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Compassionate Care for Everyone"
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE
SEP 28 — NOV 6, 2011 — RESULTS

NATIONAL

301 locations took part in the 40 Days for Life campaign (and they already know of additional places thinking about joining in the future). There were **46 first-time** campaigns – including locations in Puerto Rico, Argentina and Germany
* **563** lives spared from abortion (that we know about so far).

SACRAMENTO



Location was Women's Health Specialists 1750 Wright Street same as the spring 2011 Sacramento 40 Days for Life.



The Alternative:

Results:

- At least 3 babies saved.
- Closed numerous times: abortionist no show, "computers down".
- Day 25: Saturday 10/22 Rally shut this death facility down till mid-afternoon.
- Day 26: Sacramento LifeMobile parked across the street to offer women a "different" choice.
- One client who kept her baby indicated the waiting room, once full, is mostly vacant now.



Mid-Way Rally—October 22



We had 167 people praying, including Steve Patton, Fr. Kiernan, Fr. Lee, another Priest and a Pastor from Placer-ville, the Bishop Gallegos moms and

babies, post-abortive women, etc. The clinic closed for the morning, yet escorts were present. At 2 pm, the clinic opened for abortion with less than half of what they would normally have. FoxNews and Univision came for interviews.



Once again St. Joseph Pro-Lifers took Friday 7 am to 1 pm, with a total of **40** involved.



1st Shift: 7 - 9



2nd Shift: 9 - 11



3rd Shift: 11 - 1

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Mid-Way Rally photos courtesy of Sarah Maizland.
Crocheted "Womb" by Elaine Testa.

PS 139:13
You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb.

40 Days Mid-Way Rally Oct 22



January 22, 2013 will be the 40th Anniversary of Roe v Wade legalizing abortion in the United States. The President of the United States is inaugurated Jan 20, 2013. Pro-Life or Pro-Abortion?

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



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At the recent annual banquet for A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Resource Clinic, I had the honor of meeting and listening to the amazing pro-life story of Rick Santorum, former Senator of Pennsylvania. I want to share some of his story with you, not only because it is truly inspirational, but also because he is one of the few politicians who list their religious affiliation as Catholic AND are pro-life. So many vote to support abortion and abortion providers. Finally, I could be proud of a Catholic politician, instead of being embarrassed!



Senator Santorum was the keynote speaker for the banquet. The main exhibit hall at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds was filled to capacity and the entire room was riveted by the story of his pro-life journey.

Senator Santorum first served in Congress from 1991-1995 in the House of Representatives. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1995 and served until 2007. While he was always "pro-life," he said that he initially shied away from being known as such because it definitely wasn't a popular position to take. However, one day he was invited to a Bible Study and over time, as his faith deepened, he realized that he couldn't be silent any longer.

His first real public foray into the hot-button issue of abortion came during the Capitol Hill debate on the practice of partial-birth abortion. He became the chief Senate proponent of the ban on this horrible practice and went up against our own California Senator Barbara Boxer, who did not want to make it illegal.

Before the final Senate vote, the bill was two votes short of passing. Senator Santorum knew that he had to be faithful, even against the odds, so late on the night before the final vote, alone on the Senate floor, except for the person who acknowledges each speaker, he gave a passionate speech urging the outlawing of partial birth abortion, in the hopes that perhaps two pro-abortion Senators might not have anything else to do that night except watch C-Span and that his speech might change their votes. The next day, the bill failed. No votes were changed.

Several days later, the Senator received an e-mail from a young man who had been flipping through the channels with his girlfriend and had watched his speech. After it was over, the girlfriend told him for the first time that she was pregnant and was going to have an abortion, but had just changed her mind! Senator Santorum knew from then on, that he just had to be faithful and God would work!

Not long after this experience, the faith of Senator Santorum and his family were put to the test. The issue became personal. In 1996, when Rick's wife Karen was pregnant with their fourth child, an ultrasound revealed a problem. They were told, "Your son has a fatal defect and is going to die." Opting for life, they agreed to an intrauterine surgery that was successful, but shortly thereafter, Karen developed a serious infection and Gabriel Michael was born prematurely. He lived only two hours. Senator Santorum recalled, "For two hours he lived a life that knew only love."

The family again was challenged to live out their pro-life beliefs when their eighth child, Bella, was born in 2008 with Trisomy 18, a chromosomal condition which is usually fatal before birth. Senator Santorum related how he observed the attitude of many in the medical community toward Bella as "less important" than other patients, even recommending that they just "let her go" because she wouldn't be able to do much or be like "normal" children. His own attitude toward Bella developed from one of being emotionally detached to realizing how loving and joyful she is. In his words, "This child can do nothing but love me. Bella makes us better. Some people call her disabled, but with her spirit, her unconditional love, truly it is we, not her, who are disabled. These children have so much to teach us." This is one of the messages Senator Santorum is now sharing with as many as possible.

The one-year survival rate for Trisomy 18 is 1%, but Bella is now 3 ½ years old! Due so much interest, Senator Santorum has just released a short video featuring Bella and describing the impact she has had on his family. You can watch it at: <http://www.ricksantorum.com/blog>. Click on "Meet our Daughter Bella." (This is one of Rick Santorum's campaign videos, but obviously, we're just suggesting you watch it for the beautiful faith story it portrays.)

Senator Santorum's pro-life story took just over an hour for him to relate and there was much more than I can share here. He received a standing ovation. It was the best pro-life speech I have ever heard and many agreed with me! The message he left us with was the one he has learned - that each of us in the pro-life movement needs to not worry so much about results and success, but to always, ALWAYS, be FAITHFUL and trust God with the results!



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY—OCTOBER 2, 2011



HOMILY by Fr. Vincent Juan
Sacramento Diocese Tribunal Office
Celebrant at St. Joseph 5PM Mass

My dear friends, there is no pain more intense or distressing than that of being rejected. Rejection is something we all encounter in our journey through life and Jesus was no exception. The terrible truth is, the

Son of God came to earth, showed his love in every possible way and was rejected. Today's Gospel is telling us the blunt truth that God has done everything possible for us. But in return, many people have turned back and offered him nothing but ingratitude and indifference.

Today, Jesus uses the imagery of the vineyard in the parable of the wicked tenants. God is the owner of the vineyard, who after preparing the land, he leaves the vineyard to the care of tenants whose responsibility is to watch over it and give him the share of the harvest at the proper time. But at harvest time, they refused to give the owner his share. When the owner sent his servants, the tenants killed them. He then sent his son, but they killed him as well. In the parable, we see how God's goodness and patience was repaid with evil. My friends, it is easy for us to see ourselves in this parable. Each of us is a tenant, cultivating a small portion of God's vineyard and when the harvest time arrives we are expected to produce the fruits of right living and labor through our love and service of others, especially those who are in need. By doing so, we put into practice what we profess to believe at the celebration of the Eucharist.

Today we begin the respect for life month, an annual tradition now in its fortieth year. Catholics across the nation will join together to witness to the inherent equality and value of every human being. In countless liturgies and events across the country, we will give thanks to God for the gift of human life, and pray for his guidance and blessings on our efforts to defend the most vulnerable members of our human family. The issue today is more than just abortion; today we face increasing attempts to remove God and religious discourse in public life. The same forces, are promoting a demeaning view of human sexuality – by glorifying sexual activity without love, commitment, responsibility, or consequences. We see this distorted view of sexuality and a disdain for the role of religion exhibited in many of our government programs such as the recent decision concerning “preventive services” by the Department of Health and Human Services, to be mandated in virtually all private health plans under the health care law. Preventive services are supposed to be aimed at preventing diseases or detecting them early to aid prompt treatment. But we all know that pregnancy is not a disease. It is the normal, healthy state by which each of us came into this world.

Through education, public advocacy, and above all prayers, we must resist and voice our opposition to all these misguided efforts which foster false values among our people, especially our youth; efforts which silence the voice of moral truth in public domain, and which deprive believers of their constitutionally-protected right to live according to their religious conviction. Our nation's founders understood it well that religion and morality

are essential to the survival of a freedom-loving society. John Adams expressing this conviction, states, “We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.”

As Catholics, we must not shrink from the obligation to assert the values and principles we hold essential to the common good, beginning with the right to life of every human being, and the right of every individual to express and live by his or her religious beliefs aided by a well-formed and informed conscience. My friends, this will not be an easy task, but it is not impossible either. As we do our best promoting the right to life, expect some form of rejection from people, especially those who are dear or close to us. Today, St. Paul tells us to have no anxiety, but in everything, by prayer, petition and with thanksgiving, to make our request known to God and God will guide our hearts and minds. He further adds, whatever is true, honorable, just, pure... and if there is any excellence and worthy of praise - to think about these things and to keep doing what we have learned, heard, and seen - and God will be with us.

My dear friends, today's Gospel is challenging all of us to keep working on God's service and not to become complacent. God gave us freedom in his vineyard but he also expects responsibility for them. We need to examine our selves and see if we are producing good fruits for the harvest. The day will come when we will be answerable for the way in which we have carried out the task God has given us to do. So, when that day comes, what do we have to present or offer before the Lord?

LIFE CHAIN



ONE WAY: PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS & HEALING

The Lincoln Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, with approximately 50 participants, many from St. Joseph Parish, was once again organized by the Landry family. The opening prayer was led by Father Eric. Next year we'll most likely be bringing our prayers and pro-life witness to a new location due to the Hwy 65 by-pass.

RESULTS OF EIGHT 40 DAYS

During these unified efforts, participants witnessed countless blessings from God:

- 1,332 individual campaigns have taken place in 387 cities.
- More than 400,000 have joined together in an historic display of unity to pray and fast for an end to abortion.
- More than 13,000 church congregations have participated in the 40 Days for Life campaigns.
- Reports document 4,313 lives that have been spared from abortion and those are just the ones we know about.
- 53 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry.
- 16 abortion facilities completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns.
- Hundreds of women and men have been spared from the tragic effects of abortion, including a lifetime of regrets.
- More than 1,500 news stories have been featured in newspapers, magazines, radio shows and TV programs from coast to coast ... and overseas.

Many people with past abortion experiences have stepped forward to begin post-abortion healing and recovery. After so many years of legalized abortion, many people of faith are experiencing a renewed sense of HOPE!

Parish Respect Life Coordinators' Gathering

August 27 Diocesan Respect Life Coordinators' Gathering at St. Clare Parish in Roseville.

St. Joseph Respect Life Ministry was invited to display some of the ways we have implemented Bishop Soto's suggestions for parishes to carry out the four key areas pro-life activity: prayer, education, advocacy and pastoral care.



Over 100 people representing more than 60 parishes were in attendance. Lots of our materials were given out and we have since sent requested information on some of our projects to parishes throughout the Diocese. What a blessing to be part of "growing" this ministry in our Diocese!

Boomerang your Baby Bottles



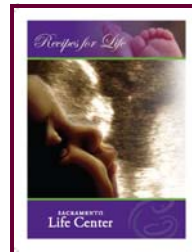
Nov. 12/13 – It's time! Don't forget to bring your baby bottle back to church!

Cookbook

Did you know the **Sacramento Life Center LifeMobile** now sees clients **every Wednesday** when it's parked at the **Stanford Ranch McDonald's**? **Life-saving services are now even closer to Lincoln.**



Also, just in time for Christmas giving, the Sacramento Life Center has put together a cookbook of over 450 recipes from their Life Center friends.



"Recipes for Life" Cookbooks will be available for \$27 at the Baby Bottle Boomerang table at St. Joseph Church on **Nov. 12/13.**

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2012 WEST COAST WALK for LIFE

The St. Joseph Bus is full but those "Walkers for Life" can contact **Art Wehr at 434-7025** who will direct you to a parish bus with vacancies, if available.