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# Pro-Life News

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## 40 Days for Life in Underway

The 40 Days for Life fall campaign is underway. There are seven sites in Maryland, where vigils typically are 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](mailto: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](mailto:Natasha.Wilson@archbalt.org)).

**Bethesda** – AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; local coordinator: Debbie VanLandingham ([40DaysBethesda@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysBethesda@gmail.com)). **October 18**, Bud MacFarlane, Sr. speaks at 7:30 pm on Humanae Vitae at Holy Redeemer Catholic School, Kensington

**Catonsville** – Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville; local coordinator: Kim Frazer (410-456-9544, [vigilbaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:vigilbaltimore@gmail.com)). **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, [40daysforlifemd@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifemd@gmail.com)). Vigil hours 6 am to 10 pm daily. **Oct 4**, Candlelight Vigil, 7:00 pm; **Oct 12**, Gosnell Movie, 8:00 pm; **Oct 13**, Fatima Rally, Noon; **Oct 10**, Vespers, 6:30 pm; **Oct 14**, Mass and Rosary Procession, Noon; **Oct 17**, Prayers for the preborn child, 11:30 am; **Oct 20**, Respect Life Movie October Baby, 6:00 pm; **Oct 28**, Jericho Walk, 3:00 pm; **Oct 30**, Prayers for nation's elections, 4:30 pm. For information about the events, contact Tom Trunk.

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

**Fullerton** – Whole Women's Health, 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore; local coordinator: Tina Baumann (443-695-0103, [40daysforlifefullerton@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifefullerton@gmail.com)).

## Carhart and Bio Haz Solutions

Medical waste pickup companies are the Achilles heel of the abortion industry. If abortionists could not dispose of their victims, they would have to halt their activities. After two other disposal companies cancelled their contracts with LeRoy Carhart, **Bio Haz Solutions**, based in Allentown, PA, accepted the work. A group of pro-life people in the Allentown area have for the past several weeks put pressure on the company asking that it cancel its service contract with Carhart. The CEO, in a recent meeting with a local priest, claims that they have made only one pickup, in early July. The pro-life group wants to assure that this is true. If not, they will resume pressuring the company. If anyone sees any medical disposal vehicle near Carhart's facility, take pictures of it and notify Peggy Clifford at [margaretannclifford@gmail.com](mailto:margaretannclifford@gmail.com) or 240-678-2040. For continuing updates on the Carhart situation, check [PrayforBethesda.com](http://PrayforBethesda.com).

## Life Chain Sunday

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 7, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. This is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity of the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

In 2017, over 1550 cities and towns held Life Chains. There are 13 locations in Maryland – Arnold/Severna Park, Benedict, Cambridge, Emmitsburg, Frederick, Gaithersburg/Rockville, Hancock, Jarrettsville, La Plata, Lexington Park, Taneytown, Thurmont, and Westminster -- where Life Chains will be held. For more information, go to <http://lifechain.net/>.

## Upcoming Events

**October 6, 1:00 pm:** Archdiocese of Washington's Respect Life Office will dedicate the Rachel Statue and conduct the first burial at Holy Cross Cemetery (6020 Ritchie Highway, Baltimore), under its Holy Innocents Ministry. Bishop Mark E. Brennan will preside over the memorial service, and KofC State Deputy Steve Cohen will represent the Maryland councils that contributed to the statue. For more information, go to [www.archbalt.org/respect-life-2/pregnancy-loss-2/](http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life-2/pregnancy-loss-2/) or call 410-547-3142.

**October 8, 7:00 pm:** KofC Council 13290 is sponsoring a **pro-life Mass** at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Libertytown. Immediately following will be a recitation of the Rosary for the upcoming elections. For more information, contact John Miller at 240-446-8624.

**October 12, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm:** Frederick County Right to Life will hold its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet Dutch's Daughter; guest speaker Therese Hessler, Maryland Catholic Conference. For more info and reservations contact Virginia Grant at 301-695-2811 or e-mail [fcrtl@comcast.net](mailto:fcrtl@comcast.net).

**October 25, 7:00 pm:** KofC Council 14775 is sponsoring a **pro-life Mass** at Jesus the Divine Word Church in Huntingtown. For more information, go to <https://jesusdivineword.com/events/>.

## Baltimore Pregnancy Care Center Awarded \$1.1 Million

On September 12, after eight years of litigation, Baltimore's Board of Estimates voted to pay \$1.1 million to Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns (GBCPC) after a federal court ruled that the city violated the center's First Amendment rights. In 2009, the city passed an ordinance requiring pro-life pregnancy centers to post signage stating they do not provide abortions or birth control referrals. GBCPC sued, and in 2011 a federal court ruled that the law was unconstitutional. The city appealed. Then, this January, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the city to "lay down the arms of compelled speech," noting that, "After seven years of litigation and a 1,295-page record before us, the City does not identify a single example of a woman who entered the Greater Baltimore Center's waiting room under the misimpression that she could obtain an abortion there." For more information, go to [pregnancyhelpnews.com/baltimore-to-pay-1-1-million-to-pregnancy-center-after-losing-first-amendment-case](http://pregnancyhelpnews.com/baltimore-to-pay-1-1-million-to-pregnancy-center-after-losing-first-amendment-case)

## KofC Ultrasound Program

The Knights of Columbus have donated 21 ultrasound machines to pregnancy care centers in Maryland. The program needs funds to meet requests from several additional pregnancy care centers. Can your council help? For more information or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at [LPGrayson@verizon.net](mailto:LPGrayson@verizon.net).

## Cemeteries of the Innocent

As of October 1, there are two Cemeteries of the Innocent standing in Maryland – Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington (St. Mary's County) and Jesus the Divine Word in Huntingtown (Calvert County). Two additional ones will be erected in October – at Holy Ghost Parish in Newburg (Charles County) and St. John Francis Regis Parish in Hollywood (St. Mary's County). To date, there have been six cemeteries erected this year and 325 since the program began in 2004. For more information, contact Jim McFillin at [jimmcfillin@cs.com](mailto:jimmcfillin@cs.com).

*“When somebody says “I’m Catholic, but...”, it means they are not really Catholic!” –*

Abp. Fulton J. Sheen

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