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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"You destroy those who are tiny in body because fear is destroying your heart."

~ Saint Quodvultdeus (In reference to Herod and the Holy Innocents) ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Virgil Harwood died, happily, in peace at his home on Saturday, January 5. He was small in stature, but a giant of Christian virtue. The Pro-Life ministry in Tacoma will miss him deeply. **His funeral** will be held at **St. Rita's Catholic Church** on **Monday, January 14 at 1:00pm**. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Virgil's life.

St. Rita's Church
Hill Top area
1403 South Ainsworth
Tacoma, 98405

From the North:

South on I-5 to highway 16
Exit stay **Right**
Take Sprague St. Exit to South 15th St.
Right on South 15th St.
To Ainsworth street
Turn **Left** on Ainsworth
Church visible on **Right**

From The South:

Take 38th St.
Follow highway 16 to Sprague St. Exit
Go to 15th St South
Turn **Right**
Then **Left** on South Ainsworth
Church visible on **Right**



You are cordially invited to attend **10:00 a.m. Mass** at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Olympia on **Tuesday, January 22**. The celebrant, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, will be joined by priests from the Archdiocese. After Mass, everyone will proceed to the state capitol for the **30th Annual March for Life**. All are welcome to return to St. Michael's after the March for a **hot dog and soup lunch**. Please invite family and friends to join you in letting our state representatives know that all life is sacred.



The Central Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Olympia on January 22, 2008. The bus will arrive in time for riders to attend Mass at St. Michael's. Please visit <http://gospeloflifeinstitute.org/flyers/ACCWBus08.pdf> for more information. Space is limited. The deadline for bus reservations is **January 13**.



Holy Family in Kirkland has a bus that is going to the March for Life. They have room for 46 people. The first person to sign up was Fr. Nagel! (Email milopat3@comcast.net to reserve a spot. Students are encouraged to attend, too.)

In preparation for the March, Holy Family's Respect Life Committee is asking people to sign or write letters to their representatives in Olympia expressing their support of life from conception to natural death.



Nurses for Life WA is participating in the 2008 March for Life on **January 22** in Olympia, WA. They will meet at St. Michael's Parish for 10:00 a.m. Mass and then march from St. Michael's upper parking lot (10th and Eastside) to the state capitol around 11:00 a.m. The National Association for ProLife Nurses banner will be there to help unite nurses, physicians and other healthcare professionals and friends. The presence and voice of pro-life healthcare workers needs to be seen and heard. Please plan to attend this event.

[RSVP](#) if you plan to attend, and pass this information on to all pro-life nurses and healthcare workers that you know.



An assisted suicide initiative has been filed in Washington. Please visit [Human Life of Washington](#) to learn more and find out what you can do to help defeat the initiative.

EVENTS

Walk for Life

The 4th Annual [Walk for Life West Coast](#) is Saturday, **January 19**. Last year, approximately 25,000 people participated in the Walk for Life in San Francisco. Please help promote this year's walk by distributing the flyers that are available for download and printing at <http://www.walkforlifewc.com> If you are interested in receiving Walk for Life updates, please sign up at <http://loyolabook.com/wfl>

Hike4Life

Hike4Life is a four day 'walk & drive pilgrimage' to 12 abortion businesses from Silverdale to Olympia, from **January 19-22**.

It will begin on Saturday, January 19, 2008, at Our Lady Star of the Sea parish in Bremerton. Participants will walk to the two west-sound Planned Parenthood facilities in Bremerton and Silverdale, continue the first day's hike at three abortion mills in Seattle, and then drive to Renton.

The second day, Sunday, January 20, participants will drive and hike to the abortuaries in Renton, Kent, and Federal Way. They will end the day in Tacoma.

On Monday, January 21, they plan to pray at the three abortion businesses in Tacoma and then arrive in Olympia that afternoon.

Early on Tuesday, January 22, they will walk to, and pray at the abortion mill in Olympia, returning in time for the Pro-Life Mass. Finally, they will walk to, and take part in, the March for Life.

Please contact Suzan at sh@catholic.org if you would like more information.

March for Life

The **30th Annual March for Life** will take place on Tuesday, **January 22** at noon on the Capitol grounds in Olympia. Please plan on participating and encourage your family and friends to do the same. If you are chartering a bus, please make arrangements for parking by calling Kathy McEntee at 253-564-1497.

Life is Sacred Conference 2008

Please mark your calendars for **January 26**. Then see the attached flyer and visit [St. Thomas Aquinas' website](#) for more information regarding the **most exciting Respect Life Event the Portland Area has ever seen!**

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 Prayerful Presence

Date: Every Tuesday Morning

Planned Parenthood, 813 MLK Way, Prayerful Presence, Tacoma

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please bring your own prayer partner with you if possible or contact Bud if you'd like to come at a particular hour and need a second. We would like at least "2 or more gathered in His name" at any time. (Please don't attempt to join Bud, who'll be there part of this time, at the other end of the building -- he'll be sidewalk counseling, which is best done 1 on 1.)

Contact: Bud Niebergall

Phone: 253-564-5241

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: 3/28 – 3/30

Note: Español

- **Ellensburg**

Sponsor: Diocese of Yakima

Contact: [Nancy Murray](#) 509 554 9415

Next retreat: 9/19 – 9/21

- **Longbranch**

Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE

Next retreat: 2/22 -2/24

- **Stanwood**

Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE

Next retreat: 5/30 - 6/1

- **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: TBA

Note: 5/16 - 5/18

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, 2008

- **Portland**

Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186

Next retreat: TBA