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40 Days for Life

The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life runs from September 26 through November 4. This community-based program aims at ending abortion in our neighborhoods by accessing God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil. There will be seven sites in Maryland, where vigils typically will be held every day from 7 am to 7 pm. They are:

Annapolis -- Planned Parenthood, 929 West Street, Annapolis; local coordinators: Carolyn Schumaker (410-757-8840, carolynschumaker@verizon.net) and Laura Jones (410-224-4807).

Baltimore -- Planned Parenthood, 330 North Howard Street, Baltimore; local coordinator: Natasha P. Wilson (410-547-5537, cell: 443-490-9715, Natasha.Wilson@archbalt.org). **August 4**, Casting the Vision meeting, 10-11:30 am (Downtown Cultural Arts Center, 401 N. Howard St., 2nd floor); **September 15**, kickoff, 9:30 am (across from Planned Parenthood); **October 13**, Eucharistic Adoration followed by Mass, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption, time TBA.

Bethesda – AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; local coordinator: Debbie VanLandingham (40DaysBethesda@gmail.com). **September 22**, 1- am – Noon, kickoff rally, place TBA.

Catonsville – Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville; local coordinator: Kim Frazer (410-456-9544, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com).

College Park – Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park; local coordinator: Tom Trunk (301-513-9738, 40daysforlifemd@gmail.com). Vigil hours 6 am to 10 pm daily. **September 22**, 10 am – Noon, First Baptist Church, 3600 Brightseat Road, Glenarden.

Frederick – Planned Parenthood, 170 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 100, Frederick; local coordinator: Dolores Gebus (301-695-3408, unbornlivesmatter@gmail.com).

Fullerton – Whole Women's Health, 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore; local coordinator: Tina Baumann (443-695-0103, 40daysforlifefullerton@gmail.com). Vigil hours 7 am to 7 pm daily. **August 2**, Planning Meeting, from 7-9 pm at St. Michael's The Archangel Catholic Church, 10 Willow Avenue, Baltimore. **October 6**, 8 am, Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession at St. Agnes Church, 5422 Old Frederick Rd, Baltimore.

Some 750,000 people have participated in 5,605 campaigns since 2007, closing 96 abortion centers and saving an estimated 14,643 preborn children. Can you spend some time in prayer? Can your council help?

Face the Truth Tour and a Red Rose Rescue

Defend Life's annual *Face the Truth Tour* was conducted from July 23 to 27. Some 30 prayer warriors displayed signs showing the hideous results of abortion at 30 stops in West Virginia, DC, and across Maryland. Each day, a prominent pro-life luncheon speaker addressed the group. On Tuesday, shortly after they had been demonstrating near the White House, Monica Miller, a founder of Red Rose Rescue, spoke to the group at Rock Creek Council 2797. At a Rescue she conducted two months earlier in Michigan, 12 children were saved as their mothers cancelled their abortions and would not return to the clinic.

As Miller spoke, four people, including two priests, were being arrested for entering Capital Women's Services in DC to speak to the women who were there for abortions. The abortion center is run by Steven Chase Brigham who has had his medical licenses revoked in several states and in 2011 was charged with 11

counts of murder in Maryland. For more information, see www.lifesitenews.com/news/2-catholic-priests-2-activists-arrested-for-pro-life-witness-inside-abortion.

Carhart's New "Partner" and the Next Steps

Realizing that the abortionist requires a biomedical disposal company, **Operation Rescue** (OR) asked its supporters to contact LeRoy Carhart's then-contractor, Biomedical Waste Services, Inc., and ask the company to end its services to his clinic. The supporters did, and the company terminated its services immediately. Carhart soon contracted with Biomedical Recovery Systems. OR again notified its supporters, with the same successful result. Carhart has now contracted with Bio Haz Solutions, a Pennsylvania company, to dispose of the bodies of the babies he aborts.

Carhart's abortion facility shares space in a medical building at the Wildwood Shopping Center in Bethesda with some 40 other tenants, mainly dentists and orthodontists who treat a large number of children. *Operation Rescue* is asking people to contact Tripp Aubinoe, president of Aubinoe Management Company which owns the building, and ask him to cancel Carhart's lease. He can be reached at ala@ala-inc.com or 301-986-9070. For more information, go to <https://www.operationrescue.org/archives/ask-carharts-landlord-to-terminate-lease-with-grisly-bethesda-abortion-business/>.

Praying outside of Carhart's facility is a year-round effort. A group assembles every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am. For more information, contact Dick Retta at dickretta61@verizon.net or 301-538-2500, or Missy Smith at mreillysmith@gmail.com or 202-288-4984. For continuing updates, check PrayforBethesda.com.

Come to the State Fair

The Maryland State Fair, being held in Timonium from August 23 through September 3, is a great place to educate people about the about the beauty of life and how we can protect it. Last year, 555,841 guests attended the fair! **Maryland Right to Life** is seeking 72 volunteers to staff its booth in 3-4 hour shifts over the 12 days of the event. Can you help? For more information, go to www.mdrtl.org/events.html or call Therese Hessler at 410-269-6397.

Sidewalk Counselors Needed in Baltimore

The largest abortuary in Maryland is the Planned Parenthood clinic at 330 North Howard Street. It is estimated that of the approximately 28,000 babies aborted annually in Maryland, about 6,000 are killed at this facility. Sidewalk counselors and prayer warriors are needed to save lives. For more information contact John Roswell at 410-796-5660 or JohnRoswell@MSN.com.

KofC Ultrasound Program

The Knights of Columbus have donated 21 ultrasound machine to pregnancy care centers in Maryland. The program needs funds to meet requests from several additional pregnancy care centers. Several councils and districts are planning to hold or have held fundraisers specifically for the Ultrasound Program. Can your council do the same? For more information or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at LPGrayson@verizon.net.

Pro-Life Mass

Will your council or church host a pro-life Mass? The State Council is available to help with publicity, suggestions, and after-Mass speakers. Even if you do not need help, let us know of your activity. For more information, contact Roger Donnelly at rd5472@verizon.net.

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil" – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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