

PRO-LIFE PARISH LIFE

October 2021

Dear Parish Pro-Life Rep,

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH:

Last month was full of good things – great progress on pregnancy support, 40 Days got started and there was a major victory for common sense on peaceful pro-life vigils.

This month, I have couple of newsletter / social media items for you . I've highlighted the text in grey so you can easily cut and paste to your newsletter or social media organisers

40 Days Edinburgh Autumn campaign

22 Sept – 31 October **Now Every weekday**: 8.30am – 5pm

40 Days for Life has started **and expanded** in Edinburgh! It's now running every weekday ☺ Last week I prayed there with a woman who had had 2 abortions and was holding a sign saying "ask me about my abortion" Do join this strong and faithful team at Chalmers – **October is the month of the Rosary** so it's very relevant.

The campaign runs until 31 Oct so **please ask your newsletter organiser to run it a couple of times**, if they have space:

PRAYING FOR LIFE: you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. For more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact edinburgh40days@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/Edinburgh



Assisted Suicide – What's YOUR story?

Euthanasia Bills are being introduced at Holyrood & Westminster. It's really important that MPs, MSPs and Lords hear positive real-life stories about end of life situations. They need to know that assisted suicide law would be unsafe and that now is the time to invest in better palliative and end-of-life care instead. For your newsletter....

SHARE YOUR STORY: do you have a compelling personal story of the benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, or the dangers of assisted suicide? Any story, no matter how big or small, could be critical to the fight against "assisted suicide" in Holyrood and Westminster. Share your story here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystory>

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GOOD NEWS about LIFE

A major win this month: Scottish Government said a new national law to ban peaceful vigils would be 'disproportionate.' This is a victory for common sense & we all know that vigils are peaceful, prayerful and helpful to women. I wrote an article about it here – feel free to repost it:

<https://archedinburgh.org/buffer-zones-at-abortion-centres-would-be-disproportionate/>



Buffer zones at abortion centres would be 'disproportionate'

ANNOUNCING:



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The new pregnancy support service in our area will be provided by **Stanton Healthcare**. Stanton are an international pregnancy support service with branches in Northern Ireland and the United States. Donna Cameron, a parishioner at St Margaret's South Queensferry, will be the new Executive Director and has already started work. The Archdiocese will support Stanton's much needed work through our parishes, the pro-life network and our communication resources. I'm really pleased that our area will soon be offering pro-life alternatives to abortion.

Stanton will be a new, separate, charity & the application for that is now underway. Stanton will then need premises so women can visit and receive life giving support. For now, **PRAY** for the success for this important project and we'll have the doors open soon! If you'd like to be involved in the work email me or contact Donna direct:

donna.cameron@stantonscotland.org

Finally, THANK YOU again!

The Life Society at Edinburgh University had a very successful fundraiser. They raised £682 to support their work this year. Thanks for your help with this!



For Life,

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