

ENDORSEMENTS



POPE FRANCIS
Via Vatican Secretariat of State

“The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God.”



NORMA MCCORVEY
Formerly “Roe” of Roe v. Wade

“I hope and I pray that you will join us in 40 days of prayer and fasting and help overturn Roe v. Wade, because we didn’t have a choice in the beginning with the Supreme Court justices — they decided it for us.”



JIM DALY
President, Focus on the Family

“40 Days for Life is a testimony to the power of prayer and what can happen when we’re consumed by a magnificent obsession, namely that life is sacred. If you’re growing weary over the increasing level of disrespect of the most innocent among us, I would urge you to remember that situations are not always as they appear. God is on the move even amidst the darkness.”



DR. ALVEDA KING
Niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“40 Days for Life brings 2 Chronicles 7:14 into 21st century focus. As one human race, we become united in prayer. Glory to God!”



LILA ROSE
President, Live Action

“40 Days for Life helps us to be spiritually aware of the need to pray for our unborn brothers and sisters, empowering us to be on the front-lines of the pro-life movement, reaching out to mothers and fathers with a message of hope. There is no movement more important that this movement to save the lives of the most vulnerable: and 40 Days for Life is leading the fight.”



ALAN E. SEARS, ESQ.
President, CEO, General Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom

“40 Days of Life is a testament of how God’s amazing grace can bring healing and restoration, even in the midst of the horrific tragedy of more than 50 million deaths through so-called ‘legal’ abortion.”



PEGGY HARTSHORN, PH.D.
President, Heartbeat International

“Fasting and praying with 40 Days for Life unifies pro-life energies and illuminates us with grace in our efforts to conquer the culture of death. I strongly encourage every person and organization that believes in the dignity of life to join the 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion, restore families and renew communities for life.”



CARDINAL RENATO MARTINI
Dignitatis Humanae Institute, Rome

“I am delighted to support 40 Days for Life, which is doing immense work witnessing to the importance of every single human life – each one of us made in the image and likeness of God, our Creator. Thank you for your tireless consistency in opposing what Pope Francis has so often identified as the Culture of Waste – and what is more wasted than a human being before it has even had the chance to be born?”



KRISTAN HAWKINS
President, Students for Life of America

“Historians will write about the crucial role that 40 Days for Life played in the demise of legal abortion. We encourage each young activist that we train to become involved or lead a 40 Days for Life campaign in their community because we believe it is one of the most effective ways for our movement to abolish abortion.”



FR. FRANK PAVONE
National Director, Priests for Life

“Abortion will end when local communities say it will end — no sooner, and no later. We have the power to stop abortion, even while it remains legal. Now is the time to mobilize, sustained by prayer. Priests for Life and I are delighted to have been involved in 40 Days for Life from its inception, and to share the vision and trumpet the call that the Body of Christ belongs in front of abortion centers.”



MARJORIE DANNENFELSER
President, Susan B. Anthony List

“The fruits of the 40 Days for Life prayer movement are simply invaluable to our cause. Every child saved, abortion-minded mother changed and abortion industry employee converted becomes a shining witness to Life, another foot soldier working to build a Culture of Life in our nation.”



ABBY JOHNSON
Former Planned Parenthood clinic director

“I am in this movement today because of ordinary people who took on an extraordinary task. My former abortion clinic is closed because of their sacrifice. Babies are alive because of them. Women are no longer being hurt by abortion in their community. You can do this. You can save a life. I now stand alongside you in this 40 Days for Life movement.”



JEANNE MONAHAN
President, March for Life

40 Days for Life is the most fruitful pro-life work that I am aware of today. The peaceful, prayerful witness of joyful pro-lifers outside of abortion clinics has a life or death impact on a daily basis. Whenever anyone asks me what they can do to make a tangible difference in building a culture of life, I tell them about 40 Days for Life.



ARCHBISHOP JOSE GOMEZ
Archbishop of Los Angeles

“I recommend to you the peaceful, prayerful witness of 40 Days for Life. This interfaith, international movement invites people to pray and fast for 40 days to end abortion and to work for a culture in which all human life is welcomed as sacred. This program has proven effective in saving the lives of unborn children and sparing women and men the pain and sorrow of abortion.”



CHARMAINE YOEST, PH.D.
President and CEO, Americans United for Life

“I am honored to support 40 Days for Life — their work is so essential to the prolife movement. It’s important for us to remember that we are building momentum and seeing victories for life every day in the culture of America, and that eventually, the legal sphere will follow that trend and Roe v. Wade will be overturned.”



JUDIE BROWN
President, American Life League

“40 Days for Life is a life-changing experience, an exercise in sacrifice for the needs of others, an appeal to your heart to love the innocent, defend the helpless and embrace the needy. Babies waiting to be born are all these things as are their mothers. Expectant moms need more than lip service, and 40 Days for Life has given those gifts on the streets of this nation and in the homes of loving Americans.”



JIM HUGHES
National President, Campaign Life Coalition Canada

“The international pro-life movement recognizes 40 Days for Life as a powerful witness in today’s secular society with its lack of respect for human life. The core principles of prayer and fasting provide the 40 Days for Life campaigns a powerful inspiration at a crucial time in history.



GEORGETTE FORNEY
President, Anglicans for Life
Co-Founder, Silent No More Awareness Campaign

“The 40 Days for Life campaign is for anyone who feels called to tackle critical social issues in our culture. When prayer, fasting and sold-out hearts for God come to together, the results are life-changing for everyone.”



LOU ENGLE
President, The Call

“We have fought the battle for the ending of abortion in politics, in the press, on the ground and in every way. But prayer and fasting is the most powerful weapon. I believe 40 Days for Life is an incredibly powerful movement to break the spiritual powers that still restrain the final overthrow of the death decree of 1973. Jesus fasted 40 days and broke the power of Satan himself. Why not 40 Days for Life?”



CARDINAL FRANCIS GEORGE
Archbishop of Chicago

“I send my greetings and encouragement to those participating in this work of prayer and fasting. Your efforts imitate the life of Christ, who prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert before beginning His public ministry. Prayer and fasting for the sanctity of human life is vitally important now more than ever.”



CAROL EVERETT
Former abortion facility owner

“I was pro-choice and ran multiple abortion facilities. Now I am a pro-lifer committed to ending abortion. If God can change my heart and use me, then he can use you too. Join 40 Days for Life and discover how!”



AUSTIN RUSE

President, C-FAM (Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute)

“The pro-life movement is broad and deep and vast. The Holy Spirit moves the hearts of regular men and women to create remarkable new movements and initiatives to save babies and moms. Proof of this is 40 Days for Life.”



CARDINAL DANIEL DINARDO
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

“The Gospel message calls us to conversion and to defend life. We must all work together to answer God’s call. This peaceful, 40-day fasting effort gives local Catholics ample opportunity to join with people of faith around the country in doing something significant to help put an end to abortion. I encourage members of our local Church to participate in this important event.”



JILL STANEK
Pro-Life blogger and speaker

“I love 40 Days for Life. I think it’s the greatest effort to come out of the pro-life movement this past decade. Everything about 40 Days for Life is awesome: how it saves the lives of mothers and children, how it helps rescue abortion workers from evil, how it hurts the abortion industry, how it pulls pro-lifers into activism, and most of all, how it relies totally on God for success.”



GEORGE WEIGEL

Distinguished Senior Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center

“40 Days for Life is one of the most impressive initiatives launched in the forty grim years since Roe v. Wade put every child conceived in America at risk. It’s a powerful combination of prayer and persuasion, aimed above all at serving women in crisis pregnancies, and thus helping rebuild a culture of life.”



TOM BREJCHA

President and Chief Counsel, Thomas More Society

“The power of 40 Days for Life stems from its focus on the true foundation of the pro-life movement: prayer, located right at the site of the facilities where our world’s children are aborted and their moms grievously wounded. Thomas More Society attorneys have been honored to provide legal advice and counsel to so many dedicated 40 Days for Life prayer vigil participants.”



MATT LOCKETT

Executive Director, Bound4Life

“Prayer and fasting are the greatest forms of activism. God is calling His people to seek these ancient paths for true transformation and breakthrough. 40 Days for Life is sounding a clear trumpet blast calling the Church to engage with God’s heart for the ending of abortion. This extraordinary mobilization of prayer gives us all hope that the culture of death can and will change.”



JIM NOLAN

President, Crossroads Pro-Life

“When people first encounter the amazing work of 40 Days for Life, they are immediately convinced that it is the work of the Holy Spirit. Only God could inspire such conviction and dedication in so many people around the world to stand in defense of women and their unborn babies in the womb. We pray that it will help to convert many hearts and minds for life!”



JAMES J. GRAHAM

Executive Director, Texas Right to Life

“40 Days for Life is an integral member of the body of the pro-life movement. Through experience, statistics, theory, Scripture and poignant vignettes, this work will educate, edify and empower the curious, the undecided and even the most seasoned activist.”



WALTER B. HOYE II

President, Issues4Life Foundation

“When the reach of righteousness impacts our reality ... some Christians tend to recoil from the conflict ... preferring present pleasures to Christ’s eternal calling. Some won’t. Some will pray and change the world around them. 40 Days for Life understands this and encourages all of us to become world changers.”



RYAN BOMBERGER
Chief Creative Officer, The Radiance Foundation

“40 Days for Life reminds us of the power of prayer and vulnerability. When we’re willing to spiritually and emotionally reveal ourselves, regardless of the consequences, we help to unleash freedom. Hearts are changed; sometimes, even our own.”



JASON JONE **Movie producer of Bella, Crescendo**

“The number 40 has great significance for Christians. It symbolizes a time of struggle but it also symbolizes a time of preparation for a special grace. 40 Days for Life reminds us that our action is an overflow of our prayer life and God often answers our prayers with the command, ‘Get to work!’”



JACK AMES
Director, Defend Life

“The 40 Days for Life campaign is the most exciting opportunity to strengthen and expand the pro-life movement that I have seen since way back in 1972. It has worked successfully in communities across America, some of which had virtually no local pro-life movement before the campaign. It could be the first step in bringing down Planned Parenthood, the Goliath of the abortion industry!”



CYNDI COLLINS
Global Coordinator, Operation Outcry

“I’ve seen the hearts and lives of women change through the prayers of 40 Days for Life. The compassion shown, as people pray, brings God’s love into hurting hearts that feel they have no hope. 40 Days for Life has been a sign of hope, mercy and love, bringing life for mother and child and possibly the first steps of healing and God’s unconditional love to hearts broken by abortion.”



JOSEPH FARAH
Founder, CEO, Editor, WorldNetDaily.com

“As a news organization, WorldNetDaily.com has always exposed abortion for what it really is: the murder of the most innocent form of human life. Yet the grip the abortion culture has had on America since Roe v. Wade is so strong that only God can loosen it. And that’s where 40 Days for Life comes in. The culture of death is conquered and redeemed at the local level — one soul at a time.”



JIM SEDLAK
Founder, Stop Planned Parenthood (STOPP)

“Every successful fight against Planned Parenthood has always had prayer as its foundation. The intense prayer and community involvement that is fostered by 40 Days for Life will bring a tremendous spiritual presence at the Planned Parenthood facilities where it takes place. I encourage you to seek out the nearest 40 Days for Life effort and join. You will be amazed how God works through your efforts.”



JOE SCHEIDLER
National Director, Pro-Life Action League

“Ora et labora — prayer and action — are our most powerful tools in the battle against the abortion culture. The 40 Days for Life program combines the two beautifully, with the potential of bringing down the culture of death. I not only wholeheartedly endorse the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, but I believe it is absolutely necessary for ultimate victory over the evil of abortion, and I believe the time is right.”



EVA MUNTEAN
Co-chair, Walk for Life West Coast

“People uniting in prayer is such a simple yet powerful act. As co-chair of the Walk for Life West Coast, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of prayer. Through prayer, 40 Days for Life will touch the lives of not hundreds or thousands of people, but millions. We are witnesses to the goodness it has already accomplished. And we, together, must continue in the fight against abortion!”



ARCHBISHOP JEROME LISTECKI
Archbishop of Milwaukee

“The 40 Days for Life campaign has been extremely successful in saving babies, sparing women the trauma of abortion and raising pro-life awareness in the community. It is always powerful and moving for the lay faithful to be joined by their clergy in prayer and public witness.”



J.C. WILLKE, MD
President, Life Issues Institute

40 Days for Life has a double effect. First and most important is the obvious — nothing in this crusade will be accomplished without prayer. Second, it will have a salutary effect on public opinion. Many will be aroused from their complacency. Many others will finally be brought to the realization that the abortion issue will not go away. 40 Days for Life gives me added faith we'll stop the killing.



STACY MASSEY
President, Abortion Recovery International Network

“The benefits of participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign are numerous. But the Abortion Recovery International Network chose to get involved because the campaign believed in leading wounded women, men and family members into effective healing programs.”



JOHNNY M. HUNTER, D.D.
National Director, Life Education and Resource Network (LEARN)

“The 40 Days of Life campaign has already proven to be effective. As you know, Jesus considered our lives to be worth the 40 days of wilderness testing for Him. If 40 days of no meat could save a child’s life, there are Christians who would eat fruits, vegetables, cakes and pies. Because of 40 Days for Life, a child will have a birthday. The question for your consideration: Is a lifetime for a child worth 40 days to you?”



DR. SONNY FORAKER
Founder and Director, Pastors for Life
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pearland, Texas

“Pastors for Life believes in the spiritual strategy of prayer at the very doors of the abortion centers. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support 40 Days for Life! It’s the desire of this campaign to seek God’s favor with humility and contriteness of heart. Victory will come, not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. That’s why it is important to go to the abortion facilities and pray!”



BISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, Australia

“I have been moved by the prayerfulness and commitment of the hundreds of people involved giving witness to Christ’s love, with many being young adults. In light of the rising attacks on life, faith and family, this loving witness is needed all the more.”



CARMEN PATE
Principal, Alliance Ministries

“40 Days for Life is an opportunity for the body of Christ to see God work in extraordinary ways as we come together in repentance for the travesty of abortion. The results, I believe, will be nothing short of miraculous as hearts are healed, restored and emboldened to embrace life for future generations.”



DR. MICHAEL NEW
Assistant Professor, University of Michigan-Dearborn

“The declining abortion numbers in America reveal the quiet progress of the pro-life movement. I can honestly say that 40 Days for Life is one of the best pro-life outreach efforts. It has inspired literally thousands of Americans to get more involved with the pro-life movement and serve as a visible, prayerful witness against the culture of death.”



DAVID KUPELIAN
Managing Editor, WorldNetDaily.com

“Legalized abortion’s days are numbered. Fewer Americans agree with abortion-on-demand, there are fewer abortion clinics, fewer doctors willing to do the deed and fewer abortions being performed. Organizations like 40 Days for Life, by their steadfast witness in community after community, are literally stirring the consciences of countless Americans.”



JANET PORTER
President, Faith2Action

“We are one judge away from protecting children again — if there was ever a time to fast it is now. Join in the ‘high octane prayer’ that moves the mountains. There is nothing more powerful we can do.”

NOREEN JOHNSON, M.D.



Former Abortion Provider

“Without a doubt, you can be a part of a movement in your locale that will negatively impact the kingdom of darkness as it fuels the abortion holocaust. During the 40 Days for Life in my community, I witnessed an increase in the unity of the Body of Christ, a decrease in abortions and also an increase in volunteers working in various pro-life venues in our community. Come and join this global effort.”

ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE PRENDERGAST

Archbishop of Ottawa, Canada



“Sometimes we know that the 40 Days for Life campaign has touched a heart or saved a life – but I suspect many more hearts are softened, eyes opened and minds begin questioning than we know. It is important for us to continue this witness with love in our hearts and peace on our lips confident that what we are doing, with the help of God’s grace, matters. It is the work of the Holy Spirit.”

PROF. JANET SMITH

Professor of Moral Theology and Chair of Life Ethics, Sacred Heart Major Seminary



“I am very proud that my community, Ann Arbor, has signed on for 40 Days for Life. I am confident that the power of prayer and sacrifice will save the lives of many babies and the souls of their mothers — and we hope of the abortionists as well. Let us all line up behind the Good Shepherd and follow his example of prayer and sacrifice in service of advancing the Kingdom of God.”

BISHOP GREGORY PARKES

Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee



“The prayer vigils which are held in front of abortion facilities are a quiet yet persuasive sign that can save both the life of a child and the mother, and has been known to result in the conversion of those who work at these facilities. I invite you to consider praying in front of the abortion facility ... to offer a public witness to the church’s social teaching regarding the dignity of human life.”

MOLLY WHITE

Executive Director, Redeemed for Life Ministries



“God does answer prayer, and 40 Days for Life is an answer to prayer for me personally. 40 Days for Life will give each believer the opportunity to be a light unto the world by our unity in prayer and fasting and our acts of love and kindness towards those who are lost and those who are hurting. This campaign is a wonderful opportunity to minister to hurting women, men and family members.”

RIVERS TESKE

Founder and President, Hidden Choices



“Hidden Choices endorses the outstanding and courageous work of 40 Days of Life. Together we can make a difference as a people and as a global community fighting for the future generations of our planet. We salute the citizens of this nation who are on the front lines praying and our heroes who are choosing life over death – the mothers and fathers.”



JO TOLCK
Executive Director, Human Life Alliance

“40 Days for Life is one of the most effective outreaches we’ve encountered. We highly endorse the 40 Days for Life Campaign. HLA has participated in the campaign at various locations around the country. We appreciate the opportunity to join in prayer with so many of our pro-life brothers and sisters and pray the campaign will continue until we have won the battle for life.”

ROYCE DUNN
Founder and Director, Life Chain

“40 Days for Life is cause for everyone in pro-life to rejoice. Imagine what will occur across America when pro-lifers in many cities and towns resolve to pray earnestly. 40 Days for Life is blessed with committed leadership, superb prep materials and marvelous passion. It is flexible and doable. Most important of all, it values and relies on God, the giver of life.”

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