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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"...each according to his or her possibilities, profession and responsibilities, should feel in themselves an obligation to love and serve life, from its beginning to its natural end. It is, in fact, everyone's duty to welcome human life as a gift to be respected, protected and promoted, even more so when it is fragile and in need of attention and care, either before birth or when it is in its final stages".."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Welcome Life, Before Birth and in its Final Stages*, February 3, 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Population Research Institute, along with various other pro-life organizations, is urging pro-lifers everywhere to contact the members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and encourage them to vote against the changes to the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR). The January 18 bill calls "for the integration and coordination of HIV and AIDS prevention, care and treatment services with 'reproductive health' and 'family planning' services and the possible diversion of much-needed attention and resources into the provision of family planning services." (Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski and Ken Hackett). This is a radical shift from the program's prior focus. PEPFAR is up for reauthorization **tomorrow, Thursday, February 14, 2008**. There is no time to delay. Please contact the [House Foreign Affairs Committee](#) now and tell them, **"When you reauthorize the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), please retain allocated funding for abstinence and behavior change programs, and do NOT link the AIDS/HIV program to family planning and abortion. PEPFAR should keep its bipartisan focus on saving human lives. Those suffering from HIV/AIDS should not be sacrificed to the cause of abortion and population control."** (NCHLA)

Adam Smith (Washington's 9th Congressional District) is on the committee. He can be contacted at (202) 225-8901, or (253) 896-3775, or www.house.gov/adamsmith/IMA/email.shtml.

A List of House Foreign Affairs committee members can be found at www.foreignaffairs.house.gov/members.asp?committee=full&subnav=subcommittees.

More information about the bill is available from the [National Committee for a Human Life Amendment's Action Alert](#), [Christian News Wire](#) and in the [USCCB's/CRS's recent letter](#) to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.



Please make every effort to attend the "Conscience" hearing **this Friday Feb. 15, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.** (**Courtroom B** with Judge Leighton in the **United States District Court in Tacoma**).

Parking is available nearby, but please note that some of the parking is 1-hour maximum. Try to arrive early enough to find a spot where you can stay for *at least* 2 hours, longer if possible. ***Also, if possible, please try to arrive early enough to get a seat in the visitors galley downstairs so that our silent, respectful conscience-rights support is very evident.***

Location: 1717 Pacific Avenue, downtown Tacoma near Pacific and 17th St, near the U-W-Tacoma campus.

Directions:

From points South of Tacoma:

I-5 North toward SEATTLE.

Take the I-705 N / WA-7 S exit- EXIT 133- toward CITY CENTER.

Take the exit on the LEFT toward CITY CENTER / TACOMA DOME.

Merge onto I-705 N via the exit on the LEFT toward CITY CENTER.

Take the S 21ST STREET / WA-509 N exit toward PORT OF TACOMA.

Turn LEFT onto S 21ST ST / WA-509.

Turn RIGHT onto PACIFIC AVE.

End at 1717 Pacific Ave

Tacoma, WA 98402-3234

From points North of Tacoma:

I-5 South toward TACOMA.

Merge onto I-705 N via EXIT 133 toward CITY CENTER.

Take the S 21ST STREET / WA-509 N exit toward PORT OF TACOMA.

Turn LEFT onto S 21ST ST / WA-509.

Turn RIGHT onto PACIFIC AVE.

End at 1717 Pacific Ave

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The [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) is in need of donations to help defeat Initiative Measure No. 1000 (assisted suicide). Please visit their website and make a donation today. It could save your life!



40 Days for Life is saving lives in Washington!

Kathy of Bellingham 40 Days for Life's shared a beautiful story of [A Life Saved](#) on [Bellingham's](#) website.

On Thursday, February 7, "while Jill and Bert prayed in the rain (see photo below), in Olympia, a young couple stopped to look at the 40 Days for Life banner. After a short pause, the car entered Planned Parenthood's parking lot. The couple were observed speaking with each other - Jill and Bert prayed harder! After a period of time, the couple departed without entering the killing center. Pray that they will continue to be spared the grief associated with aborting one's precious baby."



Please see "Events" below to find out how you can get involved in 40 Days for Life and help save baby's lives.



Issaquah 40 Days for Life **needs your help** to fill their hours. The coordinator's child is sick, so she cannot fill in for the empty hours. If you can stand vigil for one or more hours in Issaquah, please e-mail issaquah40days@aol.com or call (425) 214-4512.



Please remember to vote in the primaries on **February 19**.

The National Right to Life Committee's [Presidential Comparison Flyer](#) and the [Family Research Council's Voter's Guide](#) can help you determine the pro-life stance of candidates.

For voter's guides addressing life issues, please visit [American Life League](#) and [Catholic Answers](#).

The Gospel of Life Institute does not endorse any candidates; however, we feel it is important for people to educate themselves before voting for the candidate of their choice.



Longview Planned Parenthood's doors are permanently closed! Please visit [Abortion in Washington](#) for the full story.



The **It's About Life Conference** is 10 days away. Have you registered to attend? Please see below for more information.

EVENTS

40 Days for Life

During the season of Lent leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, from **Ash Wednesday, February 6, to Palm Sunday, March 16 of 2008**, six communities in our area are uniting with 53 other cities in 31 states for a large simultaneous pro-life mobilization - the nationwide **40 days for Life** campaign. People of faith across America are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in more than 80 cities where it has been implemented. Some locations have reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers and hundreds of new people getting involved in local lifesaving ministry efforts. The 40 Days for Life campaign is made up of three key components:

- Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout Washington to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- Peaceful Vigil: standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside a local Planned Parenthood abortion facility
- Community Outreach: taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, petition drives, and public visibility

40 Days for Life invites each one of you, and your families, to join with them in this exciting, non-denominational, grass-roots effort.

Washington state 40 Days for Life vigil locations and contact information:

Bellingham

Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood
1530 Ellis St.
Bellingham, WA
www.bellingham40daysforlife.com
bellingham@40dfl.com

Issaquah

Planned Parenthood
75 Dogwood Street #B
Issaquah, WA 98027

www.40daysforlife.com/issaquah
issaquah40days@aol.com
(425) 214-4512

Kitsap County

Planned Parenthood
623 NE Riddell Rd
Bremerton, WA 98310
www.kitsap40daysforlife.com
kitsap@40DFL.com
(360) 329-4985

Olympia

402 Legion Way
Legion and Adams (Second Floor)
Down Town Olympia
www.40daysforlife.com/olympia
oly40daysforlife@aol.com
(360) 480-9329

Spokane

Planned Parenthood
123 E. Indiana Ave.
Spokane, WA
www.40daysforlife.com/spokane
elizabeth.life@yahoo.com

Tacoma

Planned Parenthood
813 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Tacoma, WA
www.40daysforlife.com/tacoma
Tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com

It's About Life Conference sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Don't miss the **4th annual It's About Life Conference** on **February 23, 2008** at St. Joseph's Parish in Kennewick. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end around 5:00 p.m. Fr. Pavone will concelebrate 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, immediately following the conference. Speakers include Fr. Frank Pavone, Georgette Forney, and Wesley J. Smith.

Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

Registration packets are available by calling 509-586-3820. Register soon, as seating is limited. Directions are available via the [Event Map](#).

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. He has been diagnosed with a lymphoma cancerous tumor in his stomach. Please keep him in your prayers. We pray for a complete healing.

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

- **Auburn**
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814
Next Retreat: March 28 - 30
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: **February 22 - 24**
- **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: **February 22-24**
- **Portland**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
- Next retreat: TBA

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