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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"Find the courage to proclaim Christ, ... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Planned Parenthood has a public face that says they are supporting the rights of women to assert their reproductive rights. Unfortunately, recent investigations and reports suggest that this organization is actually peddling death in an aggressive and unethical manner. In Kansas the organization is under criminal investigation for falsifying documents and performing late term abortions. It faces 23 felony counts. Please read Townhall's [Planned Parenthood Puts a Hit Out on Black Children](#) for more details.



Anchorage, Apr 24, 2008 / 03:42 am ([CNA](#)) - Governor of Alaska Sarah Palin on Friday gave birth to her fifth child, a son who has Down's Syndrome. She said that she and her family had been "truly blessed."

Governor Palin's labor began while she was in Texas at the Governors' Energy Conference where she gave the keynote luncheon address. She was able to fly back to Alaska in time to deliver her son, Trig Paxon Van Palin, at 6:30 a.m. He was born one month early and weighed six pounds, two ounces.

Testing during early pregnancy revealed the baby had Down's Syndrome. Governor Palin said she was sad at first, but her family now feels blessed that God chose them.

The family released a statement which said, **"Trig is beautiful and already adored by us. We knew through early testing he would face special challenges, and we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakable joy as he entered our lives. We have faith that every baby is created for good purpose and has potential to make this world a better place. We are truly blessed."**



Apr. 29, 2008 (CWNews.com) - In his public rebuke to Rudy Giuliani for improperly receiving Communion during Pope Benedict's visit to New York, Cardinal Edward Egan raised two subtle but very interesting points. First, the cardinal says that Giuliani should not receive the Eucharist because of his support for legal abortion; he does *not* base his argument on Giuliani's irregular marital status. Second, the cardinal reveals that he had reached a quiet agreement with Giuliani. The former New York mayor violated that agreement-- apparently for his own political purposes. More information about these points can be found by visiting

<http://www.cwnews.com/news/viewstory.cfm?recnum=58113>



Human Life of Seattle has been invited to participate in staffing a booth at the West Seattle Junction Street Fair, which will occur on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 11, 12, and 13. This would be a new activity for them.

About ten years ago, there was a right-to-life booth in that street fair, but that was stopped in later years after complaints. In recent years, though, both Planned Parenthood and NARAL have had booths. Apparently there has been a change in management of the fair. There is support for a booth from the West Seattle Ministerial Association (which includes the pastor of Holy Rosary Church) and from Healing Hearts, a Protestant group with a mission similar to that of Project Rachel. The plan is, though, for any booth to be under the "Human Life of Washington" banner.

Ted Nutting, President of Human Life of Seattle, is canvassing to see if there is enough interest for Human Life to support this endeavor. The affiliate is already extended by its booth in the Fremont Fair in June, and Ted is seeking some outside support for the West Seattle Junction Fair.

He notes that his affiliate, though secular, has a membership that is predominantly Catholic. For years they have wanted to reach out to other pro-life organizations, but they haven't had much success. This could be an opportunity to do that.

If you might be interested in helping staff the booth, please contact Ted at theodorenutting@msn.com.



Please visit the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) and [make a donation to this organization](#) to help them defeat I-1000. As Rita Marker recently shared, "Everyone who opposes assisted suicide is a Washingtonian for the next year." (*Celebrate Life*, March-April 2008, p. 32) Let us show our country that we value human life and that killing people (via assisted suicide) because they are sick or disabled is *never* acceptable.

EVENTS

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

On Saturday, **May 3**, between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. the **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event is scheduled to take place. Please register for this prayer event by visiting [Saint Michael the Archangel Organization](#).

Dawn Eden

Fr. Sean Raftis, Fr. Phil Bloom, and Fr. Ed White are bringing a chastity speaker, Dawn Eden to the Seattle area. After working as a rock-n-roll historian and living the associated lifestyle as a single woman in New York City, Ms. Eden underwent a dramatic faith conversion. She is the author of the book, *The Thrill of the Chaste: Finding Fulfillment While Keeping Your Clothes On*.

On her blog *The Dawn Patrol*, she frequently critiques the organization Planned Parenthood and other pro-choice organizations from a pro-life standpoint, as well as exploring topics related to her religious faith (she was received into the Catholic Church in 2006) and her personal interests. Please help to advertise this event by sharing the [flyer](#) with your family and friends.

Itinerary:

1) Seattle University: **Friday, May 16**, 7:00 p.m. Bannan Hall, Room 102. Audience will be 18 years of age and older.

2) Book Signing: Holy Family Parish hall, West Seattle, 9622 - 20th Ave SW **Saturday, May 17th**, after 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses. Book signing **Sunday, May 18**, after 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12:30 Masses.

3) **Sunday, May 18**, St. Stephen the Martyr Parish, Dawn will address young adults 16 years of age and over; 13055 SE 192nd St., Renton, WA 98058; 7:00p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass). A flyer for this presentation can be found here, http://www.ststephens.us/bulletin/MAY_11_2008_insrt1.pdf

Fr. Thomas Euteneur

Please mark your calendars for **May 23** and **May 24**. The [Helper's of God's Precious Infants](#) are bringing Fr. Thomas Euteneur to the Seattle area. More information will follow.

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

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 REQUEST

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: Español
- **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 30 - June 1
- **Stanwood**
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814 or [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: TBA
Note: Español
- **Vancouver**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: **May 16 - 18**
Note: Español

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: **May 2 - 4**
- Following retreat: November 14 - 16