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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"A correct conscience recognizes that there are some choices that always involve doing evil and which can never be done even as a means to a good end. These choices include elective abortion, euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, the destruction of embryonic human beings in stem-cell research, human cloning and same-sex marriage. Such acts are judged to be intrinsically evil, that is, evil in and of themselves, regardless of our motives or the circumstances. They constitute an attack against innocent human life, as well as marriage and family."

~ Bishops of Kansas, *Moral Principals for Catholic Voters*, 2006 ~

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gospel of Life Institute invites you to "illuminate hope" in the lives of mothers and their babies by joining us as we Ride, Run or Walk 4 UltraSound on **Saturday, September 20, 2008**, at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. As many of you know, [4US](#) (formerly known as Ride4US) raises money to purchase ultrasound machines for clinics, illuminating hope for mothers in crisis. Benefitting clinics offer entirely free services to pregnant women, bringing the joy of motherhood into focus within a loving network of support. **Ride** one of four distances (5, 25, 42 or 62 miles) beginning at **7:30 a.m.**; **run** a 5K or 10K timed race at **10:30 a.m.**; or **walk** (5K) through the pristine beauty of an old-growth forest at **11:00 a.m.** All participants will enjoy the **Family Fun Festival** with a free pancake breakfast, live Christian music, food and inflatables for the children from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Registration may be completed [online](#) or via [snail mail](#). **You are encouraged to join the Gospel of Life Institute's team (Father Ed White is the team captain) and save \$5 per person on registration.**

Please consider making a donation to 4US via one of our [team members](#).

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Please read this PDF brochure, [Washington Initiative 1000](#), from the [American Academy of Medical Ethics](#) and share it with your families, friends, fellow parishioners, and co-workers. As the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) recently shared, the citizens of Washington state need to know that 1-1000:

- Allows the mentally ill and those suffering from depression to be given a lethal overdose of drugs.
- Requires doctors to falsify death certificates and cover up what they've done.
- Lacks any requirement that family members be involved, or even notified.
- Opens the door for health insurers and the State to pressure the most vulnerable among us to end their own lives early.

Additional resources with information to help you oppose physician-assisted suicide can be found on our [website](#).



Please tell your friends and family about the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) and if you have not already done so, [make a donation to this organization](#) to help them defeat I-1000. The Coalition also needs volunteers to contact senior centers, service clubs, and faith organizations in your community and help them schedule a speaker who can give an educational presentation about assisted suicide and I-1000. Please take the time to educate yourself regarding I-1000 by visiting the question and answer section of www.noassistedsuicide.com.



[ProLife Washington](#) has launched their new summer campaign and they need your help to get the billboards, pictured below, up in the Seattle/Tacoma area.



Please print the [donation form](#) and send it along with your tax-deductible donation to:
PROLIFE WASHINGTON
PO Box 1090
Bothell, Washington 98041



Father Thomas Euteneur, the president of Human Life International, is asking priests to sign a "pledge of assent" in support of Humanae Vitae, to mark the encyclical's 40th anniversary. Please encourage your pastors or brother priests to sign the pledge on HLI's website, www.hli.org/hv_pledge.php.

EVENTS

40 Days for Life

The fall 2008 40 Days for Life campaign will run from September 24 to November 2. If you would like to see your city participate in this event, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/location.cfm

Healing the Culture: A New Vision for Life

Healing the Culture's 2008 Conference and Expo will be November 6-8 at the Hilton Bellevue Conference Center. Visit www.healingtheculture.com to register.

March for Life

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 22, 2009 and plan on participating in the 31st annual March for Life in Olympia.

Weekly Hour of Reparation for the Upcoming National Elections

God is conscious of every strand of hair upon our heads. He cares greatly about our world, our nation, and the elections for which we are preparing.



Please join us for a weekly holy hour of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the intentions of our national elections. We ask that God's will be done as He guides the minds and hearts of those who go to the polls.

WHEN: Every Wednesday, **June 25 to November 4, 2008**

WHERE: **Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Bremerton**

IN THE CHAPEL

TIME: **3:00 to 4:00 pm**

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Suzan Hudak

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)

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](http://www.SHOWTHETRUTH.org) 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 or Stan Schack.

Please visit <http://gospeloflifeinstitute.org/vigils.htm> for additional prayer vigil dates, times, and locations.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for Ken VanDerhoef, [Human Life of Washington's](http://www.humanlifeofwashington.org) Chairman of the Board.

SUPPORT

Rachel's Vineyard

If you wish to attend a [Rachel's Vineyard](http://www.rachelsthevineyard.com) 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: 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: **August 8 - 10**
- **Stanwood**
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE
Next retreat: TBA
- **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: 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: TBA
- **Portland**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
- Next retreat: November 14 - 16

If you would like the Gospel of Life Institute to post information about a pro-life event in Washington, please e-mail us.

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