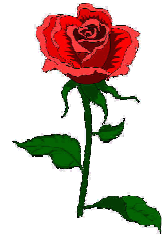




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Happenings in Bethesda

On December 10, Bishop Roy Campbell, Jr. of Washington celebrated the noon Mass at St. Jane de Chantal Church in Bethesda, and focused his homily on standing up for life. Immediately following the Mass, he led 137 people in a procession up Old Georgetown Road to abortionist LeRoy Carhart's clinic at Wildwood Medical and Shopping Center. During the march, the bishop, Fr. Samuel Giese (pastor of St. Jane's), Fr. Bill Byrne (pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac), and Fr. Keith Burney (parochial vicar at St. Jane's) led the praying of the rosary. It is reported that seeing the procession, one scheduled patient decided against abortion. For a fuller description check the *Catholic Standard* at cathstan.org/Content/News/News/Article/Pro-life-witnesses-pray-for-end-to-abortion-process-to-new-late-term-abortion-clinic/2/2/8234.



A regular presence of pro-life folks is being to develop near the clinic. Each Monday morning, about two dozen people gather from 9-11 AM to pray for the children who are being killed in the womb. 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). On Tuesdays, several prayers are usually there in late mornings and again from 1:00 – 5:30 pm; a candlelight vigil is held most Tuesdays around 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, several prayers are there from 1:00-4:00 pm, and on Friday from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. For the latest information about the overall schedule, go to PrayForBethesda.com.

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?

40 Days for Life

The next 40 Days for Life campaign runs from February 14 through March 25 (Valentine's Day through Feast of the Annunciation). Since these prayer campaigns began in 2007, 13,998 children have been given life, 90 abortion facilities have closed and 170 abortion workers have quit their jobs. Four campaigns are scheduled in Maryland:

Baltimore – Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville; local coordinator: Kim Frazer (410-456-9544, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com)

Bethesda – AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 104, Bethesda; local coordinator needed. Andrew Glenn who coordinated 13 semi-annual campaigns in Germantown is stepping down – thank you Andrew for a job well done; for information on how he conducted a campaign, contact him at 301-202-40DL or prayforcarhart@gmail.com.

College Park – Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park' local coordinator: Tom Trunk (301-513-9738, 40daysforlifemd@gmail.com). Kickoff Rally at Maranatha Fellowship Church (3828 University Boulevard, College Park) 10 am – noon.

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

For more information or to apply, go to 40DaysforLife.com.

Maryland General Assembly Opens January 10

The Maryland Catholic Conference (the legislative arm of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington) is preparing to address a number of major issues that are expected to arise in the 438th legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly, which will begin on Wednesday, January 10. Among the issues is the defeat of legislation to legalize physician-assisted suicide, which has been defeated in each of the last three legislative sessions. For continuing information, sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network emails: www.mdccatholic.org/joincan.

The MCC will hold its third Infossession on Physician Assisted Suicide on Wednesday, January 10 at the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, beginning at 6 pm. Previous infossessions have been held at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac and St. Francis De Sales in Salisbury. To register for this free event, go to www.mdccatholic.org/pasinfossession.

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 January 1, there are two Cemeteries of the Innocents standing -- St. John's in Hollywood (St. Mary's County), and St. George in Valley Lee (St. Mary's County). To schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2017 – 14 Since 2004 – 321

“A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon find that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it.” – Abp. Fulton J. Sheen

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