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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"Abortion needs to be in our country a defining issue and we ought not be afraid to make it a defining issue because when we do that we will have an end of abortion in this country."

~ Bishop Robert Vasa, [LifeSiteNews Interview](#), September 12, 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Scranton Bishop's Letter for Respect Life Sunday

"I Beg You Not to Be Misled by Confusion and Lies"

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania, OCT. 3, 2008 ([Zenit.org](#)).- Here is the text of the pastoral letter Bishop Joseph Martino of Scranton released ahead of Respect Life Sunday... The bishop...asked the letter to be read at all Masses over the weekend in place of the homily, and a copy placed in all parish bulletins.

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

The American Catholic bishops initiated Respect Life Sunday in 1972, the year before the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the United States. Since that time, Catholics across the country observe the month of October with devotions and pro-life activities in order to advance the culture of life. This October, our efforts have more significance than ever. Never have we seen such abusive criticism directed toward those who believe that life begins at conception and ends at natural death.

As Catholics, we should not be surprised by these developments. Forty years ago, Pope Paul VI predicted that widespread use of artificial contraceptives would lead to increased marital infidelity, lessened regard for women, and a general lowering of moral standards especially among the young. Forty years later, social scientists, not necessarily Catholics, attest to the accuracy of his predictions. As if following some bizarre script, the sexual revolution has produced widespread marital breakdown, weakened family ties, legalized abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, pornography, same-sex unions, euthanasia, destruction of human embryos for research purposes and a host of other ills. [Read more...](#)



The [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) still needs people to distribute literature in certain precincts. Please contact them at info@noassistedsuicide.com if you can help. In addition, they are in need of [donations](#) to continue to air the [Martin Sheen advertisements](#) opposing I-1000.



Seattle 40 Days for Life needs people between the hours of Midnight and 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday. Please visit www.40daysforlife.com/seattle/ and sign up to pray.

EVENTS

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life began on **September 24** and will run through **November 2** (the Sunday preceding the national elections). Have you registered to participate in this peaceful, oftentimes 24-hour, prayer vigil? If not, please do so by visiting one of the websites linked below and following these instructions:

- Go to the website of the city in which you want to participate
- Click on “VIGIL SCHEDULE” at the top of the page
- Scroll down to #2 and click on “View the vigil schedule”
- Follow the instructions to the right of the calendar

[Centralia](#)

1020 W Main St.
Centralia, Washington

[Everett](#)

1509 32nd Street
Everett, Washington

[Olympia](#)

402 Legion Way
Olympia, Washington

[Seattle](#)

NE 45th St. and 9th Ave NE, in the U-District
Seattle, Washington

[Spokane](#)

123 East Indiana
Spokane, Washington

[Tacoma](#)

813 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, Washington

[Tri-Cities](#)

7426 W. Bonnie Ave (off N. Belfair Street)
Kennewick, Washington

St. Stephen the Martyr Parish Respect Life Committee invites you to pray with the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign. For information on how you can take a prayerful stand for life in the Renton area during these 40 days, please contact Louise Scott.

Weekly Hour of Reparation for the Upcoming National Elections

God is conscious of every strand of hair upon our heads. He cares greatly about our world, our nation, and the elections for which we are preparing.



Please join us for a weekly holy hour of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the intentions of our national elections. We ask that God's will be done as He guides the minds and hearts of those who go to the polls.

WHEN: Every Wednesday **through November 4, 2008**

WHERE: **Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Bremerton**

IN THE CHAPEL

TIME: **3:00 to 4:00 pm**

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Suzan Hudak 360-613-5344

Peaceful Prayer Vigils

Father Duc Nguyen invites you to join him in a peaceful prayer vigil on Saturday morning, **October 11**, beginning at St. Anthony Church, 416 South 4th Street, Renton, WA 98057, with 8:00 a.m. Mass and followed by a Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk outside the Cedar River Clinic at Talbot and S. 43rd.

As part of the nationwide campaign that began September 24th and will run through November 2nd, Father Gary Zender invites you to join him in a peaceful prayer vigil on Saturday morning, **October 18**, beginning at St. Anthony church, 416 South 4th Street, Renton, with 8:00 AM Mass followed by a Pro-Life Rosary on the sidewalk at the Cedar River Clinic at Talbot and S. 43rd. Please bring your rosary and only images of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe (no protest signs). Contact Louise Scott 425-271-7185 if you have questions or if you are able to take a prayerful stand for life in the Renton area during any of the remaining 40 days in this pre-election prayer campaign.

Public Square Rosary Rally

You are cordially invited to take part in an outdoor Public Square Rosary Rally in honor of the 91st anniversary of the miracle of Fatima on Saturday, **October 11** at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Bremerton from 11:15 to 12:45. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Respect Life Weekend Conference

The Respect Life Committee at St. Michael's in Olympia invites you to participate in their 2nd annual Respect Life Weekend Conference.

October 17 - 19: "It's Our Catholic Faith, Let's Live It!" You won't want to miss this Respect Life Weekend with dynamic speaker, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers from the Portland Diocese. An area-wide Pro-life Mass will be held on Saturday, October 18th with Fr. Sean Raftis, Fr. Mark Guzman, and Fr. David Mulholland. Please bring a favorite dish for the potluck brunch after Mass. Please see the [flyer](#) for the schedule and information regarding childcare.

Pro-Life Washington Fundraising Dinner

St. Marks Knights of Columbus Council is Sponsoring an Italian Dinner on Saturday, **October 18**, at **6:00 p.m.** to support Prolife Washington's 2008 fall Billboard Campaign (Pictures of billboards on www.prolifewashington.org). The key note speaker is Dr. Tom Curran. There will be a "Mini Auction" to help fund a billboard.

Location: St. Mark Catholic Church - 18033 15th Place NE- Shoreline, Wa. 98155.

Cost: \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 for a table of 8.

For reservations, please mail a check to Knights of Columbus St. Mark - PO Box 33117 - Seattle, Wa. 98133 - along with your Name, Address, Phone Number, and how many tickets you would like. Seating is limited. For more information call 206-546-3923.

Spirituality of Aging Conference

Mary Queen of Peace invites caregivers, seniors, pastoral care ministers, and anyone interested in aging issues to their Spirituality of Aging Conference on **October 24** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The conference fee is \$25 before October 15 (\$30 after that date) and includes lunch. Those persons

who only want to hear Sister Sharon Park speak at 1:00 p.m. may do so without charge, but they need to email [Colleen](#) to reserve a space. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

Healing the Culture: A New Vision for Life

Healing the Culture's 2008 Conference and Expo will be **November 6-8** at the Hilton Bellevue Conference Center. Speakers include Fr. Robert Spitzer, Camille De Blasi Pauley, and others. Visit www.healingtheculture.com or call 425-481-6563 to register.

March for Life

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, **January 20, 2009** and plan on participating in the 31st annual March for Life in Olympia. The March will be followed by a week of pro-life activity, volunteering at Crisis Pregnancy centers or other pro-life charities and witnessing in prayer at abortion clinics on January 21, 22, and 23.

Walk for Life West Coast

Join tens of thousands of pro-life women, men, families, and friends as they take to the streets of beautiful San Francisco proclaiming that 'Abortion Hurts Women' and 'Women Deserve Better than Abortion®'. Walk on **January 24, 2009** and let the world know that there is an ever increasing voice for Life on the West Coast! Join [Walk for Life West Coast](#) in ever greater numbers as we challenge the belief that abortion is a good choice for women. Walk to proclaim that Life is a Choice —Life is the Best Choice!

If you would like to organize a group or would like further information, call 415/586-1576 or e-mail info@WalkforLifeWC.com

Please help promote this event by downloading and distributing the .pdf flyers: [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

Bremerton Prayer Vigil

Please join us in praying outside the Bremerton Planned Parenthood abortuary, 623 Riddell Rd. in East Bremerton, on **Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** We pray 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). Fr. Lee Perry from St. George Byzantine Church leads prayers. All faiths are welcomed and respected.

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: Espanol
- **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: May 15 - 17, 2009
- **Tacoma area**

Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814 (Espanol) or [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE

Next retreat: TBA Espanol

Next retreat: **November 7 - 9**

- **Vancouver**

Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE

Next retreat: TBA

Note: Espanol

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

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