

The logo for "40 Days for Life Baton Rouge" features a stylized blue figure with arms raised above the number "40". To the right of the figure, the words "DAYS FOR LIFE" are written in a large, serif font, with "BATON ROUGE" in a smaller, similar font below it. A trademark symbol (TM) is located at the end of "LIFE".

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

BATON ROUGE

A Project of Baton Rouge Right to Life

Date: Friday, October 21, 2011
From: 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge Campaign Coordinators and Baton Rouge Right to Life
To: 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge Participants: Past, Present and Future;
Interested Parties
RE: Response to Incident that occurred on Thursday, October 20

On Thursday, October 20, 2011 (Day 23 of the 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge campaign), a serious incident occurred at the Delta abortion facility, the site of our prayer vigil. The incident was **NOT** caused by either 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge vigil participants or persons affiliated with the Delta facility. All vigil participants were quietly praying at the time of the incident. A woman going to an appointment in the area approached, verbally attacked vigil participants and attempted to run them over with her vehicle. The police were called, took statements and an incident report was filed. This was a very serious incident and only by the grace of God and Our Lady's intercession no one was injured.

Several options were immediately considered following the incident including the possible cancellation of the remainder of the vigil. However, during the first half of our vigil we have experienced the lifesaving and healing power that a peaceful prayerful presence can have in our community. Some of the blessings include:

- **Four women have changed their minds about having an abortion** during this campaign (and those are only the ones that we know about).
- **Over 900 people have come to pray at Delta during this campaign**, and most are first time participants. The many children and young adults present at the vigil have had a great impact on persons entering and leaving the abortion facility.
- Several mothers have come forward with their babies to tell us that because someone was praying the day they went for their abortion they gained the courage to choose life for their unborn child.

Therefore, after prayerful consideration and consultations with the Baton Rouge Police Department and the National 40 Days for Life leadership, we have decided to maintain our prayer vigil with the following modifications to enhance the safety of our vigil participants. Going forward, we have established a **second vigil site located across the street from Delta on the vacant lot**. We have set up two banners with space in between and nearby the banners on which vigil participants may sit or stand. (Please see the picture of the second vigil site with banners below).

The following procedures will now apply:

A. NEW VIGIL SITE ON THE VACANT LOT ACROSS THE STREET FROM DELTA

- The new vigil site is located across the street from the Delta abortion facility and is identified by a 40 Days for Life banner and a "Baby Banner"

- The vigil box and materials (with the daily log-in binder) will be placed here
- Groups coming with young children are urged to assemble at this vigil site
- Participants bringing chairs are asked to place them at this vigil site

B. ORIGINAL VIGIL SITE AT DELTA ABORTION FACILITY

- Vigil participants praying at Delta abortion facility are asked to use the sidewalk only and to remain a safe distance (4 feet) from Delta’s driveway
 - You may see sidewalk counselors on the driveway at times.
 - **40 Days for Life Baton Rouge participants must stay on the sidewalk and be in motion when crossing the driveway.**
- Day coordinators are asked to designate a member of their group to serve as a **“spotter or lookout”** each hour to keep alert to the movement of people and vehicles during their adopted time

We will be posting these new procedures **on www.40DaysForLifeBR.com** and on our **Facebook page, *40 Days for Life Baton Rouge***. We will also send them as part of the vigil calendar reminders for the remainder of the campaign.

The 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge campaign has accomplished a great deal during the first part of our vigil. We feel strongly that we must persevere in continuing the vigil and will do everything we can to ensure the safety of our participants. We are in continued communication with the police regarding the disposition of the incident. **Our prayers and heartfelt gratitude goes out to those participants who were praying at the vigil site at the time of the incident. The concern expressed by them for the troubled person is a testament to the spirit of those involved in this campaign.**

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter. God bless all of you.

In Christ,

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Second vigil site located across the street from Delta.