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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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“Destruction of the embryo in the mother’s womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed on this nascent life. To raise the question whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer ~

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gospel of Life Institute invites you to "illuminate hope" in the lives of mothers and their babies by joining us as we Ride, Run or Walk 4 UltraSound on **Saturday, September 20**, at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. As many of you know, [4US](#) (formerly known as Ride4US) raises money to purchase ultrasound machines for clinics, illuminating hope for mothers in crisis. Benefiting clinics offer entirely free services to pregnant women, bringing the joy of motherhood into focus within a loving network of support. **Ride** one of four distances (5, 25, 42 or 62 miles) beginning at **7:30 a.m.**; **run** a 5K or 10K timed race at **10:30 a.m.**; or **walk** (5K) through the pristine beauty of an old-growth forest at **11:00 a.m.** All participants will enjoy the **Family Fun Festival** with a free pancake breakfast, live Christian music, food and inflatables for the children from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Registration may be completed [online](#) or via [snail mail](#). You are encouraged to **join the Gospel of Life Institute's team (Father Ed White is the team captain)** and save \$5 per person on registration.

If anyone has questions about how to register online, please email the [Gospel of Life Institute](#).

Please consider making a donation to 4US via one of our team members, [Fr. Ed White](#), [Rachel Olson](#), or [Brendan Boyle](#).

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Vote NO on I-1000!

One of Fr. Ed White’s parishioners shared her reflections with him on the last few moments of a friend’s life. He thought it appropriate to share them with you as well during this time when we face this issue in our own state, of who ought to be in control at that last moment of life on this side of the line. Thanks to bmc for sharing this:

“Birth to Birth”

Birth.....into life. Slow. Fatiguing. Messy. Painful. Emotional. Exhausting. Exhilarating. And sometimes...Fast And Furious.

Birth....into everlasting life. Slow. Fatiguing. Messy. Painful. Emotional. Exhausting. Exhilarating. And sometimes...Fast And Furious.

Both births that we will all experience, not our time but God's.

I was part of something powerful, that has changed me forever. There has been a shift in the sand. The line once drawn there, has been washed away...With a certainty that I cannot ignore, nor deny. I was drawn into this birth process unaware of the outcome that would unfold in my heart. With birth comes purpose, what will it be? When will it be?

We cannot challenge those questions. It cannot be hastened with human hands. It may happen in the last breath of our life here on earth...intended to teach one final lesson to another.

Her purpose for me came without a word spoken...in total sacred silence. I wrapped my "lifeline to God" in her warm hands and I prayed with her. I know in my heart we were in solidarity. At that moment, the gifts poured out to me in a silence that could deafen. I knew why I was called to her that day, it was my moment to receive parts of her purpose.

The urgency of my own mortality. To embrace a new level of awareness of my own senses. Smelling...Seeing...Tasting ...Touching...Hearing...All that were slipping away from her. A deeper gratitude, for all that has been given to me...and acceptance for what has been taken. To just Stop. Breathe. Receive, and celebrate my own birth and life so far.

What time is it? Not ours. That's what time it is. It is God's moment for us, when He will call us home for our infinite embrace. We will all drink from this cup, our second birth will come.

It may be...Slow. Fatiguing. Messy. Painful. Emotional. Exhausting. Exhilarating. It may come fast and furious. Either way, it will be filled with purpose.

I understand now. It is not for, me, or you, or "they" to decide that moment, but for the one we call "I AM".

-bmc



If you have not already done so (or even if you have), please make a donation to the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) to help them defeat I-1000. In addition, please familiarize yourself and your friends with the attached Q and A from www.noassistedsuicide.com.



Please visit www.gospeloflifeinstitute.org to read the Bishops' response to Senator Biden's statements regarding Church teaching on abortion.



The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is offering dioceses and others print ads on stem cell research and abortion. The ads are available at www.usccb.org/prolife/media. Catholic dioceses and other pro-life groups nationwide may download and print the unaltered ads free of charge.

EVENTS

Wash for Life

The 3rd Annual Wash for Life will be this **Saturday, September 13**. The Gospel of Life Institute will be happy to share the locations of local Wash for Life car washes with its readers. Visit www.washforlife.com for more information.

40 Days for Life

7 cities in Washington will be participating in the fall 2008 [40 Days for Life](#) campaign. Please mark your calendars and plan on praying outside one of the following Planned Parenthoods, at least once, between **September 24 and November 2**:

[Centralia](#)

[Everett](#)

[Olympia](#)

[Seattle](#)

[Spokane](#)

[Tacoma](#)

[Tri-Cities](#)

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, **June 25 to November 4, 2008**

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

IN THE CHAPEL

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

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Suzan Hudak

Life Chain

The 21st Annual Life is Sunday, **October 5**. Please see below for locations and times:

* **BELLEVUE / REDMOND** - 148th Ave NE at NE 24th St south of Hwy 520, first Sunday of every month all year, including Oct 5, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Myron Miller](#) 425-643-1246 or [Robert Owen](#) 425-746-5056

* **BELLEVUE** - NE 8th St & Bellevue Way NE, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Myron Miller](#) 425-643-1246 or 800-473-6175

* **BELLEVUE** - 156th Ave NE at NE 8th St, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Myron Miller](#) 425-643-1246 or 800-473-6175

- * **BOTHELL** - St Rte 522 at Bothell-Everett Highway, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Ronald Fernandes](#) 425-821-3599
 - * **BURLINGTON / MT VERNON** - S Burlington Blvd at E Cedar St, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Susan 360-757-3909
 - * **CENTRALIA / LEWIS COUNTY** - I-5 Fwy Exit 82 off ramp at Harrison Ave, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; signs available at 2:15 p.m. at AM-PM side lot across from Wendy's on Harrison; [Darlene Mackey](#) 360-748-3706
 - * **EVERETT** - Everett Mall Way at 3rd Ave SE, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Arlene Noyes 425-778-0258
 - * **FEDERAL WAY** - S 320th St at Pacific Highway S, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Chaplain Mike Ballinger](#) 253-927-3757
 - * **KENNEWICK / PASCO / RICHLAND** - Columbia Center Blvd at Grandridge Blvd, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.; Jim Toth 509-546-9923
 - * **LYNNWOOD / EDMONDS / MOUNTLAKE TERRACE** - 220th St SW at Hwy 99, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; Nicholas & Marie Harkins 425-775-9711
 - * **OLYMPIA / THURSTON COUNTY** - Legion Way at Adams, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Dani Sauley](#) 360-491-0610
 - * **RENTON** - S 43rd St & Talbot Rd S, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; Sarah Schaper 206-243-7515
 - * **SEATTLE** - NE 50th St at Interstate 5 overpass, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; Carol Fraser 206-365-3064
 - * **SEATTLE / WHITE CENTER** - 17th Ave SW at SW Roxbury, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; [Toni Halsey](#) 206-856-0609
 - * **SEDRO WOLLEY** - Hwy 20 at Ball St, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Pastor Bill Heberling](#) 360-856-0509
 - * **SILVERDALE** - Silverdale Way at Ridgetop Blvd, 2:00 to 3:15 p.m.; [Tom Holtsnider](#) 360-830-0650
 - * **SPOKANE** - Division Couplet between Mission and Indiana, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Violet Stephens](#) 509-238-6356
 - * **STANWOOD / CAMANO** - SR 532 at 88th Ave NW, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Bill & Karen Majkut](#) 360-939-2102
 - * **WHATCOM COUNTY / BELLINGHAM** - Guide Meridian at Horton Rd, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; [Juanita Verbree](#) 360-354-8329
- Visit www.lifechain.net for more information.

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.

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. Visit www.healingtheculture.com 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.

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)

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.

LINKS

www.CatholicVote.com provides resources and an inspirational video that reflect on the importance of the upcoming election and emphasize the issues of life, faith, and family. Some issues are more important than others!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for Ken VanDerhoef, [Human Life of Washington's](#) Chairman of the Board. Please pray for Fr. Ed White as he undergoes some tests this week. He is looking forward to participating in and seeing many of you at 4US on September 20.

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: **September 19 - 21**
- **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: September 19 - 21, 2008 Espanol
Next retreat: November 7 - 9, 2008
- **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

If you would like the Gospel of Life Institute to post information about a pro-life event in Washington, please e-mail us.

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