

St. Stephen Respect Life Committee April 26, 2016, Meeting Minutes and News

St. Stephen Respect Life Committee met at 7:15 PM in St. Stephen's Copy Room.



May (+ just one April) Dates to Note

- 04/29 6:00 PM **Special Tacoma Prayer Vigil with 40 Days for Life Steve Karlen**, public right-of-way outside **Cedar River abortion Clinics**, 1401-A Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, **Tacoma**
- 05/04 7:30 – 5:30 PM 1st **Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hour each)**
- 05/06 6:00 – 7:00 PM 1st **Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (with Knights of Columbus)**
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM 1st **Friday Pizza Meeting**
- 9:00–10:00 PM 1st **Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLC, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy)**
- 05/07 9:30–11:00 AM 1st **Saturday Kent Truth & Prayer witnessing, Kent Planned Parenthood**
- 05/24 7:15 – 9:00 PM **May RLC meeting, Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)**

Attending

Mary K., Rudy B. (St. John), Lisa E., Sarah S. (St. Anthony), Bernie W., and Mary S.

Opening

The meeting opened with our **Prayer to Close** both **Cedar River Clinics and Planned Parenthood**, <http://www.priestsforlife.org/mills/prayer.htm>

April 29th Special Tacoma Prayer Vigil and Rally



Steve Karlen, director of 40 Days for Life North American Campaigns will lead a **6 PM** prayer vigil **Friday, April 29th**, at the public right-of-way outside **Cedar River abortion Clinics, 1401-A Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Tacoma**. Steve is in Tacoma for workshop for 40 Days leaders on Saturday. <http://40daysforlife.com>

A limited supply of 40 Days for Life books will be available at this event or ordered online at discount prices from: <http://40daysforlife.com/book>



Our **Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer** group was one of more than 220 locations across the nation who stood from **9 – 11 AM** in witness to the Truth about Planned Parenthood during the first **Annual Defund Planned Parenthood Day, April 23rd**. See <http://ProtestPP.com>.

34 held signs and banners at the Kent Valley Planned Parenthood. <https://www.facebook.com/proliferaction> (choose PHOTOS) has photos from Saturday's event

in other cities. Photos from the **Kent** event are posted at <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>.

The national group <http://ProtestPP.com> plans to stand to expose evils of the nation's largest abortion provider on the 4th Saturday of every April, until Planned Parenthood has met its end.

Our **Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer** witnessing from **9:30 – 11:00 AM** continues the first Saturday of each month. Next date is **May 7th**.

<http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/> has details.

We will print sidewalk **Be-Attitudes for the Street** (see box below) on cards to distribute to our group to help them learn how to deal with rude passers-by. <http://GetYourCare.org/> offers alternative providers of the same medical services, excluding abortion, Planned Parenthood provides.

Renton Cedar River Clinics



Remember while at Renton Cedar River Clinics:

- The worst security guards can "do to us" is call the Renton Police, who have typically been friendly and respectful of our presence on the public sidewalk.
- The Renton Avenue access driveway is co-owned by the three separately owned properties: Midas, Pizza Hut, and the Cascade Crest Building.
- Cedar River Clinics website lists their 3 facilities: Seattle downtown, Renton, and Tacoma.

Renton Cedar River Clinics abortion facility monthly **first Wednesday prayer vigils continue**. **May 4th** is our next commitment.

Spiritual Adoptions

Thanks to Lisa, we have an ample supply of beautiful Spiritual Adoption prayer cards and the **Spiritual Adoption Program** materials described at www.spiritualadoption.org. Lisa will consult Father Ed regarding details of a Spiritual Adoption promotion as well as a target date for beginning Spiritual Adoptions, with an ongoing 9-month long program to fully engage SSTM parishioners.

<http://spiritualadoption.stcharlesb.org> is the resource recommended by the Seattle Archdiocese. Lisa is in contact with St. Charles parishioners who have experienced years of success at St. Charles Tacoma.

We will begin adding Spiritual Adoption prayer cards to the fetal models packets we offer as handouts.

Lisa will lead our Spiritual Adoptions campaign. Lisa will tell us more at our May meeting.

First Friday Adoration Hours and Movie Night

Monthly **Pro-Life holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration** from **9- 10pm** (or with Knights of Columbus from **6 - 7pm**) will take place **First Friday, May 6th**. Knock on the chapel side door to enter the building after narthex doors have been locked.


We plan to make packets for distribution to potentially abortion-minded Cedar River Clinics and Planned Parenthood clients during the **first Friday of May** in the conference room from 7 until 9pm.

John Leslie leads **Tacoma 40 Days for Life** and other prayer vigils at the Tacoma Cedar River Clinics. We will invite John to come talk with us during a first Friday pizza evening this summer. We want to ask John about organizing and increasing our number of sidewalk prayer warriors.

Miscellaneous

- We will resume **study of "Theology of the Body"** next meeting. In November we read "The Pope's Thesis," the first section describing St. John Paul

II's revolutionary notion of using the visible mystery of man and woman's sexuality as a sign analogous to the invisible mystery hidden in God. See <http://www.sjcursillo.org/theology%20of%20the%20body.pdf> for a downloadable version of the work.

-  **SSTM Legislative Advocacy** continues meeting the second Monday of each month. It is working to help other parishes use its proven model for motivating more January 2017 March for Life rally participants to visit their legislators during or after attending the rally. **Next meeting is May 9th**.
- Thomas Koch (www.footprintexhibits.com) will make a **new double-sided 72" x 30" banner** as soon as we submit its design to him. **Please email your suggestions to ststephenchooseslife@yahoo.com**! He is also looking into making **umbrellas** that feature text suitable for use at both Planned Parenthood and Cedar River Clinics.
- Our account balance remains approximately \$1,900.
- Scientist recently photographed the **burst of light** emitted by the egg **at the moment of conception**. www.breakingchristiannews.com/articles/display_art.html?ID=18100 offers more details.
- **Thank you to Gabe for volunteering to update and maintain www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife!** The site was set up as we admired our friend group's <https://www.facebook.com/PrayerVigil4Life>
- Our **SSTM Respect Life Committee sites**:
<http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life>
<http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife>
<https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee>

Closing

The meeting closed with our **Prayer for Beatification of Venerable Solanus Casey** <http://solanuscasy.org/prayer-leaflets/English> asking for healing for Louise.

Be-Attitudes for the Sidewalk

(for Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer)

- Be Prayerful.** Talk to God as we stand for His Truth and Life.
- Be Prepared.** Have a handout ready.
- Be Peaceful.** Smile at passers-by.
- Be Humble.** Avoid arguments. "Father, have mercy on me; bless them."
- Be Observant.** Give immediate passage to pedestrians.
- Be Non-judgmental.** We don't know others' intents.
- Be Loving.** Listen well. Silence is a good response.
- Be Persecuted.** Accept any "arrows." Do not respond in kind.



Next meeting 7:15 (after 6:30 PM Mass), Tuesday, May 24th, in the Copy Room

