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Catholics in Annapolis – Meet Your Legislators

Catholics in Annapolis will take place at the Miller State Office Building (11 Bladen St., Annapolis) on February 21, from 3-8 pm. Meet face-to-face with your legislators to share with them the Church's position on important issues. Your help is needed to stop a proposed abortion rights constitutional amendment, to stop the legalization of assisted suicide, and to protect human rights. The event begins with a Rosary for our elected officials at 3:00 pm, speakers addressing the issues at 3:30 pm, legislator meetings at 4:30 pm (meetings will be arranged ahead of time), followed by a reception at 6:00 pm. Registration is required.

Free parking at St. John Neumann Mission Church (620 N. Bestgate Road). Buses will leave from 12 locations in the state. For more information, to register and to reserve a bus seat, go to www.mdcatholic.org.

Maryland March for Life

The Maryland March for Life will take place on March 4 in Annapolis. It begins at St. Mary's parish at 109 Duke of Gloucester St. A Youth Rally will be held at 4:30 pm, followed by a simultaneous a Catholic Mass and a Protestant Prayer Service at 5:15 pm. The March to Lawyer's Mall will start at 6:30 pm, with the Rally at 7:00 pm. A complimentary Chick-fil-A dinner will then be available at St. Mary's parish school.

The speakers at the Rally include: Ryan Bomberger (Radiance Foundation) and Kelly Stauffer (Silent No More Awareness Campaign). Jonny Brenns, an American Idol Finalist, will provide musical entertainment. For more information, go to www.marylandmarchforlife.com.

Maryland Again Considering Physician Assisted Suicide

On January 29, the End of Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act) was introduced into both houses of the Maryland Assembly, as HB 399 and SB 311. If passed, this would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. Watch the documentary www.TheDignityMandate.org, which summarizes the issue. Then contact your state delegates and senators (locate them at www.mdelect.net) to express your concerns. For more information, contact Laura Jones at tomhj@prodigy.net.

LeRoy Carhart and Abortion Without Limit

According to Operation Rescue's latest survey of abortion facilities nationwide, Carhart's Bethesda clinic is one of only five that are publicly known to conduct abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy. The others are located in Boulder, CO, Albuquerque, NM, Beverly Hills, CA, and Dayton, OH. See www.operationrescue.org/archives/new-survey-shows-latest-trends-for-late-term-abortion-clinics-costs-and-wait-times/. This may increase since New York and Massachusetts recently legalized abortions for any reason until the time of birth, and Vermont, Rhode Island, Nevada, New Mexico and Maryland may soon pass legislation similar to New York's.

Prayer and public witness continues near Carhart's clinic (Wildwood Plaza, Bethesda), every Monday from 9:00-11:00 am. For further information, contact Dick Retta at dickretta61@verizon.net. Msgr. Edward Filardi, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, leads prayers at the site the first Sunday of each month at 1:15 pm.

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

The spring campaign of 40 Days for Life will run from March 6 (Ash Wednesday) to April 14 (Palm Sunday), from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily. There will be five locations where vigils will be held in Maryland:

Annapolis – Vigil is held on the public sidewalk in front of (West St.) and behind (Smithville Rd.) the Planned Parenthood building (929 West Street, Annapolis). Local coordinator: Maureen Freeman, mfj3473@aol.com, 954-257-7530.

Bethesda -- Carhart's AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Local Coordinator: Jill Gadwood, 40DaysBethesda@gmail.com

Catonsville -- Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville. Local Coordinator: Kim Frazer, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com, 410-456-9544

College Park -- Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park – 6:00 am to 10:00 pm daily. Training – February 23, Respect Life Training Seminar, see Upcoming Events below. Kick-off event, March 2 at 10 AM, at Sacred Heart Church (16501 Annapolis Rd., Bowie). Local coordinator: Thomas Trunk, 40DaysforLifeMD@gmail.com, 240-593-6982.

Fullerton – Vigil on sidewalk along 7600-7700 Belair Road in front of the Belair Beltway Plaza, outside of Whole Women's Health 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore. Local coordinator: Tina B., 40DaysforLifeFullerton@gmail.com, 443-695-0103

Opportunities to Work in Pro-Life

Maryland Right to Life is seeking a high school student for a training and volunteer work experience as an intern in its Annapolis office. There are needs in social media marketing, computer data entry, special event planning and execution, and general office support. For more information, contact Julie Bass at Julie@mdrtl.org or call 410-269-6397.

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is seeking a Community Development Coordinator to work closely with the Executive Director in the development and implementation of a fundraising and community outreach program. Time commitment is 9 – 5 three days/week. Interested candidates should send resumes to director@pregnancy-options.org or call Julie Stippich at 301-963-6223.

Upcoming Events

February 21 – Catholics in Annapolis, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information and register, go to www.mdccatholic.org.

February 23 – Respect Life Training Seminar, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, following 9:00 am Mass. It will take place in Grenoble Hall, St. Hugh Catholic Church, at 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt. Lunch will be provided, but a \$10 donation is requested. The seminar will address practical strategies to develop successful leaders of small teams within a local community organization; training is based on the 40 Days for Life leadership model. Thomas Trunk will facilitate. To register, go to www.justRSVP.me/40daysclass.

March 4 – Maryland March for Life, Annapolis, 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm.. For more information, go to www.mdsmarchforlife.com.

KofC Ultrasound Program

The KofC Ultrasound Program began on January 22, 2009. This past December, slightly less than ten years later, the 1000th ultrasound machine was donated to a pregnancy care center (PCC). Of the 31 pregnancy care centers in Maryland that have ultrasound machines, 21 units were donated by the KofC. Several additional PCCs are preparing applications for ultrasound units, and the State Council will respond. The program, however, needs additional funds to meet all requests. Can your council help? For more information or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at LPGrayson@verizon.net.

“The Church must never tire of being an advocate for life” – Pope Francis

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