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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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“Children truly are the family's greatest treasure and most precious good. Consequently, everyone must be helped to become aware of the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God's love.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Address at a Meeting on Family and Life Issues in Latin America*, December 3, 2005 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

A Message from Fr. Ed White regarding 40 Days for Life

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 25, St. Stephen's Respect Life Committee will join six other cities in Washington who are participating in 40 Day for Life. Renton's 40 Day campaign of prayer will take place outside the Cedar River abortion facility that is kitty-corner from Valley Hospital. This is an opportunity to join a national campaign in which:

- More than 70,000 people have taken to the streets, forming peaceful 40-day prayer vigils outside of Planned Parenthood centers and abortion facilities
- Reports from around the country document that more than 1,100 lives have been spared from abortion ;X and those are just the ones we know about
- Five abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry
- Three abortion facilities completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns
- Hundreds of women and men have been spared from the tragic effects of abortion, including a lifetime of regrets

If you can't join 40 Days for Life in [Renton](#), [Bremerton](#), [Centralia](#), [Everett](#), [Olympia](#), [Tacoma](#), or [Tri-Cities](#), please pray for the success of this campaign to surround those tempted by abortion with prayer and grace and the resources necessary to choose life. Every woman confronted with this terrifying situation should know that they are loved and that there is hope and healing in Christ.
www.40daysforlife.com/about.cfm

"Even though you can't hear or see them at all, a person's a person no matter how small."

Horton Hears a Who



Pope Benedict strongly rebukes Pelosi over abortion

Vatican City, Feb 18, 2009 / 10:18 am ([CNA](#)).- House speaker Nancy Pelosi's photo-op with Pope

Benedict XVI turned sour when the Pontiff used the 15-minute meeting to reaffirm the teachings of the Catholic Church on the right to life and the duty to protect the unborn.

No photo of Nancy Pelosi and the Pope will be forthcoming, since the meeting was closed to reporters and photographers. The two met in a small room in the Vatican just after the Pope's weekly public audience.

Immediately after the meeting, the Holy See's press office released a statement saying, "following the general audience the Holy Father briefly greeted Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, together with her entourage."

"His Holiness took the opportunity to speak of the requirements of the natural moral law and the Church's consistent teaching on the dignity of human life from conception to natural death which enjoin all Catholics, and especially legislators, jurists and those responsible for the common good of society, to work in co-operation with all men and women of good will in creating a just system of laws capable of protecting human life at all stages of its development." [Read more...](#)



Visit www.beyondthedarkvalley.org to view a trailer or 30-minute version of a "television documentary that has compelling testimonies of women and men who have been devastated by abortion."



Recently, a 12-year-old delivered an excellent speech on the issue of abortion. The speech can be heard and seen by visiting [Bound for Life](#).

EVENTS

Embracing Life Fundraising Banquet

Embracing Life Pregnancy Center cordially invites you to their 3rd annual fundraising banquet on Friday, **February 20**, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

Tacoma 40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally

The Tacoma 40 Days for Life campaign invites you to a kick-off rally **on Sunday, February 22 at St. Patrick's Church, 1001 N "J" Street, Tacoma, from 3 - 6 pm.** Please plan to join them! There will be light refreshments, motivational speakers, inspirational videos and a chance to sign up for the vigil at Planned Parenthood. The rally will, of course, begin and end with prayer. God is changing hearts and minds about abortion through each and every one of us.

The organizers are asking for help with refreshments. If you could please bring the food or beverage item associated with your last name, they would be most appreciative.

A - H: Salad or bread

I - P: Dessert or fruit

Q - Z: Drinks - water, soda, lemonade, etc.

For more information, please contact Anne at (253) 298-1120 or tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com

40 Days for Life

The Spring 2009 [40 Days for Life](#) campaign begins Ash Wednesday, **February 25**, and ends April 5. Please sign up to participate by visiting one of the websites listed below.

[Bremerton](#)

[Centralia](#)

[Everett](#)

[Olympia](#)

[Renton](#) - Please join Fr. Ed White at 3:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 25, as he kicks off the first 40 Days for Life campaign in Renton (4300 Talbot Rd S.).

[Tacoma](#)

[Tri-Cities](#)

It's About Life Conference

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, is coming to Olympia and Seattle April 18-19, 2009.

Fr. Frank Pavone will be at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Mill in Olympia on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 3 p.m. He will then preach at the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Olympia. Mass will be followed by dinner and an evening conference. Tickets are available from the Knights of Columbus.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, Fr. Frank Pavone will preach at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Masses at Holy Family Church in Seattle. That afternoon Fr. Frank will lead the Hour of Mercy Prayers, beginning at 3 p.m., in front of the Madison Street Planned Parenthood (2001 E Madison Street). At 5:30 p.m. Fr. Frank will speak at a Social/Dinner/Conference at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Seattle.

Dinner tickets for both nights are \$25 per person. Tickets are limited and will go quickly.

Please see the [flyer](#) for more information. Contact Tom Hruska (360-561-5548) or Matt Ulrich (206-546-3923) for tickets.

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

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.

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: TBA
- **Longbranch**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: **February 20 - 22, 2009**
- **Stanwood**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: May 15 - 17, 2009
- **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: **March 6 - 8, 2009**
- **Portland**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
Next retreat: April 24 - 26, 2009