

Respect Life Quarterly Meeting: Winter 2012 Recap

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY MAY 29

Find Recaps from Past Meetings at http://www.archdpx.org/jprespect/respect_life.html

- **Welcome**

- **Opening Prayer: Prayer for Life**

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.

- **Why We Gather**

- Purpose of Quarterly Meetings: For the Office of LJP and other parish ministries to share strategies for success in order to strengthen *each* parish's Respect Life Ministry
- We respect Sacred Listening
- We work from a place of consensus, not divisiveness
- The Life Core Team advises the Office on issues and sets the agenda for the quarterly meetings. Contact them if you have suggestions or concerns (Becky Griffo, Deacon Mike Caldwell, Bianca Nerenberg, Jim Brey)

- **Presentation: Pregnancy Resource Center (Great resources and discussion)**

Larry Gadbaugh, CEO at Pregnancy Resource Centers of Greater Portland
Mary Brainerd, ultrasound nurse
Nikki Holmes, Beaverton PRC director

- Ways that PRC and a parish respect life committee might complement each other and better work together
- Opportunities for Catholics and PRC to work with each other
- Ask questions about how PRC works, what it does, and how we can better promote its services in our lists of resources and referring clients to you from our 40 Days for Life efforts.

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- **Events:**

- Send me information! I miss a lot of events around the Archdiocese because I'm not aware of them.

Criteria for Inclusion:

- The organization be either Catholic, faith-based or a CCHD-grantee
 - The event must be inclusive and non-partisan
 - The event must conform to the principles or themes Catholic social teaching (I prefer that the event is connected to one of the CST themes)
 - The event cannot involve picketing or protesting (vigils and marches and walks are okay)
 - The event must be something more than a fundraiser (a benefit where an issue that has ties to CST is okay).
- **ORTL Conference: April 21.** Jim Brey and Chuck McDonald will man the Office table. Can anyone else help?
 - **Friday March 16: Madonna's Center Teen Parent Resource Fair.** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Clackamas Banquet and Catering Center, 15851 SE 82nd Avenue, Clackamas. Young parents will learn how to keep their children safe, save and earn money, and get access to services.
 - **Saturday March 31: Women's Tea For Life.** St. Matthew in Hillsboro
 - **Through Palm Sunday: 40 Days for Life**

40 Days For Life Prayer Warrior Card

I pledge to be a 40 Days for Life Prayer Warrior. I will pray and fast (circle day)

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat.

From _____to_____ for the end of abortion and For those standing vigil at Planned Parenthood.

A Prayer For Life: *Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen* USCCB Publishing

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- **News/Issues:**

- **Voter Registration Drive: Handouts**

- http://www.archdpdx.org/jprespect/JP_Respect/Voter_Registration_Drive.pdf

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- **HHS preventive services requirements: Handouts**

- **Petition #25 for the state ballot**

- Catherine Harrington

- Peter Carlson

- "No public funds shall be used to pay for any abortion, except to save the life of the mother or as may be required by federal law."

- <http://oregon2012.org/sign/>

- Sign on Sunday <http://oregon2012.org/get-involved/faith-community/sign-on-sunday/>

- We've added four new videos to the [Initiative #25 YouTube channel](#) designed to answer common questions and help you avoid costly mistakes when collecting signatures.

Video 1: [Introduction to Initiative #25](#)

Video 2: [The petition sheet](#)

Video 3: [What makes a petition bad](#)

Video 4: [Dos and don'ts of petition circulation](#)

Lots of good stuff in there featuring our very own Mr. Lee Edward. **Be sure to check out these videos if you are helping to collect signatures for Initiative #25.**

"Initiative 25 is a great step for life - innocent life. Our tax dollars should go to strengthen and treasure life, not take it away. I am happy to support this important life initiative." *Rev. Msgr. Dennis J. O'Donovan, Vicar General, Catholic Archdiocese of Portland*

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- **Closing Prayer: Prayer for Reverence of Life**
 - Prayer Intention for the School Health Clinic at Tigard High School
 - Prayer Intention for Bob and Joanne Betschart

All mighty God, giver of all that is good. We thank you for the precious gift of human life.

For life in womb, coming from your creative power
For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise
For the life of young people, hoping for a better world
For the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility
For the life of the elderly, witnessing the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end and bring us at last oh Father to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our lord. AMEN