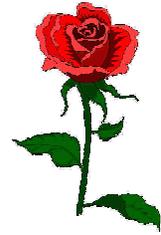




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Carhart

Each Monday morning since LeRoy Carhart opened his new abortion clinic at Wildwood Medical and Shopping Center (Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda), as many as 30 pro-lifers have gathered from 9-11 AM to pray and bear witness to the children who are being killed in the womb. Recently, one of Carhart's assistants told a woman in her 26th week of pregnancy that, even though she was not having problems and the baby was fine, Carhart would abort the child for \$7,000 – blood money. See lifesitenews.com/news/abortion-facility-will-abort-healthy-developed-26-week-old-baby-for-7k.

The weekly prayer efforts will not end until Carhart is driven out of Bethesda. More prayer warriors and pro-life activists are needed to bring this campaign to its intended conclusion. Can you help?

If you have questions about the Monday vigils, contact either Dick Retta (dickretta61@verizon.net; 301 538 2500) or Missy Smith (mreillysmith@gmail.com; 202 288 4984). For the latest information about the overall campaign against Carhart, go to PrayForBethesda.com.

On Sunday, December 10, Bishop Roy Campbell will celebrate the noon Mass at St. Jane de Chantal Church (Bethesda), and immediately following there will be a rosary procession up Old Georgetown Road to Carhart's clinic. All are invited to participate.

Exorcism in Germantown

Virtually every Saturday morning for the years that Carhart had operated in Germantown, Mass for the unborn was offered in an adjoining office against a common wall. When Carhart left, the archdiocesan exorcist recommended that 30 Masses be said in the former clinic to drive out the evil. Through November, 20 Masses have been offered, and several more have been scheduled. When a Mass is celebrated outside of business hours (the building is now being used by a Catholic businessman), people are welcome to attend. Fr. Jonathan Vanegas of St. Martin of Tours parish will offer Masses on December 4 and 11 at 7 pm. For more information, call or text Mary Beth de Ribeaux at 240-994-2496.

40 Days for Life

Prayerful witness before abortion clinics is effective. In the most recent campaign, which ended on November 5, 693 children were saved as their mothers rejected abortion. But these are only the latest saves. Since these prayer campaigns began in 2007, 13,998 children have been given life. Further, the abortion industry is declining, as 90 abortion facilities have closed and 170 abortion workers have quit their jobs.

40 Days for Life has now conducted 5,251 local campaigns in 741 cities, in 47 countries. Some 750,000 individuals have participants, as have 19,000 churches.

The next campaign runs from February 14 through March 25 (Valentine's Day through Feast of the Annunciation). If you would like to lead a local campaign, applications are due by Friday, December 1. No application is required to participate, only to lead. For more information or to apply, go to 40DaysforLife.com and click on "Start a Campaign."

From an Abortion Center to Pregnancy Care

Cecil County Pregnancy Center in Elkton is located in the building where Stephen Chase Brigham once operated a secret and illegal late-term abortion facility. In 2010, a raid discovered the remains of 35 frozen

late-term aborted babies, including one that was at 33 weeks gestation. Brigham was forced to vacate Maryland. Now almost eight years later, the room in which he aborted children is where women see their children through ultrasound images. The 40-year old community-funded pregnancy care center, which last year served clients with 2,525 free services and taught abstinence classes in local schools, began operating in the former abortion center on May 1. For more information, go to pregnancyhelpnews.com/former-covert-abortion-clinic-converted-to-house-of-hope.

This is one of a growing number of former abortion clinics that have been converted to pregnancy care centers. The best known is the former flagship Planned Parenthood building in Bryan, Texas, that now houses both 40 Days for Life and a pregnancy help medical clinic.

What One Maryland University is Teaching

Bioethics professor Travis Reider of Johns Hopkins University stated that “having a child, especially for the world’s wealthy, is one of the worst things you can do for the environment.” In an op-ed for NBCNews.com, he wrote that “having a child imposes high [carbon] emissions on the world, while the parents get the benefit. So like with any high-cost luxury, we should limit our indulgence.” He further asserted that “everyone on Earth ought to consider having fewer children.” In August 2016, on NPR’s All Things Considered, Reider proposed that “richer nations...should do away with tax credits for new parents and actually impose penalties like a carbon tax on kids.” Do you know what your children are learning – and on your dollar? For further details, go to lifeneews.com/2017/11/16/professor-says-having-kids-is-an-indulgence-thats-bad-for-the-earth.

Preparing for the March for Life

Sunday, January 7: Fr. Rosensteel Council No. 2169 will hold its 26th annual Pro-Life Kickoff Rally at the council home (9707 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring), at 5:15 pm. A brief reception and welcoming ceremony will be followed by a free spaghetti and meatball dinner, and then a host of pro-life speakers, dignitaries and musical entertainment. For additional information, contact C. Michael Koon at (301) 922-9101. All are cordially invited.

Wednesday, January 17: Defend Life’s Annual March for Life Kickoff Lecture will be given by Michael Warsaw, CEO of EWTN, who will speak about the life of Mother Angelica, whom he served as a longtime colleague and close friend. It will be held at Holy Redeemer School Auditorium (9715 Summit Ave., Kensington), at 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, go to defendlife.org or email Larry Grayson at LPGrayson@verizon.net. All are welcome.

Friday, January 19: 45th Annual March for Life -- Noon Rally; 1 pm March begins; 3 pm Silent No More Testimonials. For more information, go to marchforlife.org/mfl-2018

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 December 1, there are three Cemeteries of the Innocents standing -- St. John's in Hollywood (St. Mary's County), Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park (St. Mary's County), Holy Ghost in Issue (Charles County). To schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2017 – 12 Since 2004 – 319

“The birth of every child changes the world” – Pope Francis