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*Western Washington Pro-Life Update*

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"Let us never pretend that abortion is just a social or political phenomenon that has to be voted out of office to be defeated. We must do everything we can to restore legal protection to our most innocent citizens, but our battle against the devil will not be won at the polls. It will be won on our knees before the Lord and on our feet before the centers of death. More than ever we need men and women of tested holiness who are willing to fight the spiritual battle for the lives of God's precious babies and the souls of their mothers and fathers."

~ Fr. Thomas J. Euteneuer, *The "Sacrament" of Abortion, Spirit & Life*, August 10, 2007 ~

## COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Pope Benedict XVI's general prayer intention for December is: "**That, faced by the growing expansion of the culture of violence and death, the Church may courageously promote the culture of life through all her apostolic and missionary activities.**"

His mission intention is: "That, especially in mission countries, Christians may show through gestures of brotherliness that the Child born in the grotto in Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world."



**GIVE the gift of hope.**

**GET cool athletic gear.**

**GROW 4US into a national charity.**

Please consider making a donation to [4US](#). Your **tax-deductible donation** will fund the **Grow4US** national expansion plan. Their all-volunteer charity is developing an infrastructure to "bottle and distribute" their "recipe" to other cities. **There are over 2,000 crisis pregnancy centers nationwide - only 5% of them have ultrasound machines.** 4US' founding vision in 2004 guides them to this day: create an all-volunteer charity that hosts events in major metropolitan cities, benefiting centers that are committed to making abortions rare by providing entirely free services to pregnant women in crisis.

Your donation will help them design user-friendly marketing materials, integrated registration and fundraising software, and fund other much-needed capital improvements to help them remain an all-volunteer charity...and illuminate hope for pregnant women in crisis for years to come. A donation as small as \$5 allows you to share the gift of hope with someone you love -- with a small token of our appreciation. Larger donation amounts allow your friends and family to proudly wear jerseys and shorts to **illuminate hope** at the gym, on the track or on the road. Most importantly, 4US athletic gear invites others to **join the rhythm of life.**

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From September 24 to November 2, the fall 2008 nationally coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign mobilized people of faith and conscience in **179 cities** across **47 states**, **2 Canadian provinces**, **1 American territory**, and the **District of Columbia**.

During these unified efforts, we witnessed countless blessings from God:

- More than 76,000 believers joined together in an historic display of Christian unity, **praying and fasting** for an end to abortion, and conducting peaceful **40-day prayer vigils** outside Planned Parenthood centers and abortion facilities
- Reports from around the country documented **614 lives spared from abortion** -- and those are just the ones we know about
- Eight abortion workers **quit their jobs** and walked away from the abortion industry
- Numerous abortion facilities cut back their days and hours of operation during the campaign, and another abortion facility announced on day 38 of this fall's campaign that it was **closing its doors for good**
- Hundreds of women and men have been **spared from the tragic effects of abortion**, including a lifetime of regrets
- More than **130 news stories** were featured in newspapers, magazines, radio shows and television programs from coast to coast
- Many people with past abortion experiences have stepped forward to begin **post-abortion healing and recovery**
- And after 35 years of legalized abortion in America, many believers are experiencing a renewed sense of **HOPE!**

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On December 10, pro-abortion groups will present petitions asking the United Nation's General Assembly to make abortion a universally recognized human right. The Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute created an alternate petition drive that calls for government to interpret the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as protecting human life from the moment of conception to natural death. They need at least 100,000 signatures by December 10th, the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Please go to the Website:

[www.c-fam.org/publications/id.95/default.asp](http://www.c-fam.org/publications/id.95/default.asp) and sign the petition.

Please encourage your family and friends to do the same.

# EVENTS

## Pro-Life Rosary Procession

On **Sunday, December 14**, banners of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be carried to abortion sites throughout the United States, while thousands peacefully petition Our Lady to intercede for unborn children. Pope John Paul II invoked God's blessings upon the associates of this Mission, and Bishops around the world have given their support. Invite family and friends to meet in the Gathering Space at St. Michael's in Olympia at **12:45** and join in this prayerful procession to the Planned Parenthood abortion site located at 402 Legion Way. Please see [the flyer](#) for more information.

## 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. Visit [www.washingtonmarchforlife.org](http://www.washingtonmarchforlife.org) for more information.

## 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, e-mail [info@WalkforLifeWC.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.SHOWTHE TRUTH.org) 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.

## **SUPPORT**

### **Rachel's Vineyard**

If you wish to attend a [Rachel's Vineyard](http://www.Rachel'sVineyard.org) 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](mailto:NancyMurray@dioceseyakima.org) 509 554 9415  
Next retreat: TBA
- **Longbranch**  
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](mailto:ValerieJacobs@dioceseyakima.org) 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: TBA
- **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**  
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- **Portland**  
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