



Getting your Church or Ministry Involved

There are many ways to get your group involved in the 40 Days for Life New Orleans campaign, but here are a few specific ways:

- **Prayer and Fasting to End Abortion:** Prayer and fasting to end abortion is the foundation of this campaign. We encourage groups and individuals to join in daily prayer to end abortion. We also ask individuals and congregations to discern how they can appropriately fast during the 40 Days. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help by offering up something in your life for an end to abortion (T.V., food, etc). Here are two ways your group can be involved in this aspect:
 - **Regular Prayer:** At every church service, school day, or group meeting, say the "Prayer to End Abortion" we will provide on our 40 Days for Life New Orleans prayer cards.
 - **Encourage Individual and Family Prayer:** Arrange with the campaign team to get 40 Days for Life Prayer Cards and distribute to congregation to foster daily prayer to end abortion. The prayer cards will be used at the vigil site, but you are encouraged to purchase a large number of these cards to distribute to your church, school, or group. Price ratio is \$60 for 1000 cards.
 - **Night Prayer:** Since our campaign will not hold its vigil in the nighttime, we hope churches will hold all night prayer vigils for an end to abortion.

- **Peaceful and Prayerful Vigil-** The most visible component of 40 Days for Life is the 40-day, 12 hour-a-day peaceful, prayerful, and legal vigil at the Ridgelake abortion facility in Metairie. People in your church or ministry who sign up for a vigil hour and pray for the first time at the abortion facility may truly experience an awakening in their hearts to the reality of abortion, and be encouraged to become active pro-lifers. We encourage you to print and copy the PDF resources mentioned below to assist in conducting sign-ups after a gathering in your community. Please note that every person who signs up for a vigil hour MUST agree to the Statement of Peace (found with PDF resources). Take one of the following methods to build up the vigil that will go from 7 AM - 7 PM:
 - **Adopt-a-Day-** Through working with the campaign team, choose a date within the 40 days that your group would "adopt", meaning your group would be responsible to have 2-3 people present at all 12 hours.
 - **Adopt-an-Hour-** Through working with the campaign team, "adopt" a hour within the 12 hours that your group would be responsible for across the board, meaning that if you chose 3 PM, your group would be responsible for having 2-

3 people at the vigil everyday at 3 PM. People could repeat their hours each week.

- **Individual hours-** If you do not choose to do one of the above (the above are preferable), then please get the vigil schedule from the campaign team and sign up individuals for vigil hours.

To adopt days and hours, please either sign up online, email our Co-Vigil Coordinator Kathy Fayard at 40daysforlifefenola@gmail.com, or call our office at 504-835-6520.

- **Community Outreach-** By taking the pro-life message to our city through targeted community outreach, we can spread the message of life to new people. This also includes the events of the campaign which are mentioned also. We have not firmed up dates and times for some of the community outreach activities, so please stay tuned via email or call our office.
 - Campaign Kick-Off Rally: September 21st @ 6:30 PM NEXT to vigil site
 - **Neighborhood Outreach:** Educating neighborhoods on abortion and presence of local abortion facility.
 - **Mid-way Campaign Event**
 - **Closing Celebration-** TBA (On or around Oct 31)
- **Resources:** The following PDF documents are available online for download, print, and copy at www.40daysforlifefenola.com/pdfresources.
 - **Bulletin Insert and Pulpit Announcements-** Use in your church.
 - **Statement of Peace-** The principles of our campaign that everyone must agree with to participate (also, the Jefferson Parish Police Department is fully aware of this campaign and has no problems with it).
 - **Vigil Sign-Up Cards-** When signing up vigilers at your group, you get them to sign this card and then you keep it for documentation and copy to give to campaign team.
 - **Vigil Hour Reminder Sheets-** Give to vigiler after signing-up to help remember reserved hour.
 - **Flyer-** Print on 8.5 x 11 sheet, then cut for two flyers (Prints in BW and color).
 - **Posters-** We have on hand large (11x17) posters that can hang in the vestibule of your church or in another place that has high foot traffic. Contact the campaign office to get a copy.
 - **Prayer Cards-** see section on front of this paper regarding prayer.

Please contact us by phone or online. **Please sign up for email updates online** to stay informed on the campaign and other activities that will help you make a maximum impact in your community.