



## DO'S & DON'TS

### WHAT TO BRING:

Water

Sunscreen, hat, comfortable shoes

Warm clothing (err on the warm side)

Umbrella (for sun or rain)

Prayerbook or Bible

### DO:

- Carpool if possible. Parking can be a challenge. Do not park in private parking lots or your car may be towed at your expense. There is a small lot opposite the Focus Pregnancy Center that can be used. Limited street parking is available.
- Feel free to use signs available just inside the entrance to the Focus Pregnancy Help Center during their business hours. Unfortunately, we can no longer keep them on the back porch. **Please return these signs when you are done.** They are for every participant's use not for private use.
- Be sure 2 or more people are present at all times for safety.
- If you see anything unsafe or illegal, call 911.

### DO NOT:

- Do not block the sidewalk either with objects or people. If a large group is present for the prayer vigil, a path must be kept open for pedestrians to pass.
- Do not use signs with graphic images of aborted babies or inflammatory language.
- Do not attach or lean signs on any lamppost, tree, building or other structure on the sidewalk per a city ordinance. Signs must be held.
- Do not stand between the lines on the sidewalk. There is a buffer zone established on either side of the PP driveway. Please stand outside the yellow lines painted on the sidewalk.
- Do not stand in the street. Please stay on the sidewalk per the Rochester Police Dept.
- Do not stand in the driveways of any neighbors across the street.

## GUIDELINES FOR PRO-LIFE PRESENCE AT ABORTION SITES

Your presence at an abortion facility is an important affirmation of LIFE, exercise of your Constitutional right to free speech and witness against the tragedy of abortion. These guidelines are offered to increase the effectiveness of our efforts.

- All public witnessing (praying, sidewalk counseling, etc.) at these sites **MUST BE PEACEFUL**. This is legal nonviolent direct action. Public witnessing is a form of communication – a statement to patients as well as passersby on behalf of all the victims of abortion. **BE AWARE** of what you say and do - you're the voice and picture of "pro-life" to those who see and hear you!
- Babies are dying at the hands of abortionists and their staff. The baby's mother and family will never be the same. Treat the site with appropriate solemnity. Eating, drinking, loud talking and laughter are out of place.
  - Stay with a partner.
  - Carry a cell phone.
  - Hold signs so they can be read – toward roadway traffic or to people entering/leaving site.
- Sidewalks are public property. Stay on sidewalks. Do not go on the facility's property, driveway or parking lot.
- Respond to hecklers gently or not at all. Don't end conversations with abortion advocates by saying something negative – let a life-affirming comment ring in their ears!
- Be considerate of other pro-lifers at the site. Praying or Bible reading should be done without disturbing other pro-lifers and without discouraging those of other faiths from joining.
- If anyone is disrespectful to you, just ignore it or say a prayer for them. People may also shout out support for you - pray for them too. In case of trouble by abortion advocates, call the police right away.
- Ask witnesses to make notes immediately (details are quickly forgotten) and take videos of any disturbance if possible.
- It is difficult to assess the "success" of pro-life witness at abortionists' sites, but it is critical in keeping the plight of the unborn on the public agenda. **If you witness a woman changing her mind about having an abortion, please report this to the campaign coordinator: Rick Paoletti ph 489-9555 or the email address below.**

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