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40 DAYS FOR LIFE—THE POWER OF PRAYER

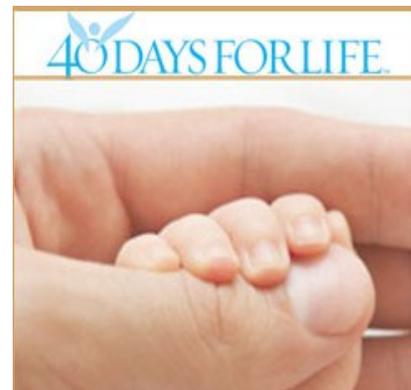
Since 2007 the National 40 Days for Life campaign has brought thousands of people together in all 50 states to fast and pray for an end to abortion. These campaigns happen twice yearly, in the spring and fall, and the success stories are truly miraculous.

The 2012 spring 40 Days for Life is now over; however, nationwide 644 babies were spared from abortion! Praise God! Through the peaceful and prayerful presence of ordinary people in the 40 Days campaign, the hearts of so many men and women were converted resulting in over 600 precious lives saved.

But the success doesn't stop there. Since the nationwide launch in 2007, 21 abortion centers have shut down permanently because of local 40 Days for Life Campaigns. 61 abortion clinic workers also quit their jobs and turned away from this industry all because of the power of these prayers.

The success of the 40 Days for Life depends on ordinary people making a commitment to pray and fast whether it's for one hour or several hours, anything will help. Please pray for the continued success of the 40 Days for Life campaigns and consider joining the next campaign whether it's signing up to pray with a group at a local clinic or just praying at home. Your prayers will make a difference.

Visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/RI/> for more information on 40 Days for Life in RI.



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Upcoming dates of interest:

- * April 17, 7PM — Rosary for Life
- * April 21, 6PM – 10PM — Pastoral Care Fundraiser
- * April 24, 7PM — Pro-Life Committee Meeting (*New members always welcome*)
- * April 28-29 — Stewardship Fair

PASTORAL CARE FUNDRAISER

The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a fundraiser-dinner on Saturday, April 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Blessed Pope John Paul II Church (formerly St. Cecilia's), 1253 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket. The dinner is being held to support the diocesan pastoral care programs: Gabriel Project (pregnancy outreach), Post-Abortion Ministry (Rachel's Vineyard) and Be Not Afraid (poor pre-natal diagnosis). The Italian Buffet Dinner tickets are \$20.00 per person. The evening will begin with a social hour and include a 50-50 raffle, a penny social and other raffles throughout the evening.

For more information and to purchase your tickets, please call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218 or e-mail: rl.outreach@dioceseofprovidence.org.

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The question confronting the Church today is not any longer whether the man in the street can grasp a religious message, but how to employ the communications media so as to let him have the full impact of the Gospel message.

~Blessed John Paul II

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"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."
— Mother Teresa



IN MEMORIAM

Robert J. DelVecchio died unexpectedly on Wednesday March 7, 2012. He was the loving husband of Joan DelVecchio, father of Joseph V. DelVecchio and Amanda J. DelVecchio Rocheleau, and proud grandfather of four little girls who loved him dearly.



Robert was an active member of the Saints Rose and Clement Pro-Life Committee and will be dearly missed. He was a man of selflessness and love, who gave so much of himself to others without hesitation. He sought to be a source of joy and comfort to everyone he met. His love and dedication to his family and his faith will always be remembered by those who were blessed enough to have known him.

EUTHANASIA—OUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Here in Rhode Island, many of us may be unaware of the growing push for the legalization of physician assisted suicide in several other states. In Massachusetts, euthanasia advocates are working towards a ballot question that will have voters decide on its legalization in November. In New York, Vermont, Hawaii, and Montana, state legislatures are debating bills to decriminalize assisted suicide. These bills are being reviewed by legislative committees and no votes have been scheduled yet, but the pro-euthanasia lobbyists are pushing hard. In New Mexico, two doctors have filed a court challenge against the state's laws prohibiting assisted suicides. If any of these are successful, they will join Oregon and Washington, where euthanasia has been legal for several years.

While it may appear that we don't have much say as to what happens in other states; what we can do is pray. Like abortion, euthanasia is affront to the dignity of all human life. From conception to the natural death, all life is a precious gift from God and has meaning. All our prayers are needed so that the elected officials will embrace a culture of life and work against these misguided bills. We also need to remain vigilant against any future attempt in our state to legalize assisted suicide. Please keep these states in your prayers, as well as, our own state and our nation during this election year.

THE MYTHICAL WAR ON WOMEN

Rhode Island Representative Karen MacBeth (D-Cumberland) recently introduced legislation that would require ultrasound of the child before an abortion is performed. If the bill is passed, Rhode Island would join seven other states that have similar mandates.

Currently there are 18 states that are considering similar ultrasound bills. As expected, opponents of the bill are quick to call this another round in a mythical "war on women". Anyone who opposes abortion, contraception, and the HHS mandate are seen as aggressors in a fight against women's rights.

Let's get the facts straight. The reason that ultrasound laws are necessary is because many abortion providers do not give their

patients all the information necessary to make the right decision. Women are often made to feel that an abortion is their only "choice." Secondly, calling this a war on women is nothing more than a distraction from the truth which is that abortion, contraception and the HHS mandates do nothing to empower women. Instead, they feed into a culture of death that objectifies women and deprives them of their God-given dignity while showing a callous disregard for human life and religious freedoms.

Contact your representative and ask for their support on this legislation.

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