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40 Days for Life Starts September 26

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). **September 15**, kickoff, 9:30 am (across from Planned Parenthood).

Bethesda -- AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; local coordinator: Debbie VanLandingham (40DaysBethesda@gmail.com). **September 22**, 10 am – Noon, kickoff rally, Holy Redeemer Church Auditorium, Kensington.

Catonsville -- Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville; local coordinator: Kim Frazer (410-456-9544, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com). **September 8**, Sidewalk Advocates for Life Training, 9 am, West Baltimore Pregnancy Choices, 5602 Johnnycake Road, Gwynn Oak; **September 22**, 9:30 am, kickoff Blessing Bags for Women Considering Abortion, West Baltimore Pregnancy Choices; **October 6**, Eucharistic Procession following 8 AM Mass at St. Agnes Church, 5422 Old Frederick Rd, Baltimore

College Park -- Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park; local coordinator: Tom Trunk (301-513-9738, 40daysforlifemet@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.

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?

Carhart and the Next Steps

Every abortion facility requires a biomedical disposal company to dispose of the children's bodies. After two other disposal companies cancelled their contracts with Carhart, **Bio Haz Solutions**, a Pennsylvania company, accepted the work. The owner claims that they are against all abortions, but feel a "reverential responsibility" for the souls of the children, so all of their trucks carry holy water and the drivers place crosses on the containers of aborted children. See www.createdequal.org/bio-haz-solutions-hauls-away-aborted-babies-then-uses-religion-to-blaspheme-god/.

Operation Rescue and **Created Equal** have asked their followers to



Bio-Haz Solutions picking up boxes of aborted babies from Carhart's clinic

contact Bio-Haz Solutions owner David Henritz and politely ask him to cancel his contract with Carhart's facility, AbortionClinics.org. Henritz can be contacted at by phone at 888-794-7894 or 570-645-2180, or email at dhenritz@ptd.net, or on the web at bio-haz.com.

For continuing updates on the Carhart situation, check PrayforBethesda.com.

Upcoming Events

September 13-14: Defend Life is sponsoring **Ann McElhinney**, co-producer of the movie, *Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer*. On the 13th, she will speak at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Rockville; on the 14th at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Libertytown, 10 am; Our Lady's Center Chapel and Bookstore, Ellicott City, 1 pm; and St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Ijamsville, 7:30 pm.

September 13-16: Charles County Right to Life needs volunteers to help staff its right-to-life booth at the 2018 Charles County Fair. For more information and to volunteer, contact Ali Rak at ccrtl1973@gmail.com.

September 15, 6-8 pm: Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland presents a family-friendly Comedy Night featuring 3-2-1- Improv, Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Boulevard, Lusby. For tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com/e/comedy-night-with-3-2-1-improv-tickets-45946229409.

September 21, 6-9 pm: Mary's Home in Maryland will hold its, First Annual Gala at Ten Oaks Ballroom, 5000 Signal Bell Lane, in Clarksville. Master of ceremonies is Chandra Moyer and guest speaker Sr. Angelina Marie, SL. For more information, contact *Kim Roche* at kimmarysshelter@livingwatersforchrist.com.

October 12, 6-9 pm: Frederick County Right to Life will hold its 9th Annual Banquet Dutch's Daughter; guest speaker Therese Hessler, Maryland Right to Life. For more info and reservations contact Virginia Grant at 301-695-2811 or e-mail fcrtl@comcast.net.

Making Abortion a Constitutional Right in Maryland

Although Maryland has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation, House Speaker, Michael E. Busch, said on August 2 that he will propose legislation in the next session of the General Assembly to enshrine abortion into Maryland's state constitution by way of a constitutional amendment. An amendment would mean that even if the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and leave the legality of abortion to the states, no state law prohibiting abortion could be passed in Maryland. To take action, go to www.mdcathcon.org/657?vvsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f60421%2fRespond.

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.

“Christians should give more offense, shock the world far more, than they are doing now” – Dietrich Boenhoffer

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