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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves"

~ Proverbs 31:8 www.40daysforlife.com ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Tacoma 40 Days for Life needs your help. Especially needed between now and next Wednesday are people to sign up to pray outside Tacoma vigil site (813 Martin Luther King Way, downtown Tacoma) at the following times:

tomorrow: 12 noon - 1pm; 1- 2pm

this Friday 10/5: 12 noon - 1pm*

this Saturday 10/6: 10 - 11am; 11am - 12 noon; 12 noon - 1pm*

this Sunday 10/7: 10 - 11am; 12 noon - 1pm; 1 - 2pm

this Monday 10/8: 12 noon - 1pm

this Tuesday 10/9: 12 noon - 1pm*

*especially a prayer [experienced at this location](#)

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.

EVENTS

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

What:

If you haven't heard already, 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, 2007. 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

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.

How:

All are asked to register on the website of the national campaign at www.40daysforlife.com. This will ensure that you receive wonderful emails every day of 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 you may go to 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, you've gotta see it. It will really inspire you and reassure you that this is something you *can* do and you *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 as to God's will for your involvement in this prayerful campaign....and then sign up!**

Prayer Vigil for Life and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to participate in St. Charles Borromeo's *All Night Prayer Vigil*, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, this Friday, **October 5**. The vigil will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church and then everyone will process to the convent chapel at 8:00 p.m. The vigil will conclude on Saturday morning with 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Life Chain

Life Chain is this Sunday, **October 7**. Please plan on participating. For times and the location nearest you, please visit www.lifechain.net and click on Washington in the left-hand sidebar.

Respect Life Mass at St. Stephen the Martyr

You are invited to a Respect Life Mass, Prayer Vigil, and Benediction on Saturday, **October 13**, at **8:30 a.m.** For more information, please visit www.ststephens.us/bulletin/SEP_30_2007_insrt1.pdf

Public Square Rosary

On October 13, a few groups in Washinton State will be getting together to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima in 1917 (this is the same year that Russia legalized abortion). One group will be praying all 20 decades of the rosary from **noon to 2 p.m.** on Saturday, **October 13**, in front of Planned Parenthood of Bremerton ([map to PP](#)), located at 623 NE Riddell Road, Bremerton, WA.

Another group will be praying the rosary on the lawn of St. Louise on 156th Ave in Bellevue, starting at 11:45 and ending around 1:00.

For other locations and times, please visit [Public Square Rosary](#) and scroll down to Washington.

St. Michael's Pro-Life Mass

The Respect Life Committee at St. Michael's in Olympia invites you to participate in a pro-life Mass on Saturday, **October 20**, at 9:00 a.m. More information will be available in the next update.

A Quick Overview of Pressing Bioethics Issues

St. Monica's Respect Life will be hosting this mini-retreat on Saturday, **October 20**, starting at **8:00 a.m.** Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Walk for Life

The 4th Annual [Walk for Life West Coast](#) is scheduled for 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.

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

[Prolife Washington](#) is joining forces with [Prolife Across America](#) and [Prenatal Partners for Life](#) to bring us billboards that "will help inform and educate the public about the blessings of babies born with Down Syndrome." Below is a picture of one of the billboards.

Prolife Wahington has **50 billboards** going up around Washington state in October, November, and December. Please consider making a [donation](#) to [Prolife Washington](#) to help them get **150 billboards** up in our state.

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The opening for the much anticipated movie, *Bella*, has been moved to October 26, 2007. That's the latest word from the film's promoters at [Metanoia Films](#).

More information about *Bella*, including how *you* can help to promote it, is available at [www.BellaTheMovie.com](http://www.BellaTheMovie.com)

## 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