



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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### This week's Topic: 40 Days for Life - Making Abortion Real

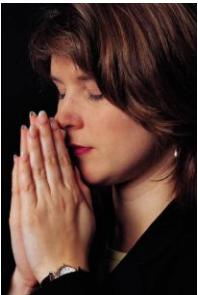
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**Education:** I still have a distinct memory of the first time I stood outside an abortion clinic. Back in the 1980's we actually went into the building parking lot to try to offer help and literature to clients as they went in. (Now we must stay out in the public right of way along the street.) A woman put up her hand as she walked by. "I gotta do what I gotta do," she said as she walked in to the building. Before that time, I had known intellectually what abortion was, and how many were being done, but being at that location and hearing that woman speak made it all very real, very tangible. That woman, who had just spoken to me, was going in to this building to kill her child, within her womb.

One teenage boy recently accompanied his father to pray at an abortion clinic in Cincinnati. As they drove away, the boy started calling his friends. His dad heard him tell one friend after another such things as, "I don't care what they're telling you in school. That's a life inside a woman, not just a blob of flesh or a tumor! Don't ever get an abortion! Don't encourage someone to do it! Don't!" That boy's physical presence at the clinic seems also to have suddenly made abortion very real to him, as it had for me.

My meager efforts to encourage the woman I saw that first day to choose life had not been successful. It is not in our power to prevent most abortions from taking place. But thank God that He does allow us to help Him to reach out to some mothers and families – and save the lives of some of the children who would otherwise have been aborted. So far, the current 40 Days for Life campaign, which began on February 22 in 258 locations in the U.S. and around the world, has saved the lives of 294 babies – that we know of. But our presence at the clinics changes us as well.



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please bless all the volunteers who spend some of their precious free time in prayer and witness at the clinics. Please use this occasion to touch the hearts of many women tempted by abortion, and help them choose life and find the support they need to cope with their pregnancy. Please help all workers in the abortion industry to see that continuing witness day after day, and stop whatever rationalization or denial allows them to continue their involvement with selling and providing abortions.



**Action:** Join us in prayer at either of the two area Planned Parenthood clinics. In Stafford, our vigil takes place at 3727 Greenbriar Drive, from Monday to Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with a box at the site with signs, prayer booklets, and other materials. Please sign in on the clipboard in the box if you participate. In Rosenberg, the Planned Parenthood clinic is located at 4203 Ave H. Prayer volunteers have been provided with signs and come at various times throughout the week.

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