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*Western Washington Pro-Life Update*

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"We cannot but recognize that, in practical terms, defending human life has become more difficult today, because a mentality has been created that progressively devalues human life and entrusts it to the judgement of individuals. A consequence deriving therefrom is lessened respect for the human person, a value that lies at the foundation of any form of civil coexistence, over and above the faith a person may profess."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, speaking to the Italian Movement for Life, May 12, 2008 ~

## COMMENTARY AND NEWS

The recipients of the Western Washington Pro-Life Update are familiar with the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) and many of you have [made a donation to this organization](#) to help them defeat I-1000. However, many people are still unaware of this deadly initiative and its repercussions.

Please take the time to educate yourself regarding I-1000 by visiting the question and answer section of [www.noassistedsuicide.com](http://www.noassistedsuicide.com) and then speak to other people about assisted suicide. It is especially important that you advise your teenagers so that they can defend the Church's position. "As you know from the history of abortion, the Church telling Catholics something is forbidden is sadly no longer a good enough reason for them to reject it. Like it says on the website, supporting assisted suicide could be like signing your own death warrant. Particularly disturbing is the scenario of your elderly parents being in a nursing home and being talked into assisted suicide without your knowledge or permission, seeing them one day, coming to visit the next and finding them dead and not even knowing that they committed suicide because the death certificate will say that it was from whatever illness they had. It's like your teenage daughter being coerced into believing that abortion is the best answer. Now you'll have your parents and loved ones being convinced, without your knowledge, that ending their life would be doing *you* a favor by saving on all of those medical bills. **The Culture of Death is on the attack from both ends and wants to meet in the middle where only 'perfect' people are allowed to live and those who 'drain' society of the ability to enjoy a higher standard of living – whether elderly, infirm, handicapped, or unborn, are eliminated.** Pray, Pray, Pray and talk, talk, talk to those around you. Once they have the facts, they may be more open to rejecting assisted suicide than you think. God Bless, Peggy"

Let us show our country that we value human life and that killing people (via assisted suicide) because they are elderly, sick, infirm, or disabled is **never** acceptable. Life is sacred from conception until natural death.



[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.

Please see [www.internationaltaskforce.org](http://www.internationaltaskforce.org) for more information or call Anne Wilson...



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 might be interested in helping staff the booth, please contact Ted at [theodorenutting@msn.com](mailto:theodorenutting@msn.com).

## EVENTS

### ***Bella is playing at Visitation Parish in Tacoma***

You are cordially invited to Visitation Parish in Tacoma (5647 S. Warner St.) for a showing of the movie *Bella* in the Church's Upper Hall **this Friday, May 23**, at **7:00 p.m.**



### **Father Thomas Euteneur presents *Living the Gospel of Life***

Fr. Thomas Euteneuer of [Human Life International](#) will be at St. Mark's in Shoreline **this Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24**, for a retreat on *Living the Gospel of Life*. Please spread the word about his visit and come if you can. The mission of HLI is to promote and defend the sanctity of life and

family around the world according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church through prayer, service and education. With 99 satellite offices in 80 countries, Human Life International is the largest international, pro-life, pro-family, pro-woman organization in the world. We are blessed to have Fr. Euteneuer coming to our Archdiocese.

**May 23**-Friday evening at **7:30** Fr. Euteneuer's presentation will be on *Humanae Vitae*, the Pope Paul VI encyclical on the Church's loving invitation to all mankind, but especially married couples, to embrace God's precious gift of life.

**May 24**-Saturday will begin with Mass at **9:00a.m.** followed by an all day retreat on living the Gospel of Life with emphasis on "The Miraculous Presence of the Virgin Mary and Her Angels in our pro-life mission of prayer and sidewalk counseling.

### **Saturday Schedule**

9:00a.m.: Mass

10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.: Conference (Lunch will be served around 12:30)

Free will donations will be greatly appreciated

Sponsored by the Pro-life group at St. Mark Parish ([www.stmps.org](http://www.stmps.org))

St. Mark is located in Shoreline just North of downtown Seattle  
18033 15th Place N.E.  
Shoreline, WA 98155  
206-364-7900

**RSVP:** **Matt Ulrich** (the organizers need to be able to get an accurate lunch count for Saturday)



### **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](http://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: TBA
- **Stanwood**  
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE  
Next retreat: **May 30 - June 1**
- **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: TBA
- Following retreat: November 14 - 16

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