

January 2018

Mark your
calendar

Jan. 10 Cascade Park Library Community Room .
CCRTL Board meeting
6:30-7:45 pm

Jan. 19 Roe v Wade Memorial Clark County Courthouse 1:00—2:00 pm

Jan. 22 March for Life Olympia WA 12-1 pm

CCRTL, PO Box 1652
Vancouver, WA 98668

Clark County Right to Life

A Voice for Life in Southwest
Washington since 1970

Pregnant? You are *not* alone.



Free, confidential resources:

800-712-HELP

A public service announcement from Clark County Right to Life, www.clarkrtl.org

Billboard project: hope and help for abortion-minded moms

One out of three people affected. One out of three women, one out of three men, one out of three babies never to live to full term. The statistics are overwhelming, both in terms of the children that are missing from our parishes, communities, schools and lives, but also in the grieving parents, the majority who eventually will face the reality that, in their moment of desperation, the distorted language of modern culture allowed dehumanizing terms and lack of informed consent to open a portal into the death of their child.

An abortuary is a desperate mother's last stop, her last chance. Pope Saint John Paul II has challenged us that, "The only honest stance...is that of *radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone. The experiences of many counseling centers show that the woman does not want to suppress the life of the child she carries within her. If she is supported in this attitude, and if at the same time she is freed from the intimidation of those around her, then she is even capable of heroism."* We at Clark County Right to Life, along with our parishes, youth groups, and families, look hopefully to the future of our youth to create in them a solid platform that al-

lows them to understand that the culture of life embraces God's will upon relationships: solid relationships with parents, siblings, and grandparents, and chaste and abstinent relationships with friends.

Inspired to reach our youth, Clark County Right to Life is campaigning to place billboards close to every high school and college campus that reinforces this message of life. As this demographic is most likely to be in crisis pregnancy, we would like to inspire our youth to choose chastity and abstinence, and to create a lifeline for those who are pregnant and in despair. We pray that a daily reminder to and from school allows the Holy Spirit to reinforce the message that God's plan is for intimacy and marriage to be intertwined, and that there is hope and mercy for all.

Wanda Palena, CCRTL Board member

Each billboard costs \$900 per month. Go to our Donate Now page www.clarkrtl.org . Select one time or monthly options. Enter Billboard in Comment box. You can also send a check to us at CCRTL, PO Box 1652, Vancouver, WA 98668

A message from our President Tina Bock

Happy New Year! I'm so thrilled to be celebrating another year as your Clark County Right to Life president. As we approach yet another anniversary of Roe v. Wade, I am more hopeful than ever that we will see an end to legalized abortion.

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Our culture has normalized the murder of unborn children and stigmatized pro-life advocates as radical or unsympathetic to the plight of scared pregnant women.

What we have an opportunity to do as a group is incredible. We can show our culture that there are better options for women. We do not judge the people who believe they have an impossible situation.

We are advocates for them and their unborn child. With all the exposure of sexual harassment, assault and misconduct, we have an opportunity to stand up for all women and show them that there is a better choice for their families.

As a group, we are raising funds for advertising on billboards across the county; we are holding a rally at the Clark County courthouse and the

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March for Life in Olympia. With enough public involvement, our voices can be raised and we will be heard. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Tina Bock

Billboard are very expensive : @ 1000 for 4 weeks.

40 Days for Life: A story of healing after abortion

It was a quiet Friday afternoon and there were just two of us standing on the sidewalk across the street from the Vancouver Planned Parenthood Abortion Center. A lady stopped her car in front of us. We walked over to her. She told us she had an abortion over 20 years ago. "It was the best thing for everyone." Her family life was not supportive and her boyfriend didn't want a baby. "I grieve for your loss," was our response. "No one has ever said that to me before," she said.

We told her that many women who have abortions see no other option. And that was why we were there offering "local pregnancy resource" information. We told her a story about a man who stopped by and said that several years ago his sister got pregnant and everyone said abortion was the best thing for her. He said that abortion was taking a human life and that he would support her if she had the baby. And now she is living with her brother and her two year old child. At that moment the lady's face changed. We prayed with her to our merciful Father in

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heaven for forgiveness and healing for the times we have done wrong. She said "Thank you for praying for my baby." And left.

We were also blessed with two volunteers who carried signs indicating that they regretted their abortions which hap-

pened decades ago.

They were hoping to spare others from making the same mistake. Our website contains info for abortion healing resources.

www.clarkrtl.org

Gerry Parmantier, RN (retired), local coordinator 40 Days for Life
Our next campaign starts Feb.14.

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