

Spring Campaign

Ash Wednesday, February 18 - Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

We need many individuals and groups to commit to signing up to be part of our continuous daily, 24-hour coverage (daytime hour coverage 7am to 7pm by individuals and church groups – nighttime coverage 7pm to 7am by men's groups and individuals) in front of Planned Parenthood. Sign up at website below. For help in signing up, look under RESOURCES list on right side of our website, www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati, for "Volunteer Website Tutorial" or contact Mary Clark, cincy40days@fuse.net / (513) 604-9054 cell or (513) 791-4039, for daytime hours and Adam Schad, aschad@cincinnatirighttolife.org or John Beckstedt, johnbeck44@aol.com, for night hours.

Mark Your Calendars For Upcoming Events Below

All at Planned Parenthood site - sign ups not necessary for these events below only. Parking on side streets and at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue, two blocks north of Planned Parenthood.

Midpoint Prayer Vigil Hour - March 13 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Join us for this group hour of prayer and be encouraged to continue your weekly public prayer witness here in front of Planned Parenthood and finish the second half of the campaign strong! If you have not been able to sign up for prayer hours to this point, there are still a little over two weeks of the campaign left and you can help us cover the remaining open prayer hours or add to the number of vigil participants already committed to prayer. For this event there is no sign up necessary. It is one of the few opportunities during the campaign when we can gather as one to pray for all of the intentions of the campaign.

Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving - Date and time to be announced.

Details will be shared as soon as we can finalize them. Since Holy Name Church is being sold, please make sure you are registered on our website, www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati, so we can personally update you on this and other events. Information about 40 Days for Life 365 will be provided during this spring's campaign and we ask that you pray about continuing your prayer witness from "Day 41" forward until the 40 Days for Life Fall 2026 campaign.

40 Days for Life is having an effect and has shown measurable results. Since the national campaign's inception in the Fall of 2007, twenty-six thousand, one hundred forty-four babies' lives have been saved; 1,000,000 Christians from more than 20,000 churches have taken part in over 1,000 cities in 64 countries. Two hundred seventy-five abortion workers have had a change of heart and quit their jobs and 184 abortion mills have closed their doors for good! **WE NEED YOU TO HELP CINCINNATI BECOME THE 185th!**

OUR PRO-LIFE WORK IS NOT OVER. Since Ohio voters amended the Ohio Constitution in 2023, our state has become an abortion destination. Cars from many different states have been seen entering Planned Parenthood. We have expanded our campaign prayer hours from 12 to 24 and sidewalk advocates are present several days each week to speak to those entering the facility. Prayer is our foundation and We need YOU to bring the love of Christ to the sidewalk in peaceful, prayerful witness to the Sanctity of Human Life and to challenge your friends to join you! We will win this battle on our knees. Let us continue to persevere in our prayer and fasting.



SPRING 2026 CAMPAIGN

CINCINNATI KICKOFF RALLY

Holy Name Church
2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati

Brian Gibson
Executive Director, Pro-Life Action Ministries
St. Paul, Minnesota

Prayer Leaders
Kent Klee, Bible Study Leader, Christ the King Church, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
Deacon Chris Freihofer, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Burlington, Kentucky

Sunday, February 15, 2026 - 2:00 PM

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of Unity during a focused 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, To seek God's favor and access His power to turn hearts and minds from a Culture of death to a culture of life with the purpose of repentance, thus Bringing an end to abortion in America.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin, and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

PROGRAM

Welcome – Mary Clark, Cincinnati Campaign Leader

Opening Song – O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Opening Prayer – Kent Klee, Bible Study Leader, Christ the King Church,
Ft. Thomas, Kentucky

Scripture Passage – Ed Haven

Matthew 5:1-12a *"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."*

Procession to Planned Parenthood – See “Prayers During Procession to and at Planned Parenthood.”

Return to Holy Name Church for remainder of the program

Speaker - Brian Gibson, Pro-Life Action Ministries

Campaign Specifics and Call to Action - Mary Clark

Concluding Prayer & Final Blessing - Deacon Chris Freihofer,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Burlington, Kentucky

Concluding Song – We Walk By Faith

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come.
Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come,
Be thou our Guard while life shall last, And our eternal Home.

If you are uneasy committing to signing up for vigil hours of public prayer at the abortion facility, we understand. We all felt that way at first and should never get complacent with what occurs inside. But when we take our prayer to the sidewalk, as Fr. Frank Pavone says, “...more consciences are stirred to action, starting with our own.” Part of 40 Days for Life is repentance and reparation (II Chronicles 7:14). What a good way to make reparation for the killing that our country is allowing (especially during Lent) than to sacrifice convenience for the sake of the truth. Remember the following:

Partner Up— Always take a minimum of one partner with you to the abortion clinic. More is better.

Respect and Love—We treat the women going into the clinic, their support persons (if they have any), and the clinic staff with Respect and Love. Your attitude of love and compassion will plant seeds in their hearts.

When registering to sign up for prayer hours you must sign a Statement of Peace confirming that you will be peaceful during your prayer times and always obey the law. A sheet entitled “Commandments of Safety” is available for download from our RESOURCES list on the right side of our website, www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Clark, 513-604-9054 / cincy40days@fuse.net.

You Can Do It—One of the biggest obstacles to praying on the sidewalk is the belief (or fear) that you cannot do it. That simply is not true. Not only can you do it, but we need you to help. There are many areas to serve in the pro-life movement, but everyone –regardless of his or her gifts, can pray.

“Our media are the streets. Abortion will end when the people of God say so. Now is the time for people of every religious and political background to join together to stop the killing. When we come out on the streets, we always win. Fewer babies die and more consciences are stirred to action, starting with our own.”

Father Frank Pavone – Priests for Life

“Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the angels of God and call down His mercy and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.” - St. Louis de Montfort

We Walk By Faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod; Yet in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound; To call on You when You are near, And seek where You are found.

That when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light We may behold You as You are In full and endless sight.

Thank you for coming today. We will win this battle on our knees, so we need YOU to sign up for vigil hours throughout the campaign. Please sign up online at our website, www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati or see me for more information - **Mary Clark** / cincy40days@fuse.net / (513) 604-9054.

We will have available at the vigil site a container or bag with materials such as pregnancy center lists and several different prayer sheets plus various signs that you can use during your prayer time each day. The prayer sheets and pregnancy center lists can also be printed from the RESOURCE list at the right side of our webpage. If you are the coordinator of your church's participation, you can arrange to receive a packet of signs and materials to pass along to your participants throughout your prayer hours and keep for future use.

The RESOURCE list on our website also includes a spreadsheet entitled "For Reference Only - DAYTIME Open & Covered Hours - Sign Up Online" showing all open and covered hours for a quick look at where your vigil coverage is most needed, and "Campaign Specifics" to answer your questions and help you encourage others to join us in prayer.

If you have permission from your parish to put a "Pray to End Abortion" sign on your church property, contact Mary Clark (in bold above) to request one or more. Parishes signed up to cover prayer hours are given first priority. More signs may need to be ordered if requests are many.

Please review the main website: www.40daysforlife.com, for podcasts on a variety of topics related to 40 Days for Life, practical considerations for campaign participation such as overcoming fear of praying in public, dealing with the cold and other pro-life topics for reflection. Hear inspiring stories of former abortion mill directors who are now leading 40 Days for Life campaigns, read endorsements from a wide array of pro-life leaders from different denominations. To learn how 40 Days for Life came to be and read many true stories of how it continues to change hearts and saves lives one prayer at a time, book by Shawn Carney and Steve Karlen are available.

Prayers During Procession to and at Planned Parenthood

During procession to PP, recite the **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! **(3 times)**

Opening prayer: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(1) Our Father, (1) Hail Mary, The Apostles Creed

(On Our Father beads) Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, *in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

(On each Hail Mary bead) For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, *have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

After the 5th decade: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. **(3 times)**

Concluding prayer: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Jesus, I trust in you. (3 times)

Prayer at the Beginning of a Vigil at an Abortion Clinic – Loving, God, Today you have invited us to share your love with the world in a more public way. Jesus, you said, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Now You ask us to share that message of life through our prayerful witness in front of this abortion facility. During our time of prayer, give us strength...
...that our anxiety and discomfort at standing here might put us in solidarity with the mothers and families facing difficult decisions about a pregnancy.

...that our uncertainty and awkwardness might be calmed by recalling that You bring good out of those who are imperfect.

...that our fear of being misunderstood might humble us to accept the self-sacrifice of putting Your will and the needs of others before our own.

...that our anger might give us renewed energy but be channeled into gentle, loving words and actions.

...that our convictions about Your truth do not lead us to set ourselves apart from those who disagree but to seek more deeply to understand them.

...that our words and actions today might not speak our own message, but Your message. And give us strength to accept that the hearts You are most seeking to change today through these prayers might be our own. We ask this in Your name, Jesus. Amen.

Prayer for Pro-Life Efforts – Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Word of God came to earth as a single cell and made His abode in the most pure body of the Virgin Mary. O Cell Divine, in that hour, hear the prayers that we send to you across the ages. Welcome into Your loving care the souls of all those children who are rejected by their mothers. Look with compassion upon those mothers who are driven by distress and delusion to seek the lives of their own offspring. Have mercy upon those who turn their training in the healing arts to the purposes of death. Inspire Christians everywhere to seek out and apply Christian solutions to social problems. Bless our efforts to educate and serve. Help us to conduct them in the spirit of humility and love that will win minds and hearts to accept the truth, to minister to those in need, and to forego the resort to violence. Amen.

Prayer to the Author of Life – Father of us all, Author of all life, I thank you for my life and the appreciation of it. Please help me to always respect the lives of all your children, from conception to natural death. Let your Spirit enlighten the minds and open the hearts of those who do not fully respect all human life according to your will. Where there is remorse, grant peace to all women and everyone affected by past abortions. Lighten the burdens of all women with problem pregnancies. Bring to our world laws and hearts that protect and celebrate all human life. Thank you, Father. Amen.

“Spiritual Adoption” of Abortion Clinic – Father, all life is in Your care. You have entrusted us to one another, that we may show our brothers and sisters the same love You have for us. We pray, then, for the least among us, the children in the womb. Protect them from the violence of abortion. We pray for those that are scheduled to die at this Planned Parenthood facility. Save them from death. Give new hope to their parents, that they may turn away from the desperate act of abortion. Grant conversion to the abortionist and to the staff. Show us how we are to respond to the bloodshed in our midst, and lead us to the day when this place of death will be transformed into a haven of life. Guard us with your joy and your peace, for in You, life is victorious. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Healing – Eternal Father, source of all mercy and love, out of love for us You sent your Son, and willed that blood and water flow from His side to cleanse us of sin and restore lost innocence. Hear the cry of each woman who mourns the loss of her child to abortion. Forgive her sin, restore her to Your grace, and still the terror of her heart with a peace beyond all understanding. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother, strengthen her faith in You. Give her the consolation to believe that her child is now living in the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who conquered sin and death, and who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer at the Planned Parenthood Facility – Holy Mary, Mother of God, we humbly ask that you use the power granted to you by the Holy Trinity and bring about the closing of this Planned Parenthood facility.

We ask you, oh Mother of Mercy, to ask your Son to have mercy on the preborn babies whose lives are ended either directly at this facility or by products sold to their mothers here.

We also implore you, “who destroys heresies and crushes demons,”* to protect the teenagers who are lured to this facility and led into lives of sin. Remove this place of evil from their lives and grant them the graces to reject Satan and to live lives of purity and chastity.

Oh Virgin Most Pure, in honor of your inestimable purity, we pray, (Pray three Hail Mary's) Amen. *St. Louis DeMontfort's Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin Mary, True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Commitment Prayer – Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the give of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, And never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. Amen!