

Western Washington Pro-Life Update

November 21, 2007

"The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Society Greatly Benefits from Educated Catholics*, 11/19/07 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

This Thanksgiving, please remember to **give thanks for The Honorable Ronald Leighton**, the logical and fair-minded federal district court judge **who recently ruled in favor of pharmacists and Olympia pharmacy owner, Kevin Stormans** as they sought to protect their endangered right of conscience.

The requested Temporary Injunction against the Board of Pharmacy Rules going into effect was granted and the trial regarding the request for Permanent Injunction against the Rules is scheduled for October 2008, also in Tacoma before Judge Leighton.

Please take a moment from your busy day to write the judge a brief note of thanks for upholding Constitutional protections granted to all since the founding of this great nation. Those who were able to attend the Oral Arguments on September 26, 2007 in Tacoma were universally impressed with Judge Leighton's command of both the details of the case and the enormous significance of it. If you are in the health professions, please indicate this in your note.

The Honorable Ronald Leighton
US District Court
1717 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402

Special Note: The word is that the judge has been receiving *numerous* letters criticizing him for his recent conscience and Constitution-respecting ruling. We must let him know how much his wise decision was appreciated! Please don't delay! Spread the word!

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Nurses for Life WA is participating in the 2008 March for Life on January 22nd in Olympia, WA. They will meet at St. Michael Parish for Mass and then march to the state capitol under the Pro-Life Nurses banner. Please plan to attend this event. More details will be shared, as they become available.

[RSVP](#) if you plan to attend, and pass this information on to all pro-life nurses and healthcare workers that you know. WE need to let our legislators KNOW that we are PRO-LIFE and that we stand behind them.

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London, Nov 19, 2007 / 10:42 am ([CNA](#)). - A Russian mother has given birth to quintuplets despite opposition from doctors who wanted her to abort some of them. Varvara Artamkin and her husband Dimitri had to travel to England in order to keep all of their children.

She and her husband Dimitri, a 28 year-old math professor, were told by Russian doctors that they would not treat Varvara during her pregnancy unless she aborted two or three of her babies. The doctors said the 'selective terminations,' as the abortions are called, were essential to giving the remaining babies a chance of survival.

Mr. Artamkin's grandmother, Irina, 74, speaking from her home in Moscow, described their plight: "They went to several maternity hospitals to ask them to take her on but the doctors kept saying they would only accept her on the condition that she terminated two or three of the babies."

Irina continued: "Our families are very religious people - Varvara's father is an archpriest - and the church teaches that abortion is murder. Varvara and Dimitri wanted all their babies and they would not agree to such a condition."

The expecting parents were too poor to seek treatment abroad, but Vavara's father, a senior priest in the Russian Orthodox Church, secured anonymous benefactors in Oxford who are paying the bill for the care of Varvara and all her new daughters.

Dimitri's sister, Maria, 24, said: "For me, that they were born alive was a miracle. It was all in God's hands and I was elated. We will go to church and light a candle for each baby."

Varvara gave birth in an Oxford hospital a week ago to five daughters 14 weeks pre-mature. As of Thursday, all of the newborns were said to be doing "very well."

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The American Psychological Association has created a 2007 Task Force to reevaluate the potential for negative psychological consequences following abortion, and in doing so, have presented us with the opportunity to be Silent No More to that community whose current position is to deny any harmful after effects. For more about the task force, here is a link to the article by Dr. Warren Throckmorton which contains all of this information, as well as his opinions regarding the subject: <http://wthrockmorton.com/2007/05/08/apa-appoints-task-force-on-abortion-and-mental-health/> In the article, Dr. MacNair is quoted as lamenting the lack of representation on the committee by those who are actually post-abortive. We can help fill this gap because the committee is open to feedback from APA professionals and non-members alike.

The Silent No More Awareness campaign is preparing a response in the form of a letter to the American Psychological Association's Task Force on Mental Health and Abortion. We would like to gather as many signatures as possible to include with the letter.

**This is an opportunity for everyone to help build a culture of life. You do not need to be post-abortive to sign this letter.**

We need the signatures of post-abortive women and men, **and people who support post-abortive women and men** for a letter that is being sent to the Task Force. Here are the email addresses so that you can add your signature to the letter:

To sign the letter as a woman who has had an abortion - email: [mail@SilentNoMoreAwareness.org](mailto:mail@SilentNoMoreAwareness.org) and note

**PAS Women Signature** in the subject line. List your name as you want it included in the letter to the APA.

To sign the letter as a man who has an abortion experience - email: [mail@SilentNoMoreAwareness.org](mailto:mail@SilentNoMoreAwareness.org) and note

**PAS Man Signature** in the subject line. List your name as you want it included in the letter to the APA.

To sign the letter as someone who supports women and men in getting healing after abortion - email:

[mail@SilentNoMoreAwareness.org](mailto:mail@SilentNoMoreAwareness.org) and note **PAS Support Signature** in the subject line. List your name as you want it included in the letter to the APA.

I highly recommend [Bella!](#) If you have not had a chance to see the movie, it is currently showing in:

**Bellevue** at [Galleria 11](#)

**Federal Way** at [CINEMARK: Century 16 Commons Mall](#)

**Kennewick** at [Carmike 12](#)

**Lacey** at [Regal Martin Village 16](#)

**Lynnwood** at [AMC: Alderwood 16](#)

**Puyallup** at [REGAL: Longston Place 14](#)

**Redmond** at [REGAL: Bella Bottega 11 Cinema](#)

**Renton** at [AMC: Village 16](#)

**Seattle** at [REGAL: Meridian 16](#)

Tickets are available online and at the theaters listed above. For more information, visit [Bella Movie Theater Listings](#).

## EVENTS

### Walk for Life

The 4th Annual [Walk for Life West Coast](#) is January 19, 2008.

### March for Life

The 2008 March for Life will take place on Tuesday, January 22, at noon on the Capitol grounds in Olympia. If you are chartering a bus, please make arrangements for parking by calling Kathy.

### It's About Life Conference

Don't miss the 4th annual It's About Life Conference on February 23, 2008 at St. Joseph's Parish in Kennewick.

Speakers include Fr. Frank Pavone, Georgette Forney, and Wesley J. Smith.

Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

Directions are available via the [Event Map](#).

### 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

**December 1** - 8:00 AM Mass at Blessed Sacrament in Seattle, a peaceful prayer vigil to Planned Parenthood - 9th and 45th NE (Metro Theater Bldg).

**December 1** - 8:00 AM Mass at St. Anthony Parish in Renton followed by a peaceful prayer vigil to Cedar River Clinic - 4300 Talbot Road (across from Valley Medical Center).

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**

9:00 AM - 2:45 PM each Friday

Catholics meet on Fridays at St. Michael Parish for 9:00 AM Mass, and pray the Rosary for Life at 9:45. The group then meets with others from Show the Truth and at 10:15 we proceed from the church to the Planned Parenthood's Olympia mill. At 11:30 we break for lunch. Then it is back to PP. The day's activities end at 2:45 p.m. 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 for directions and information, 360-480-9329 or check the [SHOW THE TRUTH](#) web page.

## **Tacoma Stands Up For Life**

Sidewalk counseling and Prayerful Presence

**Date:** Every **Tuesday** Morning

**Planned Parenthood**, 813 MLK Way, Prayerful Presence, **Tacoma**

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please bring your own prayer partner with you if possible or contact Bud if you'd like to come at a particular hour and need a second. We would like at least "2 or more gathered in His name" at any time. (Please don't attempt to join Bud, who'll be there part of this time, at the other end of the building -- he'll be sidewalk counseling, which is best done 1 on 1.)

**Contact:** Bud Niebergall

**Phone:** 253-564-5241

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

# **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 us toll-free at 877 HOPE 4 ME.

## **Washington**

- **Ellensburg**  
Sponsor: Diocese of Yakima  
Contact: [Nancy Murray](#) 509 554 9415  
Next retreat: TBA
- **Longbranch**  
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE  
Next retreat: TBA
- **Stanwood**  
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE  
Next retreat: TBA
- **Stanwood**  
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814  
Next retreat: TBA  
Note: Spanish Retreat

## 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: February 22-24, 2008
- **Portland**  
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186  
Next retreat: TBA

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!