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Boston Vigil Tips

Planned Parenthood
1055 Commonwealth Ave.
(Corner of Alcorn St.)
Boston, MA 02215

Hours of operation:

Monday	7:30 am – 7:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 am – 7:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 am – 7:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 am – 7:30 pm
Friday	7:30 am – 7:30 pm
Saturday	7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday	Closed

Sign up to do Vigil

Sign up to participate in the vigil by creating a login at www.40daysforlife.com. Choose the Boston Campaign. Once you have done this, click on the green box that says, **SIGN UP FOR VIGIL HOURS**. When you sign up to cover a slot on the vigil calendar, your identification will not appear online. Click on the green plus sign on the day you wish to sign up for. You will be listed as “Volunteer” with the number signed up for each hour displayed. If you do not have computer access or need help, call Rita at 781-762-4391. If you need to leave a message, you will get a call back. You may also email me at rita.a.russo@gmail.com. When you sign up in advance for vigil hours, you help us to see the gaps in the schedule and work to fill them.

Operation Rescue has sidewalk counselors at the clinic most mornings Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 am to 11 am. If you are a first-time vigil volunteer, be sure to go with someone else or utilize the information on the "Vigil Schedule" to sign up for a time when others will be there. You are strongly encouraged to go with someone and not do vigil alone. Bring a cell phone. **If you ever feel threatened, leave or dial 911 and the police will come to your assistance.** This is extremely rare. Do not get into arguments. We are a peaceful movement. Please keep your focus on prayer.

Statement of Peace

Everyone participating in the vigil is expected to comply with the "Statement of Peace" on our website, pledging to conduct yourself in a peaceful, compassionate, and Christ-like manner. Please send me an email stating you agree to observe the terms of the “Statement of Peace” rita.a.russo@gmail.com

Parking

The parking is challenging. There are meters on the street and some free side street spaces. There is a BU garage behind PP, but it is usually \$10 (half price for BU grads.) Meters are 25 cents for 12 minutes or \$1.25 per hour and accept credit cards or quarters. They must be fed 8 am to 6 pm Mon. through Sat. Some have a 2-hour limit, so check carefully. Move after that or you may get a ticket.

Buffer Zone

There is currently **no buffer zone.** You may not obstruct entrance to any place of business. **IF YOU OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO THE CLINIC, THE POLICE MAY BE CALLED AND WILL REQUIRE YOU TO STAY 25 FEET AWAY IN A NEW BUFFER ZONE UNTIL CLOSING TIME AT PP. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY, YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED.** As long as you allow clear access to entrance, there will be no problems.

Restrooms and Facilities

The Star Market is on the corner of Alcorn St. adjacent to Planned Parenthood on Commonwealth Ave. and is open 24 hours. The restrooms are at the end of the cash registers. There are also multiple eateries in the area.

Please Do....

- Follow the 40 Days for Life “Statement of Peace”
- Make every effort to stay focused on prayer while at the vigil and minimize chatting.
- Pray in whatever way you like: read the Bible, pray the Rosary, Chaplet, or Liturgy of the Hours, or pray spontaneously as you are moved to. You can find pro-life prayers on google.com. There are also resources on our website, www.40daysforlife.com/boston
- Remember to pray for babies, mothers, fathers, and those who work at the abortion facility; the workers are additional victims of the evil of abortion, and some are post-abortive. Pray for our priests and our ministers that they will be united in defending the unborn. Pray for our elected officials that they will uphold the constitution and defend the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all.
- Think of how you present yourself - you represent the pro-life movement. Make sure you project peace, love, and hope. Be approachable. Smile.
- Be courteous and friendly to passersby on the sidewalk; step out of the way to let them pass.
- Keep the vigil site clean and free of litter.
- Follow any instructions given by police.
- Call Rita Russo with any pressing questions at 781-762-4391 or 617-285-4003 (cell). You may request brochures with contact information for pregnancy help centers from Rita or Operation Rescue members.

Please Do Not...

- Speak angrily or disrespectfully to PP’s clients or staff or passersby...no matter how others may speak to you. Sometimes silence is the best response.
- Do not “crowd” the sidewalk counsellors. It is easier for them to approach a client heading into Planned Parenthood if they can do it one-on-one.
- Please don’t attempt to join in the conversation when a sidewalk counselor is speaking with a Planned Parenthood client. We have found that one-on-one conversations are the most effective.
- Please don’t bring signs that have a condemning message; these signs do not have a positive effect on Planned Parenthood clients. And as part of 40 Days for Life, we want to convey the hope of a better way: How can we help you? There is free help for you; We are praying for you. We care about you.
- Please don't take photos of Planned Parenthood's clients, staff, or building.
- Don’t be intimidated; you have the right to be on the public sidewalk if you are quiet, respectful, and courteous.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and bring an umbrella for rain. It is COLD in winter.
- Let us pray for God’s blessings on our efforts to do His work.

How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers. ~Saint. Teresa of Calcutta.