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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"I dream ...of a world where we can commit our social resources to the development of human life and not to its destruction."

~ Benazir Bhutto, Cairo population conference, 1994 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Your help is needed to prevent assisted suicide from being made legal in Washington! A ballot initiative was filed recently in Olympia and signature gathering (to get it on November's ballot) is expected to start soon. What you can do to help stop this:

1. Go right now to the website of the broad-based Coalition Against Assisted Suicide and sign up. You will get periodic email updates on the campaign against assisted suicide and your name will appear on the website as opposing assisted suicide. www.noassistedsuicide.com
2. If at all possible, please contribute financially to the Coalition as it will be very expensive to defend against this dangerous and misguided attempt to bring assisted suicide to Washington. No donation amount is too small (no amount is too large either! Unlike with campaigns for elected office, there is no dollar limit on contributions pertaining to ballot initiatives.)
3. If you pray daily, please add the efforts of those fighting against assisted suicide to your daily intentions and don't forget to pray for those people who are fighting for it.
4. Spread the word!



An urgent message from the Human Life Political Action Committee

It is very important for all pro-lifers to attend their party caucuses on **Saturday, February 9** (and vote in the presidential primary on February 19).

Republican's will choose half the state's presidential delegates from the caucuses and half from the primary election on February 19.

Democrats will choose their delegates only from the caucuses.

The caucuses begin at **1:00 p.m.** for both the Republicans and the Democrats.

The pro-abortion groups are urging their supporters to attend the caucuses. Let's outnumber them.

It is highly likely that a front runner will not be determined before the national conventions so it will be a wide open convention.

Give the pro-life candidate of your choice some delegates from Washington State!!!

This [PDF file](#) will give you in detail where all the candidates stand on the life issues -- both Republicans and Democrats.

The Gospel of Life Institute and Human Life PAC do not endorse any of these candidates; however, we feel it is important for people to go to their caucuses and vote for the candidate of their choice.



Thank you to Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, the priests and religious, the McEntee family, and everyone who participated in the 30th Annual March for Life in Olympia. Video clips are available on www.GospelofLifeInstitute.org If you would like to share your photos of the March for Life with the Gospel of Life Institute, please email them to us, along with the photographer's name.

EVENTS

Life is Sacred Conference 2008

The first annual Life is Sacred Conference will be held **this Saturday, January 26, 2008**. Conference **doors open at 8:00 a.m.** Speakers include Fr. John Amsberry, Dr. Lynne Bissonnette, Bill Diss, Lori Eckstine, David Hugh MacDonald, Dr. Thomas M. Pitre, Esther Ripplinger, Bobby Schindler, and Jill Stanek. **Tickets can be purchased from TICKETSWEST** via their website, www.ticketswest.com, or by phone, 503-224-8499 (Event: Life is Sacred). Please see the [flyer](#) and visit [Life is Sacred](#) for more information.

St. Michael's Respect Life Meeting

All are invited to St. Michael's Respect Life potluck and meeting on **Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m.** Jim Thomas, the Archdiocesan Director of Adult Faith Formation for Catholic Social Teaching and Family Life, will discuss the USCCB document on the "Dignity of the Human Person" (Assisted Suicide). Please see the attached flyers for more information.

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, 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.

To sign up to participate in a local vigil, or to find out how else you can "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves", please visit one of the following websites: [Bellingham](#), [Issaquah](#), [Kitsap County](#), [Olympia](#), [Spokane](#), and [Tacoma](#).

It's About Life Conference

Don't miss the 4th annual It's About Life Conference on February 23, 2008 at St. Joseph's Parish in Kennewick. 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.

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