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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

October 24, 2007

"Those who are called to stand witness in this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility."

~ [40 Days for Life](#) ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

In anticipation of St. Stephen the Martyr's introduction to the Gospel of Life Institute, the Communicatio-Vitae web address has changed to www.GospelofLifeInstitute.org

Thank you to Mike and Ceara Nourse of [High Desert Design](#) for their involvement in the establishment and generous support of the Western Washington Pro-life Network. Thank you to Djana Milton of [Pacific Software Technology](#) for maintaining our website over the past year.

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98.1 King FM is airing Planned Parenthood advertisements. Please email [Bryan Lowe](#), operations/programs manager and charitably let him know that you "will tune out because Planned Parenthood is promoting their abortion machine" from 98.1.

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Your Prayer Help urgently needed! Can you pray just one hour below?

Your help is urgently needed as an on-site peaceful prayer warrior outside the Tacoma 40 Days for Life prayer vigil location--the sidewalk outside the downtown Tacoma Planned Parenthood abortion site (813 Martin Luther King Way):

this Friday 10/26: 12 noon - 1pm*; 1-2pm
this Saturday 10/27: 12 noon - 1pm*; 1pm - 2pm
this Sunday 10/28: 12 noon - 1pm
Monday 10/29: 12 noon - 1pm
Tuesday 10/30: 11 - 12 noon

**especially one who's experienced at praying at this location before.*

The prayer vigil is occurring from 10am - 2pm, 7 days a week. There are already at least 2 prayer warriors scheduled to be present during the hours between 10am - 2pm that *aren't* listed above. You are most welcome to join in prayer during any hours of the vigil though, if flexible, please try to sign up for one or more of the hours listed above first.

Those who have prayed outside this location, including many who have never prayed outside an abortion site in their lives, are describing the experience as *profoundly spiritually moving!* 40 days for Life is a prayer campaign at the site where some of God's children are destroyed--it is not a protest. We pray for His children, their mothers, their fathers, their other relatives, and those who participate in abortions. See more information about the groundbreaking national 40 Days for Life campaign below.

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## EVENTS

**FLASH - FLASH - FLASH**

### NATIONALLY KNOWN DAVID BEREIT COMES TO OLYMPIA

HEAR AND MEET DAVID BEREIT,  
THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR FOR "40 DAYS FOR LIFE"  
SANDWICH SOCIAL - FRIDAY- NOVEMBER 2ND - AT 6:30  
SACRED HEART PARISH  
812 BOWKER ST. SE  
LACEY, WA

David became an outspoken pro-life advocate after Planned Parenthood announced plans to build an abortion clinic in his Texas town in 1998. He helped to start and build a local grassroots coalition that rallied 60 churches and thousands of people together and dramatically reduced abortions in the region. Planned Parenthood recognized the effectiveness of David's efforts when it labeled his town "the most anti-choice place in the nation." David led the first-ever 40 Days for Life campaign in College Station, Texas.

David moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 2005 where he served as Executive Director of American Life League and National Director of Stop Planned Parenthood until being asked to lead the national 40 Days for Life campaign. His pro-life work has been featured in the media hundreds of times, including coverage on Fox News, HBO, ABC, NBC, and CBS television stations, numerous radio programs, and in over 100 newspapers across the country including USA Today, The Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times.

A SUGGESTED DONATION OF FIVE DOLLARS PER PERSON WITH THE PROCEEDS USED TO HELP COVER THE EXPENSES OF OLYMPIA, 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

**IMPORTANT, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE COMING.**  
360-491-0610 OR EMAIL: [OLY40DAYSFORLIFE](mailto:OLY40DAYSFORLIFE)

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The [40 Days for Life](#) campaign needs YOU and needs you NOW!

What:

The 40 Days for Life Campaign is an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing, and prepare America for the beginning of the end of abortion. The campaign is being conducted simultaneously in 80+ cities across America from **Wednesday, September 26 - Sunday, November 4**. There are three components to 40 Days for Life:

- Prayer and Fasting. Prayer is at the center of *40 Days for Life*. During the September 26 - November 4 campaign, we are calling on people of faith across the nation to fall on their knees before the Lord, asking Him to hear our plea and heal our land of the tragedy of abortion. God's people are asked also, as able, to fast for this intention. (This could be as simple as giving up a favorite food during the 40 days. Please be careful to avoid compromising your health.)
- Peaceful Vigil. The visible, public centerpiece of *40 Days for Life* is a 40-day-long prayer vigil outside a Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in each community.

- Community Outreach. During *40 Days for Life*, the pro-life message is proactively taken to every possible corner of a community through a focused, grassroots educational effort.

Where & When:

4 Prayer Vigil sites in Washington:

Planned Parenthood abortion site:

Olympia-402 Legion Way SE, 24 hours a day, all 40 days

Planned Parenthood abortion site:

Tacoma-813 Martin Luther King Way (downtown/Hilltop), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., all 40 days

Planned Parenthood abortion site:

Seattle-at 9th Ave. and 45th St. (in the U-district, near the U-W), 24 hours a day, all 40 days

Updates can be found at <http://seattle40daysforlife.com>

Planned Parenthood abortion site:

Everett-1509 32nd Street, 24 hours a day, all 40 days

You may sign up to participate at any time during the campaign. Updates can be found at <http://everett40days.blogspot.com>

How:

Please register for updates (top right on the website of the national campaign) at www.40daysforlife.com This will ensure that you receive updates about the campaign. Each of these will include a brief scripture passage with a reflection relevant to the 40 Days for Life theme as well as praise reports from across the nation of babies' lives spared and mothers saved from the tragedy of abortion, abortion workers repenting and leaving the abortion sites to find new work, women and men beginning the journey of healing from involvement in a past abortion...and numerous other fruits of the focused prayers of a community and a nation to end abortion! By signing up with the national site and including your town and zip code, you will soon be contacted by the campaign near you--or visit the locations section of the national site and go to the local campaign's website from there.

If you're not close to a 40 Days prayer vigil site, consider contacting the one closest to you and scheduling yourself to make the trip there for a single day of the campaign. If you're unable to stand (or sit) outside a vigil site, please commit to praying and fasting from home each day.

Why:

40 Days for Life gives hope to communities who feel helpless on this issue and inspires them to rely on Christ to impact our culture, save lives, and change hearts in their community. One national leader stated, "This campaign could accomplish more in 40 Days than one entire decade since Roe vs. Wade."

Please sign up today to participate in this ground-breaking peaceful, prayerful, legal campaign of love for all those touched by abortion!

Please forward this information to family, friends, neighbors, and members of your church community and members of civic groups you may belong to. Please also tell your pastor/priest about *40 Days for Life* and encourage him to endorse the campaign and ideally find at least one hour during the 40 Days to come out to pray at a vigil site with you and other church members. *40 Days for Life* has its roots as a Christ-centered, multi-denominational effort.

As a mark of the commitment of *40 Days for Life* participants to always act in a manner consistent with Christian ideals, all wishing to identify themselves as part of the *40 Days for Life* campaign will be asked to sign a Statement of Peace before participating. (Details to follow when you sign up but the statement is very straightforward and reasonable.)

p.s. If you haven't seen the *40 Days for Life* video yet, please watch it. It will inspire and reassure you that this is something you *can* and *should* do! You'll find yourself readily identifying with the 5 men and women who tell of their involvement in the original 40 Days for Life campaign in Bryan-College Station, TX and their consequent enthusiastic endorsement of your participation in the local 40 Days for Life event here.

Duration is 22 minutes and you are certain to be glad you watched it!

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/show.cfm>

God bless you. Please pray now for discernment of God's will for your involvement in this prayerful campaign....and then sign up!

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**St. Stephen the Martyr's Respect Life Committee**  
welcomes you to the

## **Gospel of Life Institute**

**Saturday, November 10, 2007**

8:30am to 11:00am

This gathering will be part of implementing the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Please visit [St. Stephen's](#) for more information.

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Woodinville Repertory Theater is hosting a production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" as a benefit for Safe Place for Newborns.

Safe Place for Newborns is an organization that provides life-saving alternatives to mothers who might otherwise abandon their newborn babies.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is a classic story about a small town church congregation that runs a Christmas pageant every year. Unfortunately, one year the pageant is overtaken by the Herdmans – the meanest kids in town. It's a show filled with fun, lots of laughter, and a touching message about the real meaning of Christmas.

Come enjoy a wonderful show, holiday music, and Christmas treats, while supporting a great pro-life cause, all at the same time!

For tickets, please call [Human Life of Washington](#) at (425) 641-9345.

DETAILS:

Who: Woodinville Repertory Theater in partnership with Safe Place for Newborns

What: Production of the classic play, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Where: Everett PUD Auditorium, 2320 California Street, Everett WA 98021

When: **November 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 7:30 PM**; and an additional matinee at **3:00 PM** on **November 17**.

Why: All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Safe Place for Newborns in Washington State.

Walk for Life

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

March for Life

Next year's March will take place on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 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

Please mark your calendars for the 4th annual It's About Life Conference on February 23, 2008 and plan on attending this incredible conference in Kennewick.

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 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 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. each Friday

Catholics meet on Fridays at St. Michael Parish for 9:00 a.m. 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

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 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.

LINKS

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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: **November 9-11, 2007**
- **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: **November 9-11, 2007**