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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

March 19, 2008

"Pray that the witness of 40 Days for Life bears abundant fruit, and that we begin again each day to storm the gates of hell until God welcomes us into the gates of heaven."

~ Fr. Frank Pavone, *40 Days for Life*, Day 41+, March 18, 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

The 40 Days for Life campaign witnessed numerous evidence of "[the potent power of prayer](#)" during the past 40 days:

- 1.) Ohio revoked the license of the facility operated by late-term abortionist Martin Haskell. Even though Haskell cut a deal with the state and the clinic is still open, this fresh investigation of a notorious abortion operation has been a major sign of encouragement.
- 2.) Numerous states, including Georgia and Colorado, conducted courageous "personhood" legislative initiatives, recognizing the humanity of every person from the moment of conception.
- 3.) South Dakota kicked off a new effort to ban abortion, launching a petition drive to collect enough signatures to put the abortion ban on the ballot this November.
- 4.) Evidence of Planned Parenthood's racist agenda gained widespread media attention over the past few weeks, due to the undercover investigations conducted by a UCLA student magazine editor.
- 5.) In Kansas, an important hearing date was set to address the 107 criminal charges filed against Planned Parenthood by heroic District Attorney Phill Kline.
- 6.) In Southfield, Michigan, an abortion center (where 40 Days for Life is being conducted) was exposed for callously disposing the dismembered bodies of aborted babies in a dumpster, an apparent violation of health and environmental regulations -- but more clearly, an indication of the abortion industry's disdain for human life. This shocking revelation made headlines across the Detroit area.
- 7.) In California, a lawsuit from a former Planned Parenthood Vice President came to light, accusing the abortion organization of overbilling taxpayers by \$180 million, and identifying many troubling accounting irregularities at America's largest abortion chain.
- 8.) One day after 40 Days for Life broadcast the story about Eileen Smith's daughter who was killed by an abortionist in Massachusetts, that abortionist lost his license, never to practice medicine again in any state.
- 9.) A multi-year legal battle against Planned Parenthood in Charlottesville, Virginia -- begun after the organization violated numerous zoning laws to open an abortion facility down the road from a local school -- culminated in a decisive court hearing on March 14 that could result in the closure of the abortion facility.

10.) While attorney general of New York, Eliot Spitzer launched a furious investigation of the state's pro-life pregnancy care centers -- specifically targeting fall 40 Days for Life leader Chris Slattery -- threatening legal action against them, at the request of NARAL. Then as governor, Spitzer introduced a bill to loosen abortion restrictions and order religious medical centers to violate tenets of faith. But he was caught in a major scandal that forced him to resign in disgrace. The news that led to the end of his political career broke shortly before he was scheduled to speak to his supporters at a conference sponsored by Planned Parenthood -- during these 40 days.

The Bereit family and 40 Days for Life thank each and every one of you for your participation in and prayers for the Lent 2008 40 Days for Life campaign. See their video by visiting the [40 Days for Life website](#). Thank you!



On the morning of Saturday March 8, about 15 people, including Sarah Schaper, were praying in front of the Planned Parenthood on E. Madison St. in Seattle. Some of those praying held signs which said, "GOD LOVES YOU AND YOUR BABY", "STOP ABORTION", and "I REGRET MY ABORTION." One sign was a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A Yellow Cab stopped in front of the vigil attendees. A lady got out of the back seat. She asked for permission to take Sarah's photo. Two men got out of the cab and photographed others in the group. The lady told Sarah, "We have a prince." Prince Philippe, the crown prince of Belgium, introduced himself, took a photo of Sarah and said, "God bless you."

May God bless Prince Philippe and his family!



Please make a donation to the [Coalition Against Assisted Suicide](#) in order to help defeat Initiative Measure No. 1000 (assisted suicide). It could help save your life!



Are you a lawyer? If so, please consider registering to attend Seattle University's [2008 Holman Ethics Seminar: Advising Clients Concerning End of Life Issues](#). The seminar is **Friday, April 4**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

EVENTS

Holy Week Prayer Vigil, Everett

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants and the organizers of Everett 40 Days for Life (fall 2007 and fall 2008) will be holding a prayer vigil outside the Everett Planned Parenthood, during all of the business hours of **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week**. Please contact the Helpers at (206) 546-3923 for more information and to sign up.

Good Friday Procession and Prayer Vigil, West Seattle

On **Good Friday, March 21**, you are invited to a prayer service in front of the West Seattle Planned Parenthood (9641 - 28th Ave SW). We will leave from in front of the Ailbe House (9622 20th Ave SW) at **1:30 p.m.**, praying the rosary on the way. We will continue praying the full mysteries of the rosary in front of the clinic, including the meditations on the Seven Last Words and the Stations of the Cross. We will return to Holy Family Church at 3 p.m., where we will say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil Cedar River Clinic, Renton

Father Ed White of St. Stephen the Martyr invites you to join our pro-life prayer vigil on **Good Friday morning, March 21** from **9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** at Cedar River Clinic, Renton, on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of Talbot & Carr (across from Valley Medical Center).

Please bring your rosary and your family.

Come when you can & stay as long as you can.

(Father Ed will pray there from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.)

For more information please see the [flyer](#).

Questions? Email [Trish](#).

Good Friday Prayer Vigil for Life, Kennewick

You are cordially invited to attend the **Good Friday** Prayer Vigil for Life on **March 21** from **9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.** The vigil is a prayerful peaceful pro-life event for Christians of all faiths to stand as witnesses for life.

The intent of the vigil is to declare and affirm the sacredness of life, to acknowledge the value of children, and to recognize the beauty and courage of adoption.

The prayer Vigil is located near the Planned Parenthood in Kennewick (Tapteal Loop and North Columbia Center Boulevard).

For more information contact Jim and Joan Toth at 509-546-9923 or ProLife@kofc-wa.org

3rd Annual Couples for Christ Pro-life Conference

The 3rd Annual Couples for Christ Pro-life Conference is **March 29, 2008** from **8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.** This year's theme is Celebrate Life! "Because Life is Precious!" The conference will be held at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Shoreline, Washington. Speakers will include Camille and Michael Pauley, Pavel Reid, Mary Harkins, Angie Vogt, Mary Grace Pingoy, and Yvette Malicay. Please visit www.cfclifeusa.com for more information and to register.

Terri's Day

The extraordinary form of the Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family in West Seattle ([9622 20th Ave SW](#)) on **March 31** at **7:30 p.m.** in observance of [Terri's Day](#).

THEOLOGY OF THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Mercy has its roots deeply planted in the Old and New Testament and in the early Church Tradition. It is a feast with three distinct dimensions, each emphasizing an aspect of the paschal mystery that needs to be brought out more clearly and appropriated by the faithful: [merciful love, atonement, and covenant](#).

The Feast of Mercy is a Celebration and a Summation of God's Merciful Love

The Feast of Mercy focuses on God's mercy as an event! It focuses on God's continuing action of mercy throughout salvation history as we see it recorded in the letter to the Romans, chapters 9,10, 11, culminating in His loving plan to have mercy on all! (See Rom 11:32)

The Feast of Mercy is a Day of Atonement

The Feast of Mercy is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Day of Atonement (see Lv 16, Lv 23:26-32 and Sir 50). It is a day of forgiveness of sins for those who approach the Eucharist and the

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Feast of Mercy is the Covenant of Mercy

In the early church the newly baptized, newly born in Christ, wore white robes until the Sunday in White (Dominica in Albis) the octave day of Easter, symbolizing their innocence. The Feast of Mercy once again celebrates the white innocence we receive by the Covenant of Mercy.

The Feast of Mercy-the Desire of the Lord

In a series of reported revelations to Saint Sr. Faustina Kowalska, Our Lord specifically and repeatedly asked that the Feast of Mercy be established on the octave day of Easter.

Easter Sunday represents our creation in the life of Grace through faith in the Risen Savior. The Octave Sunday of Easter represents the fulfillment of that "creation in grace". Thus it is as, St. Augustine says, "The most privileged octave-day "and certainly merits the title "Feast of The Divine Mercy". www.divinemercysunday.com

COME CELEBRATE A HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

2:30 PM TO 3:30 PM

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, KIRKLAND

National Pro-Life T-shirt Day

American Life League's National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day is April 29, 2008. Visit their [store](#) to order your t-shirt.

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

Please continue to pray for Ken VanDerhoef, [Human Life of Washington's](#) Chairman of the Board.

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: **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: TBA
- **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: TBA
- **Portland**
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](#) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186
- Next retreat: May 2 - 4
- Following retreat: November 14 - 16

I pray you have a blessed Triduum and a Happy Easter!