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Supreme Council Action for the Ultrasound Program

The Supreme Council has entered into preferred pricing agreements with three ultrasound vendors: Neurologica, Philips, and Esaote. Given the KofC's volume of donated machines (1000+ in the past ten years), Supreme was able to leverage its buying power to lock in guaranteed pricing for three different machines from each vendor. The prices include a three-year maintenance contract, training, and free onboard shipping. Although PCCs can utilize other vendors, it is recommended that they select one of the three listed above when the KofC is donating money for an ultrasound machine.

Maryland's KofC Ultrasound Program

In Maryland, the KofC has donated 23 ultrasound machines to Pregnancy Care Centers throughout the state. Several councils are working with other PCCs to raise funds and prepare applications to receive ultrasound units. *The State Ultrasound Program, however, needs additional funds to meet all requests.* Can your council help? For more information about the ultrasound program in Maryland or to make a donation, contact Lawrence Grayson at LPGrayson@verizon.net.

Progress on a New Baltimore Pregnancy Care Center

The Center for Pregnancy Concerns, which operates at four locations in Arbutus, Baltimore City, Dundalk, and Essex, also owns a building directly next to the Planned Parenthood clinic on Howard Street in downtown Baltimore. This will be opened as a fifth site, as soon as the building can be rehabilitated. The Center is now soliciting design specifications and proposals, along with preliminary pricing, from contractors for completing the new site. This information will be used by the architect to finalize the plans and to apply for the building permits needed to commence the needed repairs. [For more information, contact Carol Clews at carol@centerforpregnancyconcerns.org.](mailto:carol@centerforpregnancyconcerns.org)



After the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

The spring campaign of 40 Days for Life ended on April 14. Preliminary data show 446 confirmed reports of babies saved from abortion! What a great result. But the efforts are not over. Prayerful witness will continue at a number of the abortion clinics until the next campaign begins in the fall.

Annapolis – For information about future events, contact Maureen Freeman, mjf3473@aol.com, 954-257-7530.

Bethesda -- Carhart's AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Prayers are being held every Monday morning from 9-11 AM. For more information, contact Dick Retta at dickretta61@verizon.net or 301-538-2500. In addition, Msgr. Edward Filardi will continue to lead prayers on the first Sunday of every month from 1-2 pm. Since the beginning of the year 20-40 people have shown up at these monthly vigils. For more information, contact Jill Gadwood at jill.gadwood@gmail.com.

Catonsville -- Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville. For information about future events, contact Kim Frazer, vigilbaltimore@gmail.com, 410-456-9544.

College Park -- Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road, College Park. Prayerful witnessing will continue every Friday and Saturday morning. Training for persons interested in helping as sidewalk counselors will be offered this summer; contact Katherine Hunter at 240-444-3309. For more information about future events, contact Thomas Trunk, 40DaysforLifeMD@gmail.com, 240-593-6982.

Fullerton – For information about future events, contact Tina B., 40DaysforLifeFullerton@gmail.com, 443-695-0103.

Abortions in DC

Washington, DC has a population of 713,000 people in a compact land area of 61 square miles. Yet, it has numerous abortion centers, including Washington Surgi-Clinic, Capital Women’s Services, DuPont Clinic, Planned Parenthood’s Carol Whitehill Moses Center, and Carafem Health Center and Abortion Clinic (which advertises itself in DC, but is actually just outside in Chevy Chase, MD). In addition, some hospitals, including Washington Hospital Center, and a number of doctors as part of a larger OB/GYN practice perform abortions.

Abortion is a thriving business in DC. The Guttmacher Institute, formerly the research arm of Planned Parenthood, estimates that in 2014 there were 32.7 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age, more than double the national rate of 14.6 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age. There certainly is a great need for pro-life activity in our nation’s capital.

Several pro-life organizations, including Priests for Life, 40 Days for Life, Georgetown University’s pro-life club *Vita Saxa*, and others, have conducted prayerful protests at the above centers. In addition, since being reinstated in September 2017, four Red Rose Rescues have been conducted at Washington Surgi-Clinic and two at Capital Women’s Services. In a rescue, several pro-lifers enter a clinic, where they pray, talk to the women awaiting abortions and hand them red roses with a pro-life message. Prominent among the rescuers have been Fr. Stephen Imbarrato of LifeMinistriesUS and Fr. Fidelis Moscinski of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.



Upcoming Events

May 10 – **Maryland Right to Life Foundation Banquet and Silent Auction**, Hotel Annapolis (126 West Street, Annapolis), auction 6-7 pm, dinner at 7 pm, guest speaker is Scott Klusendorf, tickets \$75 per person, for more information and reservations, contact Julie at julie@mdrtl.org.

June 21 – The **Center for Pregnancy Concerns’** 13th Annual Tee Off for Kids golf tournament, to be held at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. Foursomes are invited to enjoy a day of fun and support a good cause. For more information, contact gretchen@centerforpregnancyconcerns.org or call 443-834-6715.

Cemeteries of the Innocents

As of July 1, there is one Cemetery of the Innocents standing in Maryland. It is at St. Mary’s parish in Newport (Charles County). Will your council host one? For more information or to schedule an installation, contact Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com.

Cemetery of the Innocents Scorecard: Number Installed in 2019 – 1 Since 2004 – 330

“The Church must never tire of being an advocate for life” – Pope Francis

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