

January

2022

Clark County Right to Life

PO Box, 1652, Vancouver, WA 98668

Upcoming Events...Local

January 11 Tues
CCRTL meeting
6:30-7:45pm at
13723 SE Mill
Plain (Wendy's)

January 14 Fri.
**Roe v Wade
Memorial 1-2 PM**
Clark County
Courthouse steps
Family-friendly

March 2, Wed.
40 Days for Life,
40daysforlife.com/
Vancouver

...Regional

January TBA
March for Life,
Olympia, WA
State Capitol

January 29, Sat.
**Oregon RTL
March for Life**
Salem, OR
2:30 PM at
State Capitol

March 5, Sat.
**Oregon RTL
Conference**
8 -5:25
Rolling Hills
Church, 3550 SW
Borland Rd.,
Tualatin, OR
97062 Register
online at [www.ortl.org/
conference](http://www.ortl.org/conference)

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www.clarkrtl.org



**God-given right to life
from conception until
natural death**

**Packets of Hope
40 Days for Life**

We've always known abortion was wicked and wrong, but it is one of those topics that we would just rather not think about all the time.

At the beginning of 2021, Seth Gruber came to talk at our church. His intelligent, high energy, unapologetic presentation got us fired up for the fight against abortion. A little while later I, my husband, and three kids watched the movie Unplanned. It changed our life, as it only could. We had to get involved. We had to start fighting and we were going to bring along as many people as we could.

We got involved in our Pro-Life team at church and then became the leaders of it. And during **40 Days for Life** we signed up for as many slots as we could fit into our busy, busy lives.

Sometimes you have to look for opportunities



to serve while at other times opportunities land right in your lap.

At **40 Days for Life**, volunteers hand out local pregnancy resources packets to anyone and everyone who is willing to take them. The packets are filled with great information and hope. Here's where the opportunity happened. Gerry must have recognized our desire to want to help however we could, so he passed on bins filled with pamphlets that needed to be folded and assembled into these packets of hope....over 400 of them.

I think that has a really great ring to it. Packets of hope.

I enlisted the help of our youth group and we put together almost all those packets in just over an hour. During that time, we had great conversation about what was going on at **40 Days for Life** and we got to talk about the information in the packet as well. I pray they all learned something and continue to find ways to help others choose life.

Leah Hatfield,
Radiant Church, Camas

Vice President's Message

I was still in grade school in 1973 when Roe v Wade was decided. For 48 years this US Supreme Court ruling has severely restricted states from protecting the lives of unborn children. That may be about to change with the current Dobbs v. Jackson case.

Thirty years ago, the voters of Washington state passed Initiative-120 which assured that there will be no protections in place for the unborn when Roe falls. I remember how overwhelmed I felt as we had such a short time to reach voters whose hearts had already succumbed to the destructive influence of Roe.

This last half century we have engaged in many other state battles, but our victories, and our defeats, have always been overshadowed by that remote and untouchable ruling that has distorted our constitution, corrupted our laws and poisoned our culture.

40 Days for Life

Since its beginning in 2007 in Texas 40 Days for Life has spread all across the world and has over 20,000 saves that we know about. Volunteers just like you and me bring prayer, fasting and local pregnancy resource packets of hope to places of death and despair where many women feel they have no other options to deal with an untimely pregnancy.

When I first joined Clark County Right to Life in 1975 we focused on educating the public about the humanity of new life in the womb, the inhumanity of abortion which stopped one heart and broke another and local pregnancy resources. Our group made educational presentations at schools and churches using a slide projector and the slide program How Babies Grow by Dr. Willke. We had an exhibit at the Clark County Fair, put pro-life ads in the newspaper and wrote letters to the editor. We supported the newly started chapter of Birthright which helped pregnant women and girls choose life.

A Camas Post reporter interviewed the President of CCRTL who carried an enlarged picture of the unborn child 8 weeks after conception which made it into the paper.

In the early years I would have thought that Dobbs meant that we are close to victory because reversing Roe was our ultimate goal. After all just as a good law is a good teacher, a bad law has devastating effects on the moral conscience of a nation.

But I've learned in the passing decades that while it remains an important target, saving lives requires changing hearts and minds, one by one. A good law helps, but it cannot replace the critical need to engage the culture personally with love, truth, courage and forbearance. And prayer. The battle for life is and always has been here on the home front. Today and tomorrow and the next day.

Waiting for Roe to fall is not an option.

Dorothy Gill

We later found out that someone showed that picture to a neighbor planning on an abortion...and she changed her mind.

Today, 40 years later we have our own website www.clarkrtl.org Home...picture of the last Roe v Wade Memorial in 2020 & current events. About us ...see tiny baby at 32 days and listen (in English and Spanish) to the heartbeat. Are you pregnant? ...all about local pregnancy resources and links to them. Billboard going local ...love notes for someone pregnant and feeling alone ("follow the science and feel the love"). ...windows, bulletin boards, lockers...

Gerry Parmantier
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CCRTL Treasurer & acting Secretary

Pregnant?
You are
***not* alone.**



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