



40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

Leader Symposium

*The beginning of the
end of abortion.[®]*



July 21, 2018
Phoenix, Arizona



*Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything.
St. Catherine of Siena*

These babies have been saved from abortion due to your prayers and your efforts.



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Message from President Trump



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 2018

Melania and I send our greetings to those attending the 40 Days for Life bi-annual leadership conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

When I ran for office, I pledged to stand for life—the first unalienable right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence. As President, I have kept my promise and continue to cherish and protect this fundamental right. It is the greatest gift endowed by our Creator and protected by our Constitution.

My Administration knows that every life has meaning and that every life is worth defending. That is why my Administration remains committed to working with our Nation's pro-life organizations and advocates to protect the right to life for all. Together, we will continue to honor the sanctity of every human life and spread a culture of compassion and love.

May God bless each of you, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald Trump', written in a cursive style.

Welcome



Welcome!

We are so happy you are joining us - and other campaign leaders - for the 40 Days for Life Leader Symposium!

This will be an important time to network with other leaders, improve your local campaign, and have some fun in the process! Leading a 40 Days for Life campaign is very rewarding, but we all know that it can be difficult - and is dependent upon trusting God. We look forward to inspiring, equipping, and supporting you... so you can return home to pray, fast, stand vigil, and end abortion where you live.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. D. Casey'.

Agenda



Saturday July 21, 2018:

Breakfast begins at 7:30 am in the Wildflower Ballroom
Symposium sessions are for Leaders and Team Members only

8:30 am: Welcome

**8:50 am: *Scheduling Volunteers
on the 40 Days for Life Website***
**Steve Karlen, Katharine O'Brien and
Gilbert Gonzalez of 40 Days for Life**

**9:55 am: *Know Your Rights:
Freedom of Speech and Common Vigil Legal Issues***
Matt Britton, 40 Days for Life
Sidewalk Counseling Legal Issues
Elissa Graves, Alliance Defending Freedom

10:40 am: Networking break

**10:55 am: *Going Undercover at Planned Parenthood and
What YOU Should Know About Your Local Abortion Facility***
Alison Centofante, Live Action

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**11:50 am: Lunch and networking
(Resort restaurant lunch vouchers provided)**

**1:25 pm: *Getting Pastors and Churches on Board*
Brian Gibson and Brian Walker, Pro-Life Action Ministries**

**2:20 pm: *Panel: Proven Strategies for Filling Your Vigil Schedule*
Jim Ball, Campaign Leader, Green Bay, Wisconsin
Robert Colquhoun, Director, International Campaigns
Mark Cavaliere, Campaign Leader, Santa Teresa, New Mexico
Aine Fitzgerald, Campaign Leader, Waco, Texas
Sandie Weathers, Campaign Leader, Ann Arbor, Michigan**

3:40 pm: International testimonial

3:50 pm: Networking break

**4:10 pm: *If God Can Use Me, He Can Use You*
Sue Thayer, Former Planned Parenthood manager
and local 40 Days for Life Leader**

**4:45 pm: Closing remarks
Shawn Carney, 40 Days for Life**

**6:30 pm: Dinner for leaders, teams, and families
at Stone Grill**

Team Members



SHAWN CARNEY
President/CEO

Shawn began as a volunteer in the pro-life movement while still in college. During this time he helped to lead the first-ever local 40 Days for Life campaign. After graduating from college, Shawn was asked to serve as the executive director of the Coalition for Life, a local pro-life organization in Texas, made up of more than 60 churches. From its beginning, Shawn has been instrumental in growing 40 Days for Life nationally and then internationally. Shawn is a regular media spokesperson, and his work has been featured on hundreds of outlets including Fox News' *The O'Reilly Factor*, *The Laura Ingraham Show*, *The Drudge Report*, *The Guardian*, *USA Today*, and Christian media including *The Christian Post*, *National Catholic Register*, *Sirius XM Catholic Radio*, *EWTN Radio*, and *Focus on the Family*. Shawn is one of the most sought-after pro-life speakers, addressing audiences coast-to-coast and internationally. He has executive produced award-winning pro-life documentaries and is co-author of the #1 top rated Christian book: *40 Days for Life: Discover What God Has Done ... Imagine What He Can Do* and the author of *The Beginning of the End of Abortion*. Shawn lives in Texas with his wife and seven children.



STEVE KARLEN
Campaign Director

Steve got involved in the pro-life movement as a volunteer leader with the 40 Days for Life campaign in Madison, Wisconsin. Before long, he found himself at the center of a nationwide controversy as the health system at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin, was secretly preparing to open a late-term abortion center on campus. Groups across the state looked to him for leadership. After nearly a year and a half—the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics abandoned its plan to open an abortion facility. Steve now serves as the campaign director for 40 Days for Life, where he trains and assists local 40 Days for Life campaign leaders, co-hosts the 40 Days for Life podcast, and edits the 40 Days for Life *Day 41* magazine. He has spoken in 46 states; Washington, D.C.; four Canadian provinces; and Mexico City. Steve lives in Madison with his wife and four children.

Team Members



ROBERT COLQUHOUN
Director,
International
Campaigns

Robert is based in London, where he led the first 40 Days for Life campaign in England. The vigils were held outside a BPAS abortion facility that, after several campaigns, stopped doing abortions and eventually closed its doors. Robert has helped the 40 Days for Life mission spread across the United Kingdom. He now assists local leaders coordinate 40 Days for Life efforts in nations as widespread as Australia, Croatia, New Zealand, Russia and South Africa.



KATHARINE O'BRIEN
Director, Outreach

Katharine began working for 40 Days for Life in college as an intern during the summer of 2015. She volunteered for the Charlottesville campaign and was president of the pro-life club at the University of Virginia. She has traveled around the world to encourage leaders and promote the growth of 40 Days for Life, especially in Latin America. As a new mother, she currently supports U.S. campaign leaders, manages 40 Days for Life's social media, and works to increase the involvement of young people in the campaigns.



LOURDES VARELA
Latin American

Lourdes is based in Mexico City, where she has led eight 40 Days for Life campaigns. After working for almost ten years in the pharmaceutical industry, she felt called to dedicate herself to defending life. As one of the first campaign leaders in Latin America, Lourdes has helped the mission to spread all over Mexico. Her mother and sister are also 40 Days for Life campaign leaders in Mexico.

Speakers



BRIAN GIBSON
Pro-Life Action
Ministries

Brian Gibson, a national leader in the pro-life movement, has been full time with Pro-Life Action Ministries since 1986, has been its executive director since January 1989, and has worked actively with the ministry since its inception in 1981. Under Brian's direction, Pro-Life Action Ministries has grown from a small activist group in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota into the nation's largest and most organized sidewalk counseling ministry. Over the years, Pro-Life Action Ministries has documented more than 3,300 babies saved directly from abortion. Brian has led 40 Days for Life in the Twin Cities since the first national Lenten campaign. The 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Twin Cities led to the closing of the abortion facility inside Regions Hospital, the first abortion facility to close in Minnesota because of pro-life efforts. Pro-Life Action Ministries organizes the largest prayer events at abortion facilities in the world. Its annual all-day Good Friday Vigil brings out more than 2,500 Christians each year, including fifteen area pastors leading in prayer. The largest presence of Christians at an abortion facility took place in August 2015 with more than 4,500 in attendance. Brian and his wife, Julie, celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in October. They adopted and raised two children from infancy.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday Mass
Wildflower Ballroom
9:00 AM**

**Ss. Simon & Jude Roman
Catholic Cathedral of Phoenix
6351 N. 27th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85017
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM Spanish,
5:00 PM, 7:00 PM Spanish**

**Episcopal Church - The Nativity
22405 N Miller Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM**

**Cornerstone Baptist Church
4041 E Phelps Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85032
10:00 AM, 6:00 PM**

**Pinnacle Presbyterian Church
25150 N Pima Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM**



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