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40 days of prayer, fasting, education, peaceful vigil impact abortion

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"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 I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

The Fall 40 Days for Life North Dakota Campaign concluded Sunday evening, Nov. 6, outside the only remaining abortion facility in the state of North Dakota.

More than 100 pro-life people gathered in joyful celebration as they lifted their voices in songs of praise, listened to a post-abortion testimony and were encouraged by inspiring messages from our local clergy.

Nationally:

- More than 540 lives have been spared during this fall campaign. We have joined with 317 other cities and other countries including Argentina, Germany and Brazil and the territory of Puerto Rico.
- Since 2007, 1,332 individual campaigns have taken place in 337 cities in all 50 states and in Canada, Australia, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Spain, Denmark, Georgia, Armenia and Belize.
- More than 400,000 have joined in unified prayer and fasting to end abortion. More than 13,000 church congregations have participated in the campaign.
- Reports document 4,313 lives have been spared. Fifty-three abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the death industry. Sixteen abortion facilities have closed their doors.
- Hundreds of women have been spared the tragic effects of abortion, including a lifetime of regret. Many people with past abortion experiences have stepped forward to begin postabortion healing and recovery.
- More than 1,500 news stories have been featured in newspapers, magazines, radio shows and TV programs from coast to coast.

In North Dakota:

- Since the state of North Dakota started participating in 40 Days for Life in 2007, there are 40 confirmed lives that have been spared abortion. In this campaign alone there are four babies who are alive today because of your prayerful witness.
- The Post Abortion Ladies have made eight presentations in churches and to youth groups during this fall campaign, bringing the total number of presentations to approximately 45, saving lives as they speak out.

- More than 60 churches and organizations in North Dakota and Minnesota have participated in the prayer vigil. Many others have organized prayer times in their churches, nursing homes and youth groups. There is also the opportunity to pray at the Visitation Chapel next door to the abortion facility on Wednesdays, for those unable to stand on the sidewalk.
- More than 1,200 prayer volunteers receive weekly phone calls and emails encouraging them to pray and fast to end abortion in our state and nation.
- More than 800 individuals have been contacted to join the peaceful vigil outside the abortion facility covering 960 continuous hours of prayer during these 40 days.
- Pastors' luncheons continued with area clergy who are meeting to encourage one another and discuss life issues.
- A 40 Days for Life billboard was displayed on First Avenue North during the campaign, in addition to other 40 Days for Life billboards in the Fargo area.
- An additional 250 yard signs were distributed in the state — with their own stories of saving lives — twins this year!
- Sidewalk counseling sessions were held by request and will continue.
- Citizens United to End Abortion in North Dakota put up approximately 100 flags that stated "Celebrate Life" along Broadway in Fargo during the first week of 40 Days for Life.
- 40 Days for Life has been given the opportunity for weekly updates on local radio stations.

The 40 Days for Life North Dakota Committee would like to thank each of you for the personal sacrifices that you have made during this Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign. We encourage you to not grow weary in doing good but rather to remain steadfast as we "seek to love justice, do mercy and walk humbly before our God."

We invite you to continue to pray weekly outside the local abortion facility as we remain committed to promoting a culture of life in our community.

And dear friends, may we resolve to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, knowing that there will be a day when "every eye shall see and every knee shall bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

For more information or to sign up for email or telephone prayer requests on the days when abortions may be performed, email phc@polarcomm.com or call (701) 284-6601. To sign up for eucharistic adoration at the Visitation Chapel, email pray@fargodiocese.org or call Rachele Sauvageau at (701) 356-7910.

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