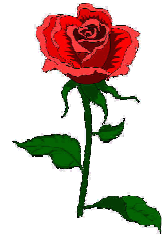




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October is Respect Life Month

What is your council doing to respect life?

Party Time in Germantown

LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion business has been shut down and there was not a single child destroyed at Germantown Reproductive Health Services in September. The business was purchased from the owners (Carhart was a contractor) by a group of pro-lifers and closed, along with Prince Georges Reproductive Health Services, a sister business. Germantown Pregnancy Choices, established to provide pro-life counseling to Carhart's patients, has been closed, and the scheduled 40 Days for Life fall campaign cancelled. On October 1, a celebration including a catered dinner, testimonies, a few remarks, and prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God was hosted by Pastor Charlie Baile and Greenridge Baptist Church. Pray that this may be repeated with the closure of other abortion centers. Rid Maryland – nay, the nation – of this moral plague.

But Will Carhart Be Back?

LeRoy Carhart has said he will find another location in Maryland and will continue offering late-term abortions. Pray that he is not successful.

Meanwhile, he is returning to a full-time practice in Nebraska, where he has been performing abortions since 1985. He came to Maryland in December 2010, splitting his time between the two states, after Nebraska passed a law banning most abortions after 20 weeks from conception. Pro-lifers in Nebraska will be praying for the conversion of Carhart and his wife, who serves as his business manager, and forgiveness for the estimated 100,000 plus children he has aborted.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life began on Wednesday, September 27, and runs through Sunday, November 5. This is the largest campaign ever, being held in 375 cities around the world. Since the program was started in 2007, some 750,000 volunteers have prayed and fasted near abortion clinics to save 13,305 babies. This fall, campaigns are being conducted at five locations in Maryland:

Annapolis – contact Carolyn Schumaker, 410-757-8840, carolynschumaker@verizon.net
Baltimore – contact Kim Frazer, 410-456-9544, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com
College Park – contact Tom Truck, 301-513-9738, 40daysforlifemd@gmail.com
Frederick – contact Dolores Gebus, 301-695-3408, unbornlivesmatter@gmail.com
Fullerton – contact Tina Bauman, 443-695-0103, 40daysforlifefullerton@gmail.com
Germantown – CANCELLED, clinic closed – thank God.

Can your council provide assistance praying outside an abortion center, either for an entire day or at a set hour once a week or even the entire 40 days? For more information, go to 40daysforlife.com, and to volunteer check with the local contact.

Sidewalk Counseling Training Seminar

Dick Retta will conduct a training seminar on Strategies and Approaches to Sidewalk Counseling, on Saturday October 7, from 1-3 PM at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on Greenbelt. In his over 17 years

counseling in front of abortion facilities in Maryland and DC, Retta has successfully encouraged some 200 women to choose life for their unborn child! For more information, contact Tom Trunk, 240-593-6982, or Katherine Hunter, 240-444-3390.

Recent Council Donations

St. Michael Poplar Springs Council 10525 recently voted to raise half of the cost of an ultrasound machine, which will be matched by Supreme, under the Order's Ultrasound Program. Can your council do something similar? For more information, contact PSD Richard Siejack at RVSiejack@aol.com.

St. John Paul the Great Council 13859 made a donation of \$500 toward a memorial to be constructed at Holy Cross Cemetery for children lost to a miscarriage.

To assist with the miscarriage memorial, send a check made payable to Catholic Cemeteries directly to Rev. Patrick Carrion, Office of Cemeteries, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Please reference "Cemetery for Miscarried Children." If you need additional information on either program, contact Mike Furst at MFurst1@yahoo.com or 410-419-6374.

Upcoming Fund Raisers

Centro Tepeyac Women's Center will hold its annual fundraising gala at St. Jude Parish Hall, in Rockville, on Saturday, October 7. Doors open for dinner and program begin at 6:45 PM. Pentecostal Bishop Harry R. Jackson, Jr. is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information, contact Jean Evans at 301-587-9516 or Jean@centrotepeyac.org.

Maryland Right to Life will hold its 1st Annual Bull & Oyster Roast to support life, on October 21, from 1 to 5 PM, at Columbus Gardens, in Baltimore County. There will be unlimited pit beef, turkey, ham and oysters, beer and soda, as well as a Chinese auction, prizes and raffles. Tickets require a \$40 donation. Go to www.mdrtl.org and note "Bull & Oyster Roast Ticket" in the comment box.

Rockville Women's Center will hold its 30th Anniversary Banquet at McLean Bible Church in Rockville, on Tuesday, October 24, 6-9PM. For more information, call 301-770-4444 or email lissa.allen@rcpc.org.

The Northwest Center will hold its 31st Annual Indian Summer Ball on Saturday, October 21, from 8 PM-Midnight, at The Organization of American States, Washington, DC. Tickets for the black-tie dinner and dance are \$120. For more information, email susan@northwestcenter.net.

Prayers Needed

Action without prayers will not be effective. 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 Mike Furst at mfurst1@yahoo.com.

Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of October 1, there are two Cemeteries of the Innocents standing. One is at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (St. Mary's County) and the other at Jesus the Divine Word Church in Huntingtown (Calvert County). To schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2017 – 9 Since 2004 – 316

*"I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses" –
Deuteronomy 30:19*

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