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Western Washington Pro-Life Update

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"More proof that science is the enemy of the pro-abortionists can be seen in reading their reaction to sonograms. NARAL and Planned Parenthood have done everything they can to keep women ignorant about the latest scientific advances. That is why they oppose virtually every state and federal law allowing for informed consent. They are positively frightened by ultrasound pictures. Indeed, an abortionist from Long Island recently admitted that 'no woman is going to want an abortion after she sees a sonogram.' He's afraid he may lose his job."

~ [Science Undermines Abortion Activists](#), Catalyst, January-February 2008 ~

COMMENTARY AND NEWS

Ultrasound laws added in Ohio and South Dakota

Columbus, Mar 25, 2008 / 09:23 am ([CNA](#)).- Ohio and South Dakota now join 11 other states with laws in place that require abortion clinics to offer pregnant mothers the chance to view an ultrasound of their child before they decide whether or not to abort.

On Friday, Ohio's Gov. Ted Strickland signed the ultrasound bill into law. Interestingly, physicians who disobey the law risk losing their medical license in Ohio. The new requirements will take effect 90 days from last Friday.

The new South Dakota law requires facilities that perform abortions to offer the pregnant woman "an opportunity to view a sonogram of her unborn child" before an abortion is done. The law also requires the facility to keep a written record of the woman's response, including her signature.

The abortion clinics must also create an annual report of the records and submit it to the state health department. The report, at a minimum, must include the number of women refusing and accepting the sonogram offer, as well as whether those women decided to abort their children.

Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Georgia, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Utah and Wisconsin also have similar laws on the books. Louisiana's law requires an ultrasound be performed if the pregnant woman chooses to have one and she is over 20 weeks pregnant. Kentucky is also considering a law requiring the sonic images be offered.



Recently, Fr. Phil Bloom, Gary Samaniego, Roger Thibodeau, Patricia Radmacher and Steve Stillwell, Sr. met with Isaac (a man who assaulted their pro-life vigil group) and Officer Shute. Isaac and Officer Shute arrived punctually on Wednesday morning (Mar 12). Below is a brief and

inspirational report on the meeting from Fr. Bloom:

After introductions, I read a summary of what Isaac had done: the vehicular assault and property destruction on Nov. 16 - and other occasions. I also mentioned some of his other hostile behavior - repeatedly giving the finger, parking in front of us with radio at full blast, etc. These were especially disturbing since children were present in our group. I then asked Isaac for his response. He expressed contrition and shame for what he had done - particularly that his son was with him on the final instance (Nov. 16). He spent some time talking about his anger problem and how it has affected his relationships. He said that it had even affected his relationship with his dog. We of course smiled at that admission.

After Isaac finished, I asked others present if they wanted to say anything. Steve mentioned the incident when he drove by us, pointing a gun out of his window. It turned out to be a water pistol, but was still distressing. Isaac acknowledged it and again said he regretted doing that. Roger (good monk that he is) said that this could be a moment of grace for Isaac and encouraged him to take advantage of this moment. Pat showed one of the signs he had crushed, that she had a hard time replacing. I told him that we would like him to give restitution for the damaged signs, suggesting thirty dollars. He readily pulled forty dollars out of his wallet and gave it to us. (I put it in the parish "pro-life" account.)

Pat spoke about how we can have different opinions, but find peaceful ways to disagree and to talk with each other.

At the conclusion Officer Shute said that he has been a policeman for twenty-five years and that this was the first time a case was resolved this way. I told him I would like to see them all resolved on this level. Roger mentioned that there is something in the Bible about that.

Anyway, thank you all for helping bring this to a conclusion before Holy Week.

P.S. If you know someone else who might be interested in knowing the resolution of this case, please feel free to forward this information to them. It might provide homily material...



Life Decisions International sells a [directory](#) which lists companies, products, and services that support Planned Parenthood. It is mind-blowing to look at page after page of corporations that support Planned Parenthood. Each time we purchase services or products on the list, some of it winds up in PP's pockets to support their business of death. This money does not even include the \$305 million (of our tax dollars) that they receive from the federal government annually.

We need to take action for the precious and defenseless unborn babies; we need to agree to be inconvenienced for our beliefs and convictions. Please consider purchasing a directory for \$3. The directory comes with a smaller version that fits into a checkbook holder for easy availability.

The list can also be used as a reference for contacting these pro-death corporations to let them know that you are joining the boycott against their products and services.



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!

EVENTS

3rd Annual Couples for Christ Pro-life Conference

The 3rd Annual Couples for Christ Pro-life Conference is **this Saturday, 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.

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

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.divinemicysunday.com

Terri's Day

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

OLYMPIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD"

This year the Feast of the Annunciation is on March 31. Don't forget to spend some time from **9:00 p.m. to Midnight, Monday, March 31** at the St. Joseph Chapel, St. Michael Parish. We will be praying for the survival of the unborn and their parents' mental and spiritual welfare.

SHOW THE TRUTH WASHINGTON'S Cross State Tour

[Show the Truth](#) has scheduled its annual "Cross State Tour." The adults and teens (the teens really do a great job) will tour from **April 21 to April 25**. They will visit colleges/universities and abortion mills from the Olympia area to the Spokane area. **Donations for fuel and educational handout materials would be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.**

All are invited to participate who are pro-life and pledge to treat all they meet with respect. In four plus years, Show the Truth has not even had a traffic ticket! At the same time, it is very effective in changing hearts and minds. Call Ed Sauley for information: (360) 480-9329.

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