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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

Ash Wednesday
February 6, 2008

"Assisted Suicide...Don't sign your own death warrant."
~ Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, [The Archbishop's Hour](#), January 10, 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

If you have not already done so, please visit [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) and sign up. Donations to help defeat Initiative Measure No. 1000 (assisted suicide) can also be made via their website.



40 Days for Life kicks off nationwide in 59 cities in 31 states **today**, and [Bellingham](#), [Issaquah](#), [Kitsap County](#), [Olympia](#), [Spokane](#), and [Tacoma](#) are among them! Please remember to pray and fast during this Lenten season for an end to abortion in America, and for a successful 40 Days for Life campaign, both nationally, and here locally.

A lot of new individuals and churches are stepping forward to get involved in this 40 Days for Life campaign! For many, it will be their first step into pro-life work!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many volunteers who have committed early on to participate in a vigil. For those of you who have not yet had the chance to do so, I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible. If you are able to commit to an hour a week, it would really help out. In past 40 Days for Life campaigns, many cities have been able to draw as many as several hundred to 1,000 new people into local pro-life work through these outreach efforts. Obviously, this is a very important and fruitful aspect of the 40 Days for Life campaign! You can help 40 Days for Life to accomplish this in our community by signing up today to participate in a vigil and helping to spread the word among your friends, family, and peers. More information about 40 Days for Life can be found at www.40daysforlife.com.

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Multiple layers, hats, gloves and umbrellas are recommended. Although we are not dealing with the intense weather conditions that those in such places as Minneapolis/St. Paul are --- who happen to be conducting their vigil round the clock, 24 hours a day, in sub-zero weather --- it can still get cold if you are not adequately prepared.

I encourage each one of you to [sign up to receive the daily pro-life devotionals and campaign success stories](#) that will be sent out by David Bereit, the National Campaign Director for 40 Days for Life, throughout the campaign. It is always such a joy to hear about the wonderful things God is accomplishing through this nation-wide campaign.

Please see "**Events**" below for information about local locations.



At the 30th Annual March for Life, Representative John Ahern (from Spokane's 6th District) spoke about [HB 1321](#), which would establish parental notification requirements for minors before an abortion. Please contact Representative Cody (Chair of the House Health Care Committee) and **ask her to move HB 1321 out for a vote:**

Rep. Eileen Cody

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PO Box 40600

Olympia, WA 98504-0660

(360) 786-7973

Cody.Eileen@leg.wa.gov



Don't forget to attend your caucus on **February 9**. The caucuses start at **1 p.m.** It is recommended that you arrive early. If you are late, you may not be able to participate.

For Republicans:

You can find out where your precinct caucus is being held here:

<http://www.wsrp.org/News/Read.aspx?ID=6885>

For Democrats:

You can find out where you precinct caucus is being held here:

<http://www.wa-democrats.org/caucusfinder>

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 going to their caucuses to vote for the candidate of their choice.

EVENTS

40 Days for Life

During the season of Lent leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, from **today, Ash Wednesday, February 6, to Palm Sunday, March 16 of 2008**, six communities in our state will be 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

Kitsap County

Planned Parenthood
623 NE Riddell Rd
Bremerton, WA 98310
www.kitsap40daysforlife.com
kitsap@40DFL.com

Olympia

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

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.

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

Ken VanDerhoef, [Human Life of Washington's](#) Chairman of the Board, has been diagnosed with a lymphoma cancerous tumor in his stomach. Ken was one of the founders of Human Life in 1970, and is a respected leader in the pro-life movement. Please keep him in your prayers. We pray for a good prognosis and 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