



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 13, 2011

National campaign director, Shawn Carney, to visit local prayer vigil today

Shreveport, Louisiana: Shawn Carney, co-founder and national campaign director of 40 Days for Life will join Shreveport-Bossier pro-lifers to pray outside Shreveport's abortion clinic, Hope Medical Group for Women, today at 3:00 p.m.

40 Days for Life is an international, multi-denominational campaign calling Christians to 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil outside abortion facilities, and 40 days of grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history where God brought about world-changing transformation in 40-day periods.

The fall campaign, which began September 28, unites 301 locations in 48 states and abroad, making this campaign the largest to date. In Louisiana, campaigns are also taking place in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, uniting all three cities in this effort for the first time.

More than 350 communities have joined together for the eight nationally coordinated 40 Days for Life campaigns since 2007. More than 4,000 lives have been spared from abortion.

Ben Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life Federation, said "Mr. Carney's visit will remind Shreveport-Bossier citizens they are part of an international effort to prayerfully unite for the unborn. With the abortion numbers continuing to rise in our state and in Caddo and Bossier parishes, it is critically important we stand witness to this injustice." According to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, there were 8,870 abortions in Louisiana in 2010 (the latest year data is available). In 2009, there were 8,167 abortions, 4,110 of these occurring in Caddo and Bossier parishes.

To learn more about the national 40 Days for Life campaign, visit www.40DaysForLife.com. For the Shreveport-Bossier campaign, visit www.40DaysForLifeSB.com. Contact Chris Davis, local campaign coordinator at chris@40daysforlifeshb.com with any questions.