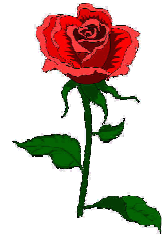




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## Baltimore Pregnancy Center Wins Appeal

The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns, which operates on Catholic Church-owned property, helps nearly 10,000 women a year facing unplanned pregnancies. Volunteers aid more than 1,200 low-income women each year with basic services like pregnancy tests, sonograms, baby and maternity clothes, parenting classes, and job placement -- all free of charge, and counsel more than 8,000 local women per year through a 24-hour helpline.

In 2009, a city ordinance forced the Center to either refer for abortions or display government abortion messaging on the walls of their property, in violation of their mission and conscience. In 2010, the Center sued the mayor and city council of Baltimore. In 2011 the Center won, but the government appealed. Finally, in January 2018, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the Center, confirming that the government has no business using compelled speech to make people “renounce and forswear what they have come as a matter of deepest conviction to believe.” For more information, go to

[www.becketlaw.org/case/greater-baltimore-center-pregnancy-concerns-inc-v-mayor-city-counsel-baltimore](http://www.becketlaw.org/case/greater-baltimore-center-pregnancy-concerns-inc-v-mayor-city-counsel-baltimore).

## Happenings in Bethesda

Each Monday morning, people gather from 9-11 am to pray for the children who are being killed in the womb in LeRoy Carhart’s abortion clinic. More prayer warriors and pro-life activists are needed to drive Carhart out of Bethesda. Can you help? The latest information about the overall schedule is available at [PrayForBethesda.com](http://PrayForBethesda.com). For any questions, contact either Dick Retta ([dickretta61@verizon.net](mailto:dickretta61@verizon.net); 301 538 2500) or Missy Smith ([mreillysmith@gmail.com](mailto:mreillysmith@gmail.com); 202 288 4984).

## 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. For more information, go to [40DaysforLife.com](http://40DaysforLife.com). 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](mailto:vigilbaltimore@gmail.com)). Commissioning Mass at 8 am, St. Agnes Church (5422 Old Frederick Rd, Baltimore), followed by prayers at Hillcrest clinic. The campaign theme is “Being a Light to the Community.”

**Bethesda** – Carhart’s AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; vigil hours – 7 am to 7 pm daily; local coordinator: Jill Perry (301-924-3838, x-204, [socialconcerns@mothersetonparish.org](mailto:socialconcerns@mothersetonparish.org)).

**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)). Kickoff Rally, Saturday, **February 10**, at Maranatha Fellowship Church (3828 University Boulevard, College Park) 10 am to noon, keynote speaker is Missy Smith; Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, Outdoor Vigil, 6:00 am to 10:00 pm; Wednesday, **February 21**, Prayer Service – noon at sidewalk; Wednesday, **February 28**, Lenten Vespers Vigil -- 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, at sidewalk; Friday, **March 2**, Solemn Prayer Hour, 8:00 pm, St. Joseph’s Church, Beltsville; Saturday, **March 3** (tentative), Sidewalk Prayer Service – 10:00 am to 11:00 am; Sunday, **March 4** (tentative), Jericho Walk – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm; Thursday, **March 8** (tentative), Candlelight Vigil - 7:30 pm, at sidewalk;

Wednesday, **March 14**, Vespers Vigil - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, at sidewalk; Sunday, **March 11** (tentative), Mass and Rosary Procession, Holy Redeemer Church, College Park, Noon; Sunday, **March 18**, Living Rosary, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm; Wednesday, **March 21**, Metro Outreach, New Carrollton, 7:15 am to 8:30 am; Palm Sunday, **March 25**, Closing Vigil, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Fullerton** – Whole Women's Health, 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore; vigil hours – 7 am to 7 pm daily; local coordinator: Tina Baumann (443-695-0103. [tinab220@yahoo.com](mailto:tinab220@yahoo.com)). Youth Rally, **March 3**, 1-3 pm, at Belair Beltway Plaza.

## Making Your Views Known to State Representatives

On **February 3**, at 10 am, the Maryland March for Life will host an educational event about physician-assisted suicide and a how-to session on speaking with representatives about opposing any physician-assisted suicide bill that may come into the General Assembly. This will be transmitted live to locations in six counties. For more details, visit [www.mdmarchforlife.com](http://www.mdmarchforlife.com).

Then, on **February 22**, from 3 pm to 8 pm, the Maryland Catholic Conference will conduct *Catholics in Annapolis*. This annual event is an opportunity for Marylanders to meet with their State legislators and share the Catholic viewpoint on issues before the General Assembly. The event includes a briefing on church issues at St. John Neumann Mission Church (Bestgate Rod, Annapolis), visits with legislators, and a free dinner reception with legislators and church leaders. Registration is required. Sign up today at [www.mdcathcon.org/lobbysnight](http://www.mdcathcon.org/lobbysnight).

To stay abreast of legislative issues of concern to Catholics, including legislation to legalize physician-assisted suicide, sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network emails at [www.mdcathcon.org/joincan](http://www.mdcathcon.org/joincan).

## Maryland March for Life, March 12

Following the National March for Life, there now is an opportunity to demonstrate at the Maryland March for Life on Monday, March 12, in Annapolis. At 4:30 pm, there will be a youth rally at St. Mary's School (111 Duke of Gloucester Street). At 5:15 pm, Mass will be celebrated in the church, while a non-denominational worship service will be held nearby. The march to Lawyer's Square will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a rally at the square. The evening will conclude with a free Chick-fil-A dinner at St. Mary's School. For more details, go to [www.mdmarchforlife.com/march](http://www.mdmarchforlife.com/march).

## 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](mailto:mfurst1@yahoo.com).

## Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of February 1, there are two Cemeteries of the Innocents standing -- St. George in Valley Lee (St. Mary's County) and St. Peter in Libertytown (Frederick County). To schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at [jimmcfillin@cs.com](mailto:jimmcfillin@cs.com).

**Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2018 – 1 Since 2004 – 322**

*“The day that people lose their horror for abortion will be the most terrible day for humanity”* – St. Padre Pio