#### January 2021

January 22, 1-2pm Roe v Wade Silent Memorial at Clark County Courthouse. Family friendly, social distances & face coverings please Signs will be provided.

### **Clark County Right to Life**

A Voice for Life in Southwest

Washington since 1970

### 40 Days for Life newcomer still coming

40 Days for Life Feb 17—March 28

2020 will be remembered as a year of conflict and struggle, of contentious politics and peaceful and not-so-peaceful protests, of masks and social distancing. In God's providence, it also was also the year I and some friends from our church (All Saints Parish meeting at Vista Community Church in Ridgefield) became acquainted with 40 Days for Life.

I've been a volunteer and financial supporter of Options360 and other pregnancy clinics in the past, but I didn't know about 40 Days until this year. Confronted with what appear to be significant losses of freedom surrounding corporate worship and other divinely and constitutionally protected rights, I began to explore opportunities to be faithful in the midst of this years' brand of chaos. The causes that God calls His people to engage in are many but 40 Days' emphasis on public prayer and peaceful personal engagement to bring an end to abortion ultimately seemed like the best place to put our efforts.

During the 40 Days, a group of friends and I tried to begin a day or two and end a day or two each week down at the Planned Parenthood facility in Vancouver. We had opportunities to join with others in prayer, speak to a few folks about why we were there, and were able to pray that God would change hearts – His people, those seeking services, facility workers, as well as the citizens of Vancouver. By November 1, it was clear that most of us wanted to continue to pray and maintain a weekly presence outside the Vancouver Planned Parenthood Center throughout the year.

We still meet weekly to pray and look forward to what God may be pleased to do through the prayers of His people in Vancouver in the days to come.

Devin Bowen



Life-saving sign fits nicely in a window for visitors to your home and sends a strong prolife message at church or school PRO-LIFE = SCIENCE + LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

#### A message from our President, Tina Bock

Greetings and a Happy New Year to you all!

What an unprecedented year we have had! With the pandemic, safety concerns and restrictions, our regular events have been canceled or modified: there was no Clark County Fair this year, 40 Days for Life had to practice social distancing which impacts potential for conversations and now we have opted for a silent prayer vigil for our annual Roe v Wade rally at the Clark County Courthouse.

As we navigate our unusual circumstances of the last year, we must also recognize that the unborn are still at risk. Abortion services have remained open and were



deemed "essential" during the pandemic, while other places have closed. While most of us have been behind the scenes rather than out in the community, Clark County Right to Life has sponsored educational billboards around Vancouver with resource information for expectant mothers. We appreciate the generous donations that have allowed us to provide this service. We were able to use the donations budgeted for the Clark County Fair exhibit to purchase an extra 16 weeks of billboards

Until we are able to gather again, we ask that you continue to pray for an end to euthanasia and abortion, a change in the hearts of those who support those evil acts, and that we can still effectively provide resources for our community.

Please make sure to check our website regularly for updates.

# Pregnant? You are not alone.



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