of the Board.

SUPPORT

Rachel's Vineyard

If you wish to attend a [Rachel's Vineyard](http://www.rachelsthevineyard.com) 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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