



## St. Mary's Bulletin Insert

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### Diocese of Fargo Activities:

- **Join the Measure 1 Campaign to Protect Human Life!** If you have not yet joined the ND Choose Life effort – do so today by going to: <http://ndchooselife.com> As the campaign enters into its media outreach this fall, you'll want to be on their e-mail list to receive timely updates about the campaign. Your daily prayer support is also needed. Please join us in praying for the needs of the campaign at this time...

*Heavenly Father, you are the Creator of all life. Guide our efforts as we strive*

*to promote the Human Life Amendment in North Dakota.*

*Give wisdom to the campaign leaders. Call forth volunteers in all*

*communities across our state to serve the needs of the campaign*

*with courage and generosity. Open the hearts and minds of citizens to*

*embrace the truth and to recognize that all human life comes*

*from you and is worthy of our respect and protection.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

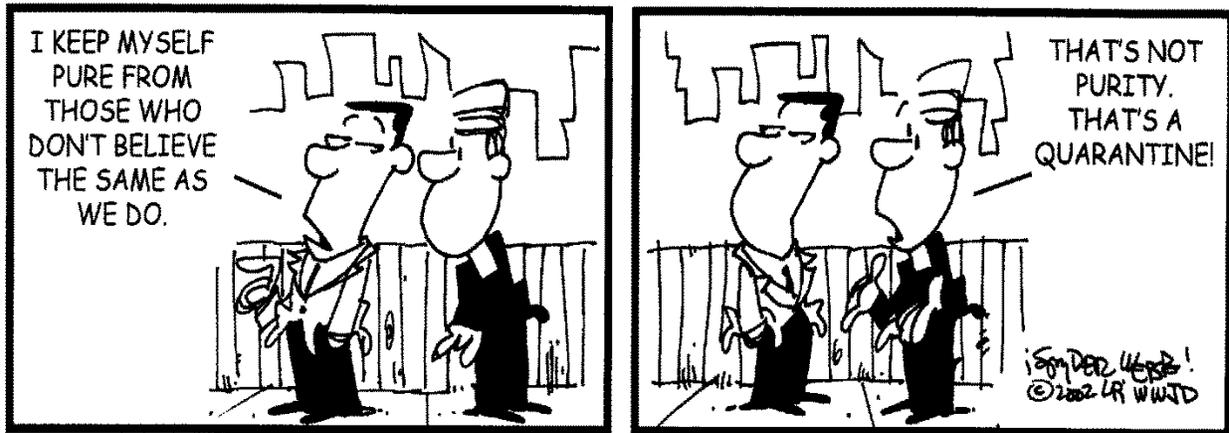
- **Sidewalk Advocates Training Set for Sept. 13:** Have you ever felt the desire to reach out to women who are considering an abortion? Have you ever considered sidewalk counseling in front of an abortion facility but just don't know how to do it? The **Sidewalk Advocates for Life** Program is geared towards local communities who wish to utilize a peaceful, prayerful method to reach out to abortion-minded women and men entering an abortion facility. This program is dedicated to all those who brave the sun, rain, snow, sleet and wind - so that they may lovingly offer an alternative to abortion to those who, ironically, may feel they have no choice. The 40 Days for Life ND committee is offering training for persons interested in becoming a sidewalk advocate or a prayer volunteer with the Sidewalk Advocates for Life Program. Join us on Sat. Sept. 13, 9 am – 2 pm at Calvary Methodist Church, 4575 45<sup>th</sup> St. So., in Fargo. Registration required. \$10/person. To register or for more information contact Colleen or Mary at: [phc@polarcomm.com](mailto:phc@polarcomm.com) or call (701) 284-6601.

- **40 Days for Life – North Dakota starts Sept. 24!** Mark your calendars for the start of our state's 40 Days for Life campaign! The faithful of the Diocese of Fargo are encouraged to participate in the **National 40 Days for Life** campaign that will take place September 24 – November 2. The 40 Days of continuous prayer will begin with a prayer service on **Wed., Sept 24, 7 p.m.** in front of the abortion facility, 512, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. No. in Fargo. 40 Days for Life is a three-fold effort of prayer – fasting – vigilance that will be conducted in all 50 states across our nation and internationally. Persons can sign up to take an hour vigilance at the state's only

abortion facility in Fargo by contacting the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601 or [phc@polarcomm.com](mailto:phc@polarcomm.com) To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign go to: [www.40daysforlifend.com](http://www.40daysforlifend.com).

- **Walk with Christ for Life –Respect Life Sunday – October 5** - Bishop Folda invites the faithful of the diocese to join him in the annual Eucharistic procession, *Walk with Christ for Life*, on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 5. The day's events will begin with Holy Mass at Noon, Cathedral of St. Mary, 604 Broadway, Fargo. This will be followed by a prayerful, peaceful procession to the state's only abortion facility. A short prayer service will be held outside the abortion facility, and then those gathered will return to the Cathedral for Benediction. A lunch will be served by the Cardinal Muench Council Knights of Columbus in the church social hall after Benediction. The *Walk* is sponsored by the Diocese of Fargo Respect Life Office. For more information, call Rachelle Sauvageau, (701) 356-7910.
- **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat to be held Oct. 3-5:** A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: "Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." If you or someone you know has suffered from the physical, emotional, and spiritual effects of a past abortion, there is hope for healing. Rachel's Vineyard offers a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential weekend retreat for anyone: women, men, grandparents, and siblings who struggle with the feelings of loss that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on a Friday night and concludes on Sunday afternoon. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled for Oct. 3-5, 2014 in Hankinson. For more information, or to register, please call Ruth Ruch at (701) 219-3941 or email her at [ruch@i29.net](mailto:ruch@i29.net). All calls are confidential.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice."*

*What can I do to create conditions to hear God's voice more clearly in my life?*

One of the hardest decisions you'll ever face in life is choosing whether to walk away or try harder.