

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2017

St Theresa & Corpus Christi Parish ***Organized by Respect for Life Ministry***

The Respect for Life Ministry of St Theresa and Corpus Christi Parishes has committed to organizing a prayer vigil on Saturday March 25 from 11:00 am to noon, Friday March 31 from 8 am to 5 pm, and Friday April 7 from 8 am to 5 pm. Our goal is to have people prayerfully present across the street from the Women's Health Options abortion center during their open hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) on our vigil days. This is a merciful way to spend an hour with our Lord during the Lenten season and to be a public witness to the dignity of human life.

“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” -Pope Francis

“Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.” -Pope Francis

“Let’s say “Yes” to life and “No” to death.” -Pope Francis

We need to be a people of hope! Since the first 40 Days for Life campaign in 2007: 12,839 lives are known to have been saved, 143 abortion workers have quit, and 83 abortion centers have been closed, (40 Days for Life, 2017). More information and great testimonies can be obtained at <https://40daysforlife.com/>

Please join your ministry to ours during the 40 Days for Life and “Be merciful even as [our] Father is merciful.” (Luke 6:36). Consider joining us for 1 hour of prayer during our scheduled vigil times.

Below is information for vigil participants. Please contact Nicole Berube (phone 780.717.6784 or email comet471@yahoo.ca) for more information and if you are to sign up for a time.

About 40 Days for Life:

“40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion” (40 Days for Life, 2017). “40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion.” (40 Days for Life, 2017).

“Why 40 days? In Biblical history, God used 40-day periods to transform people; for instance, the disciples after Christ's resurrection” (40 Days for Life, 2016). “Thus, from Biblical example, God sees transformative value when His people accept and meet a 40-day challenge” (40 Days for Life, 2016).

Back Porch (pro-life) **this is where vigil attendees are to meet and pray**

- What is The Back Porch? It is a pro-life organization that provides confidential, non-judgmental counseling on life-affirming pregnancy choices and post abortion recovery, provides truthful information about abortion, and makes referrals to needed services. If during the vigil anyone approaches looking for information or support, encourage them to enter The Back Porch. Please be careful not to block or crowd the entrance to The Back Porch as we do not want to discourage anyone from entering or intimidate them with our presence.
- Hours of operation of The Back Porch: 8am-5pm
- Address: 10958-124 street; on the **north** side of 109A avenue across from the Women's Health Options abortion center
- Vigil attendees can meet and pray on The Back Porch side of 109A avenue in view of the abortion clinic; **specifically**: attendees can stand on the 109A sidewalk on The Back Porch side of the avenue (the north side of the avenue), but may not block this sidewalk, and can stand on the grass between the sidewalk and the street in front of The Back Porch.
- Vigil attendees sign in & out in the garage behind The Back Porch; there are signs witnessing to the dignity of life available for use in the garage; return signs to garage after use. Respect for Life members will be available to facilitate this.
- The phone number on the signs belongs to Vera from the Gianna Center, which is the pregnancy

counseling and support ministry of Catholic Social Services. It is also highly recommended that you refer clients here as well, because it is Catholic and Vera is available at anytime to help any women in a crisis situation.

- **Please be careful not to stray into the Bubble Zone as this is illegal!** The Bubble Zone is a legal injunction which means there are certain locations we are not allowed to hold vigil. We cannot be anywhere on the abortion clinic's property or the back alley behind their property or use their sidewalk on the south-side of 109A avenue; we cannot stand on 109A avenue itself. For specific details go to:
https://media.wix.com/ugd/51111c_a33bac1dd43543c0a55f41b4f73892f2.pdf There is a map on the 3rd page of the document showing the legal bubble zone.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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