



Annapolis Vigil Guidelines

Fall 2021

1. Vigil Mission

- a. Stand as a peaceful, prayerful witness to God to end the evil of abortion within the Planned Parenthood building.
- b. Please complete the Statement of Peace found at www.40daysforlife.com/annapolis and leave it in the Cabinet to the right of the Pregnancy Clinic across the street.
- c. Go to that website for additional information, to register, and to schedule vigil hours.

2. Praying

- a. Prayer may be informal or formal, silent or spoken, bible reading, etc.
- b. Pray for the babies, their Moms/Dads/Families, abortion facility staff, those with past abortion experiences, our Government Leaders, and those who work to end abortion.
- c. **Keep the focus on prayer**, remain prayerful and respectful at all times, and be considerate of others praying.
- d. **This is a peaceful prayer time, please limit socializing.**

3. Physical Presence

- a. Stand on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood building, 929 West Street, to the left or right side of the driveway.
- b. When sufficient people are praying, at least two people should stand behind the Planned Parenthood building on Smithville Road, staying outside the fenced area.
- c. If necessary due to a large number of people present in the front of Planned Parenthood, stand on the sidewalk across West Street from Planned Parenthood. **Do NOT stand on the sidewalk directly in front of the Pregnancy Clinic.**
- d. **Ensure the sidewalk remains open and passible at all times** for walkers or cyclists.
- e. **Do not trespass** on the Planned Parenthood property or driveway, and do not park in their parking lot.
- f. Park along side streets, St. Mary's Cemetery, or public garages off West Street.
- g. Leave 3 spaces open on Woodlawn Road adjacent to the Pregnancy Clinic for their clients.

4. Safety Considerations

- a. Peacefully greet passersby. **Do not engage** in any confrontational or angry conversation, or negative behavior. **Pray for them.**
- b. It is best to ignore passing cars with positive or negative comments. **Pray for them.**
- c. **Always have a prayer partner. Do not pray alone.**
- d. If you are threatened, your pathway blocked, or you are touched, **call the police.**
- e. Keep a mobile phone, and possibly a camera with you to record any confrontations.
- f. For safety purposes, remain conscious of the street and passing vehicles. Remain on the sidewalk.
- g. Because of safety concerns, the Annapolis Police will be making frequent patrols.

5. Covid-19 Guidelines (follow local guidelines)

- a. Wear masks as appropriate.
- b. Practice social distancing of six feet unless with family member as appropriate.

6. Sign and Materials

- a. Signs and materials are stored in the Cabinet to the right of the Pregnancy Clinic and the neighboring house
- b. You may bring your own signs if you desire; but they must be prayerful and contain no graphics or words that could be offensive or hurtful.
- c. Upon request a 40 Days for Life sign can be provided for personal use. Contact Becky or Tony, see below.
- d. **When you depart the site, if no one is available to replace you, please store all signs in the Cabinet.**

7. Problems or Emergencies

- a. For emergencies, immediately call 911.
- b. If police arrive on the scene, remain respectful and answer their questions – show that we are peaceful and prayerful. The police have always been very supportive of our efforts.
- c. If problems or emergencies occur, or if the police arrive, please contact:
Tony Martelli at 443-254-5433 or Becky Simpson at 443-546-7895