



Annapolis Vigil Guidelines Spring 2019

1. Vigil Mission

- a. Stand as a peaceful, prayerful witness to God to end the evil of abortion within the building.
- b. Please complete and provide us with a signed Statement of Peace - the form is available on the website at www.40daysforlife.com/annapolis.
- c. Go to the website to register and schedule vigil hours for the campaign.

2. Praying

- a. Prayer may be Individual or group, informal or formal, bible reading, etc.
- b. Pray for the babies, their Moms/Dads/Families, the abortion facility staff, those with past abortion experiences, and those who work against abortion.
- c. **Keep the focus on prayer**, remain prayerful and respectful at all times, and be considerate of others praying.
- d. **This is a peaceful prayer time, please limit socializing.**

3. Physical Presence

- a. Stand in front of 929 West Street, the Planned Parenthood building.
- b. Stand on the sidewalk to the left or right side of the driveway.
- c. If there are too many people in front of PP, stand on the sidewalk across the street or go behind the building (Smithville Rd) staying outside of the fenced area—**do NOT stand on the sidewalk directly in front of the Pregnancy Clinic.**
- d. **Ensure the sidewalk remains open and passible at all times** for walkers or cyclists.
- e. **Do not trespass** on the Planned Parenthood driveway or park in their parking lot.
- f. Park along side streets, St. Mary's Cemetery, or public garages off West Street.
- g. Leave 3 spaces on Woodlawn Road adjacent to the Pregnancy Clinic for their clients.

4. Safety Considerations

- a. Peacefully greet passersby. **Do not engage** in any confrontational or angry conversation, or negative behavior. **Pray for them.**
- b. It is best to ignore passing cars with positive or negative comments. **Pray for them.**
- c. **Always have a prayer partner. Do not pray alone, especially at night.**
- d. If you are threatened, your pathway blocked, or you are touched, **call the police.** Keep a cell phone or camera with you to record any confrontations.
- e. For safety purposes, remain conscious of the street and passing vehicles. Remain on the sidewalk.

5. Signs and Materials

- a. Signs and materials are stored in the Cabinet to the right of the Pregnancy Clinic.
- b. A Box is stored in the Cabinet. It includes prayer, campaign, and resource materials along with a copy of the Annapolis City Permit that authorizes our presence there.
- c. Handheld signs and A-frame/Sandwich Board signs are available in the Cabinet.
- d. You may bring your own signs if you desire, but they should be prayerful, and no graphics or words that could be offensive or hurtful.
- e. **When you depart the site, if no one is available to replace you, please store all signs and the Box in the Cabinet.**

6. Problems or Emergencies

- a. For emergencies, immediately call 911.
- b. If police arrive on the scene, remain respectful and answer their questions – show that we are peaceful and prayerful. The police have always been very supportive of our efforts. If needed, show the copy of the Annapolis City Permit.
- c. If problems or emergencies occur, or if the police arrive, please contact:
Tony Martelli at 443-254-5433 or Maureen Freeman at 954-257-7530.