



Church Contact Guidelines

First of all, **THANK YOU** for volunteering to be the church contact for the **40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** with your church or organization. You are the key person in your congregation to spread the word about this life saving campaign.

The key message is that we are a peaceful, prayerful and lawful campaign. Your goal is to identify and activate pro-lifers in your church.

PERSONAL READINESS

Jesus said, “Be holy as your Father in heaven is holy.” (Mt 5:48) Start with prayer. Pray for several days before you act. Confess your past offenses. For the greatest results, fast in some way for a day. All this opens your life more to God, who will do the work! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and assist you.

YOUR TEAM

Prayerfully identify fellow church members who are pro-life. Ask them to help you mobilize others who have a heart for the unborn and who want to bring healing to those hurt by abortion. We have prayer cards you can use to introduce others to the campaign. Once you have a core group, you must pray together as you meet to plan your approach.

AWARENESS – Tell your congregation what the campaign is trying to accomplish. Here are some ways to spread the message:

- Make an appointment to ask for your pastor’s support. Explain that you and your group will do all the work. Take along selected information from the Church Contacts page on our Buffalo website: www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo/index.cfm?load=page&page=157

Once you have your pastor’s support,

- Ask permission to distribute informational flyers and register people after Sunday services.
- Ask permission to do bulletin and pulpit announcements.
- Ask the head of each ministry to be supportive and involved, especially prayer ministries.
- Ask Bible study and Sunday School leaders to be involved and supportive.

PRAYER AND FASTING

The power of this campaign comes from God through the daily prayers and fasting (in whatever form) of His people. People from your church can pray at home, in church, at Bible studies, **WHEREVER**. The fast is not a strict fast. People can fast from sweets or coffee or TV. Or fast from a bad habit such as gossip or bad language. Or fast by committing personal time to daily Scripture study. But they must pray and fast faithfully throughout the campaign for the full power of God to be with us. This is the only requirement. **BUT**, many people will be moved to do more...so read on.

VOLUNTEERS DURING THE VIGIL

Ask people to offer their time to pray at the abortion facility for one or two hours. Ask your pastor to support you in having your church “bear witness” by filling one full day at the vigil! Ask selected ministries to sponsor an hour or two – ask the Singles Ministry to sponsor one hour and the Youth Group to sponsor one hour, etc... Two people at a time are essential for safety reasons. Our Daily Coordinators will work with you. We have many individual prayer witnesses who will be at the vigil at

the same time your church members are there. So if your church cannot fill the day, we will help. We often have had 5 or 10 people present – a powerful witness!

If you cannot take on a full day, ask church members to come for a few hours every week on the same day. Spread out your witness over as many hours as you can comfortably fill. Or members can come individually whenever time permits; they will meet wonderful people! We always have at least two people present. After dark, we always have at least one man present.

SUPPORT

- We will provide you with any material you need, including signs with a positive pro-life message. You are encouraged to contact Leadership Team members if you have any questions. We do not allow negative graphic signs.
- We have fliers and prayer cards to help raise awareness about the mission of the campaign.
- We will help you in any way possible – just let us know how we can help you be successful

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