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### *Thousands Rally in Washington D.C. for the 2008 March for Life*

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court ruled it legal in the United States for a woman to kill her own unborn child. Since that date, millions of children have died through abortion. Today, popular society now pushes the idea that an inconvenient unborn child does not have the right to life. Fortunately, there is a growing force in this nation that is crying out for justice and the defense of innocent human life, from conception to natural death.

Since 1973, hundreds of thousands of pro-life activists have gathered together on January 22 to protest the horrors of abortion at the National March and Rally for Life in Washington DC. Political figures, clergy of various faiths, and pro-life activists from diverse backgrounds speak at each Rally. This year, one of the highlights was a speech given by President Bush, via telephone, to an enormous crowd of listeners. He mirrored the thoughts of every supporter of life when he said "...we will continue to work for a culture of life...where the dignity of both the mother and child is honored and cherished. We aspire to build a society where each one of us is welcomed in life and protected in law...that it is possible to advance medical science while respecting the sanctity of life." He stated that, "This America is rooted in our belief that, in a civilized society, the strong protect the weak. This America is the destiny of a people whose founding document speaks of the right to life that is a gift of our Creator, not a grant of the State." These statements reflect the cries in the mind of every person who cares about the lives of the innocent and unprotected.

Marchers recognize that now is the time to change hearts and minds. The youth of America are rallying and demand to have their voices heard. It is each person's duty to educate America about the reality of abortion, to defend children who haven't yet been born and to protect the dignity of mothers. When a woman is fully informed of the risks and reality of abortion and understands the biological development of her child and is aware of the support that is available to her and her baby, she is much less likely to abort her child. The reality is clear. An unborn baby that is allowed to be born becomes a baby, then a toddler, then a teenager, and finally an adult. A fetus is a human person and has the inherent right to life. This nation needs healing and support and the National March for Life is a vigilant reminder that the murder of the defenseless is unacceptable and that we are all called to end abortion.



*Participants gather for community prayer to initiate the 40 Days for Life Campaign in Niagara Falls.*

**“If my people, who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” - 2 Chronicles 7:14**

...So begins the webpage [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com), a nationwide, community-based campaign focused on drawing attention to the evils of abortion. The campaign utilizes a three point program of prayer and fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach to provide a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion in America.

The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.

Our local Niagara community is participating in a nationally coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign from February 6 – March 16. If you are interested in participating in the campaign, please contact Georgia Brannan at [BBAmerica@aol.com](mailto:BBAmerica@aol.com) or 716-940-5633. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life Campaign, check out the website at [www.40daysforlife.com/niagarafalls](http://www.40daysforlife.com/niagarafalls). Praise God for the opportunity to do His will!!!

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## *HAPPY SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY!!*



St. Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate love, but it is celebrated so much more than just one day a year. Through marriage, a couple celebrates the love they found in each other and that love can be expressed in many different ways. In today's day and age, it is very hard for those not married to not indulge in celebrations of love, but it is so important to be true to yourself and wait until you and your soul mate are united before God in marriage because sexual intercourse belongs in marriage. The wait to marriage is chastity and abstinence at work. Chastity is a virtue which excludes indulgence of the sexual appetite. The definition for abstinence is plain and simple, not having sex. Chastity and abstinence places sexual intercourse in marriage and respects sexuality as a gift, a gift

from God that should be treasured. Chastity and abstinence is so much more than sexual intercourse, it is about intimacy, self-esteem, values and healthy living. The choice to practice chastity and abstinence in your daily life gives you a future, an identity and gives you life. Chastity is virginity, but you do not have to be a virgin to practice abstinence. You can make a conscious decision here and now to discontinue having sex and practice abstinence and to take back the gift of human sexuality that God gave us with virginity. With all that is before us in the media and peer pressure, it may be hard to practice chastity and abstinence, but remember that sex is your gender and love is a decision and true love waits for marriage.



When you celebrate St. Valentine's Day this year, celebrate yourself, those you love and those that love you!!

## *The Day of the Unborn Child*

This spring marks the third season of DayOfTheUnbornChild.com--a website born of the efforts of five local pro-life advocates dedicated to promoting the March 25th Feast of the Annunciation as the Day of the Unborn Child, a day officially recognized as such in many Latin American countries and endorsed by the Knights of Columbus and other organizations. This feast date traces back to the 6th century A.D. and its importance was reflected in the fact that it began the New Year until the 1600s and was a holy day of obligation until about 100 years ago. Older feast names (Festum Incarnationis, Conceptio Christi) made it clear that it was Christ's Incarnation/conception that was being commemorated, but this fact, and the nine-month pregnancy-length interval between March 25th and Christmas, often goes unrecognized. In recent years the advancing "culture of death" has prompted the right-to-life movement to embrace the feast for its pro-life implications and, in turn, the focus on conception as the beginning of life has reminded Christians that even if abortion had never been legalized, this feast date should be honored in joyful gratitude for the Word made flesh.

Recent additions to the website include the suggestion on starting a parish Spiritual Adoption program on the Day of the Unborn Child. A Spiritual Adoption program is a nine-month symbolically-gestational period of prayer for an endangered unborn child often culminating in a parish "baby shower" which collects monetary donations and needs-list items for a local pro-life pregnancy center--an approach that beautifully incorporates both the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. When the Spiritual Adoption program begins on the Annunciation and ends in a Christmastime baby shower, it has the added benefits of reinforcing the pro-life aspect of the feast and its theological significance as the commemoration of Christ's conception, as well as highlighting the pregnancy-length interval between the two Incarnational feasts that is often obscured when the Annunciation solemnity is moved to avoid Easter week conflicts. This connection between March 25th and December 25th is something that can be opportunely pointed out during the Christmas season including the closing Spiritual Adoption gift shower, and the website includes practical tips on introducing the Annunciation into holiday traditions. The popular approach of selecting the Annunciation feast date to start a "novena" of monthly Masses also reinforces the nine-month interval before Christmas and can stand alone or complement a Spiritual Adoption program--each Mass can be offered for a specific monthly intention concerning the physical, spiritual, and familial welfare of the "adopted" children.

A day honoring Christ's Incarnation in the womb of the Virgin Mary is something for all Christians to celebrate. As the Day of the Unborn Child, it should be fundamentally different in mood from other pro-life commemorations, as it is different in origins. Unlike the January Roe v. Wade memorial and others established in recent decades to counter the modern evil of legalized abortion, the March 25th Day of the Unborn Child is founded on a joyous feast of Christ's Incarnation deeply rooted in history. As the name implies, this pro-life day of remembrance encompasses all unborn children. Although it is a time to pray for those threatened by or lost to the culture of death, it is essentially a celebration of life--the prenatal life of Christ, the life of every unborn child saved from abortion, and also the eternal life of children who died before birth as we look forward in hope to being reunited with them. It is also a time to show gratitude for the gift of our own lives--for we all began as unborn children hidden in the wombs of our mothers. Seen in this light, the importance of the Annunciation as the celebration of the Incarnation and Day of the Unborn Child, is self-evident, and its annual observance must continue to guide us through a future where legal abortion will exist only as a memory.

*Excerpt from a submission by Kelly G. Smith. info@DayOfTheUnbornChild.com*



*"Our Lady of the Millennium"  
print, which has become the banner  
for the promotion of the Day of the  
Unborn Child.*

*– Courtesy of John Brandi Co.*

# Baby Monitor

Look at what your community has accomplished!!!  
Babies are alive today because of your generosity...

	New Clients	Clients Services Provided	Earn While You Learn Sessions	Abortion Turnarounds
Prior	79	178	228	2
Oct-07	10	42	42	--
Nov-07	5	23	23	1
Dec-07	4	33	33	--
Jan-08	5	29	29	--
Center to Date	103	305	355	3



## Question and Answer Spot



### Question:

Many factors affect a woman's situation, causing her to feel that she's in a crisis. What might some of these factors be?

### Answer:

Physical health, relationship with her parents or the father of the child, social situations, and the reality of the existence of her baby could all cause a woman to view abortion as a solution to her "crisis." She should explore each of these areas, at her own pace, to understand why she feels she needs to have an abortion.

If you would like a question or topic addressed, please e-mail us at [summitlifecenter@yahoo.com](mailto:summitlifecenter@yahoo.com) or write us at  
Summit Life Outreach Center  
6929 Williams Road  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

## Who's that Guy???

Each issue, we'll ask one of our little friends to help us tell you what we're up to at the Center.

**Name:** Lukas  
**Age:** 3 years old  
**Favorite Food:** cheeseburgers  
**Favorite Toy:** teddy bear named Ike  
**Favorite Activity:** running



## Want to Lend a Hand?

Can you help us? Whether it be time, talent or treasure, we can use them all. Help keep this community activity alive and strong. Please keep us in your prayers!!!

*If you'd like to volunteer please send us your contact information and indicate what areas you'd like to help with.*

*If you'd like to make a donation, please send us your mailing address so we can mail you a receipt for your donation.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



“The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.”  
- Deuteronomy 28:12

**Please indicate the committee's you'd like to help with:**  
(circle all that apply)

Baby Blessings Room  
(baby clothes & items volunteer)

Center Volunteer  
(peer counseling, secretarial, etc.)

Fundraising  
(campaigns, events, etc.)

Community Outreach  
(advertising, speaking, etc.)

Abstinence/Chastity Training  
(workshops, classes, etc.)

Newsletter  
(writers, interviewing, editors, etc.)

Experienced Grant Writer  
(w/ focus on Not-for-Profit Grant Writing skills)

*Please return this slip to Summit Life Outreach Center, 6929 Williams Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.*

*Please make checks payable to Summit Life Outreach Center.*

*We do accept credit card donations: on our website: [www.summitlifecenter.org](http://www.summitlifecenter.org) or by phone: 1-866-242-1506*

## What's Happening at the Center?

### **The Summit Life Outreach Center**

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<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Newsletter Meeting	The Center	Tues 18 March 7:30p	All interested in helping are welcome!
Volunteer Training	The Center	May 5, 7, 12, 14	Contact Corine at the Center for more details!
40 Days for Life	Niagara Falls Community	Now through March 16th	Contact Georgia at 716-940-5633 or <a href="mailto:BBAmerica@aol.com">BBAmerica@aol.com</a> for details!
Day of Prayer	Wherever you are	Tues March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Contact Corine at the Center for more details!

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Hours

Tuesday 11:00am – 4:00pm  
Thursday: 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Friday: 11:00am – 4:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

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### The Summit Life Outreach Center provides...

#### Pre & Post Natal Services

- *Free pregnancy tests*
- *Free confidential on-site peer counseling*
- *Free referrals for pre- & post-natal health care, legal services, adoption & housing*
- *Free maternity support programs, maternity and baby clothes/furnishings*

#### Education

- *Abstinence, chastity*
- *STD Prevention*

#### Referrals

- *Vocational & educational counseling*
- *Child care assistance*
- *Nutrition & family life skills*
- *Natural family planning*

**All services are provided free of charge.**