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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"It is not sufficient to think that, since candidate X takes the 'right position' on other issues such as the economy, foreign relations, defense, etc. but only goes wrong on abortion, one can in good conscience, vote for him/her. Abortion deals with the first and most basic human right, without which there is nothing left to talk about."

~ Father Matthew Habiger, OSB, *HLI Reports*, April 1996 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Please tell your friends and family about the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](http://www.CoalitionAgainstAssistedSuicide.com) and if you have not already done so, [make a donation to this organization](http://www.CoalitionAgainstAssistedSuicide.com) 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 our 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 us schedule a speaker who can come give an educational presentation about assisted suicide and I-1000.

For more information, please visit www.noassistedsuicide.com



Dan Kennedy, the CEO of Human Life of Washington, clearly explained the reason Human Life of Washington was forced to file a federal lawsuit to protect its First Amendment Right to free speech in a Seattle Times Letter to the Editor on May 29. The letter can be found at http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/opinion/2004444425_thurletter29.html by scrolling down to *Freedom of Speech*.



[Rita Marker](#), a well-known national speaker on physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, will be here in June for a series of meetings and talks (we are in the process of putting one together for the Seattle area).

She will be in **Mt. Vernon** from **June 23-25**, if anyone, living in the area, would like to have her speak, even in an informal setting in a home, she is happy to help educate people on this potentially devastating initiative.

See www.internationaltaskforce.org for more information or call Anne Wilson.



Sarasota, FL (LifeNews.com) -- After an avalanche of phone calls and emails from pro-life advocates locally and across the country, Habitat for Humanity in Sarasota, Florida has disassociated itself with a proposed Planned Parenthood abortion center. The local Habitat board voted Tuesday night to disengage from the project...

Meanwhile, local Sarasota pro-life advocate Jim Styer told LifeNews.com Wednesday morning that the chairman of the local Habitat chapter confirmed the board voted to rescind the offer to purchase the land from Planned Parenthood.

Styer said it is time for pro-life advocates to contact the local habitat group and thank its board for rescinding the purchase offer.

"The Habitat vote came after a week of phone calls and e-mail to the local and the international Habitat offices from many individuals locally and around the country," he said. "Many of them were Habitat volunteers and supporters who didn't want to see their organization involved with Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the nation."

He explained to LifeNews.com where Planned Parenthood goes from here to get its new abortion business built.

"Planned Parenthood still will have to develop the parcel or find another buyer to develop the property," Styer explained. "According to one report, one possible buyer was in the wings. A second hearing on the complicated zoning issue is expected to come before the City Commission on June 16."

ACTION: Contact Habitat for Humanity at 1757 N. East Ave., Sarasota, FL 34234 or call 941-365-0700 with your words of thanks. Also, contact the members of the local Habitat board (see <http://www.sarasotahabitat.com/sarasota-habitat-leadership.html>) with polite, respectful emails.

Also contact Habitat for Humanity International at 1-800-HABITAT or 1-800-461-9330 and Duane Bates, Director of Public and Media Relations at 404-733-3079.

Related web sites:

Sarasota Habitat for Humanity - <http://www.sarasotahabitat.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.



Never underestimate what a young person can do. Thanks to 20-year-old Kristi Burton, a Colorado constitutional amendment that would define personhood as "any human being from the moment of fertilization" has collected enough signatures to be placed on the ballot for the November election. Information about the Colorado constitutional amendment can be found at [Catholic News Agency](#). The story behind the amendment can be found in the [Denver Post](#).



Don't miss the following articles on Human Life of Washington's website:
[Covering the Cost of Assisted Suicide but Not Chemotherapy in Oregon](#)
[Nazi doctor wins medical award](#)

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.

Bremerton Prayer Vigil

Please join us in praying outside the Bremerton Planned Parenthood abortuary, 623 Riddell Rd. in East Bremerton, on Thursdays from 8:45-10:00 a.m. (after 8:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea). We meet on Thursdays, as this is when abortions take place at Planned Parenthood. We will be praying 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 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 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