



August 21, 2009

Dear Pastor,

From September 23 through November 1, our community will be uniting with cities from coast to coast for a simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that over the past four years has generated measurable lifesaving results in every community where it has been experienced. This Fall, 40 Days for Life campaigns will be conducted in more than 200 communities across the country. Since the campaign began, more than 1,561 children have been confirmed as saved from abortion. Some cities have reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers, numerous post-abortive women (and men) are finding healing and forgiveness, and from several hundred to over 1,000 new people getting involved with local lifesaving ministry efforts. Our own BBQ for Life celebration in advance of the Fall campaign brought together people from 20 different churches to address this most serious issue.

40 Days for Life is an ecumenical, faith-based effort made up of three key components:

- **Prayer and Fasting:** inviting people of faith throughout our city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- **Constant Vigil:** standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the local West End Abortion Site, at 5915 Tyrone Rd, Reno and Tahoe Women's Care, at 973 Mica Drive, Carson City.
- **Community Outreach:** taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, door-to-door advocacy, and public visibility

40 Days for Life has been endorsed by many prominent national leaders and a sheet featuring many of these endorsements is included with this letter, along with a flyer about the campaign. To learn more about the plans for the nationwide effort, you can also visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

I would love to have the opportunity to visit with you briefly, either in person or by telephone, to discuss the plans for this year's 40 Days for Life program here in our community. We can explore ways to work together in this effort to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves – innocent children in the womb. We also care their mothers who risk facing deep regret, from which we seek to spare them.

Please call or email to schedule an appointment to discuss the campaign further. You can contact me at [renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com](mailto:renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com) or 530-412-1573 to let me know what days and times would work best with your busy schedule. I look forward to talking with you! You are also welcome to visit our local website, and the page specifically for Pastors, at [www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/pastors](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/pastors).

Sincerely,

Carol Marie



## Suggestions for Church Involvement

[www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/pastor](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/pastor)

### Pastor Reflection on Scripture

During the course of the 40 Day campaign, our email updates include a section that walks through the **New Testament in 40 Days**. We are asking pastors to select a scripture that they would like to reflect upon, and submit that brief lesson for our updates. The break-down of scripture into 40 parts can be found attached or in the online file located at: [www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/NewTestament](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/NewTestament). We will be assigning the days on a first come, first serve basis. If there is a passage that you feel called to share during this campaign, please sign up quickly to ensure it is still available. Send an email to [renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com](mailto:renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com).

### Provide Us With A Pro-Life Ministry Contact Within Your Church

Give us the name and contact information of a member of your church who is already interested in working to bring abortion to an end. We can then coordinate most of the following items through them, leaving you to do what you do best, lead your flock.

### Prayer Group Involvement

Enlist existing prayer groups to intercede for the unborn. Ask them to join in the effort as we **Pray to End Abortion**. When you have a prayer group that will include this in their prayer requests, especially if it is the primary focus for an hour of prayer, contact us at [renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com](mailto:renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com) and we will include it on our prayer calendar.

### Promote the 40 Days for Life Campaign to Your Congregation

Talk about abortion and the harm it does to our society when you speak from the pulpit. Encourage people to join in prayer as we **Pray to End Abortion**. Distribute our brochures and hang a poster to promote the 40 Days for Life Campaign Events (volunteer training, rallies, prayer gatherings). Contact us at [renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com](mailto:renotahoe@40DaysforLife.com) to receive the supplies to assist in this effort. **Distribute our Prayer Commitment brochures**, encourage involvement in **Life Chain**, our **Door to Door Awareness Campaign** and/or **Invite a Pro-Life Speaker** to address your congregation.

### Adopt a Day

Select one day during the 40 Day Campaign when you and members of your church will stand in prayer at the sidewalk. Bring the Love of Christ to this dark corner of our community as we **Pray to End Abortion**. Come to pray, come to love those who enter and depart from the abortion site. If you are unable to come in love, please do not come to the sidewalk. Even righteous anger is not something we encourage during this campaign, at this location. Please review and sign the Statement of Peace attached or located online at: [www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/StatementofPeacePDF](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/renotahoe/StatementofPeacePDF) and request that members of your church also sign a commitment to participate in a peaceful, prayerful, lawful manner while at the sidewalk. On this note, please be aware that the metal fence in the front of the Reno abortion site is private property and you may not touch it without trespassing. **Please, Do Not Touch the Fence!**

### Provide an Endorsement of the Campaign

This is an Ecumenical, Non-Denominational campaign, during which we are bringing together the body of Christ, from throughout our region, to use the many gifts which have been bestowed upon us, to serve God. Please assist us in making a real difference in our community as we strive to make abortion unthinkable. Allow us to include you as a local pastor who supports this effort. Please provide a brief couple of sentences stating your support and either email us or provide a link to a head shot that we can use to include on our website.