



## VIGIL GUIDELINES

**Please take note of the following guidelines when participating in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the city designated site on the southwest corner of Queen Street, just off Bank Street. All registrants are expected to respect these guidelines as a condition to their participation.**

**Statement of Peace** - If you do not agree with this [Statement](#), attached further down, we ask that you not participate.

**Greetings** - When you arrive at the Vigil site, **located on the southwest corner of Queen Street, just off Bank Street**, Ottawa, ON), please greet your co-vigilers, but **please do not engage in prolonged chit chat. We are there to pray and sacrifice, not to engage in idle talk. The Vigil Campaign is meant to be a time of intense prayer and solemnity.**

**Prayer Zone** - Vigilers are asked to stand **at the city designated vigil site on the southwest corner of Queen Street, just off Bank Street**. The place to stand is on the sidewalk, alongside the CIBC Bank on Queen St. We ask that you **do Not stand near the bank's windows** as it disturbs the bank employees and they will complain. Stand about 6 feet from the windows, even on rainy days.

**How shall we pray at the vigil site?** - Our prayer at the vigil site is a silent, peaceful and prayerful public witness. We ask for God's mercy on the abortionist and the staff. We pray for the passers-by, that they will take notice of this abomination and be moved to action in ending the killing in their neighbourhood. We plead for the lives of the babies in their mothers' wombs and we reach out to these women with the love of Christ. "Prayer is essential because before a mother is able to physically abort her child, a "spiritual abortion" must take place within her heart. This "spiritual abortion" must be overcome by spiritual means. God is calling the mother to heroic virtue as in many cases her situation is so difficult(...) We are there with loving prayers for the unborn children who are doomed to die. The only human love they may ever encounter in their short lives may be from those of us standing outside. We embrace them spiritually. We stand with them when they die." - Msgr. Philip Reilly – Helpers of God's Precious Infants

**Engagement** - If a member of the public wants to engage you on the issue of abortion, move away from the "prayer zone" so as to not disturb the other vigilers. You are not required to engage anyone, but if you do so, do not raise your voice or become animated. Simply state your views calmly, rationally, and with Christian charity. The *40 Days for Life* Campaign does not support abortion under **any** circumstances, rape and incest included.

**Pray Quietly** - The *40 Days for Life* Vigil Campaign is meant to be a silent prayer time. However, if you want to pray audibly, please move some distance away to respect those who wish to pray in silence.

**Depository** – We will **Not** be **keeping a Supplies Bag** at the vigil site, or at the basilica, containing 40 Days Signs, prayer resources, and a Sign-In Book. Arrangements to either purchase your own 40 Days Sign for \$10.00 each, Or to borrow 40 Days Signs for your parish or public vigil day can be made by emailing: [helena.szakowski@rogers.com](mailto:helena.szakowski@rogers.com) or calling 613-299-2515.



## Statement of Peace

### I testify to the following:

- I will only pursue peaceful solutions to the violence of abortion when volunteering with the 40 Days for Life campaign
- I will show compassion and reflect Christ's love to all of the abortion facility's employees, volunteers, and customers.
- I understand that acting in an aggressive or harmful manner immediately and completely disassociates me from the 40 Days for Life campaign
- I am in no way associated with Planned Parenthood or its affiliates by way of employment, informant, volunteer, client, or otherwise.

### While standing in the city right of way according to the city designated 50 metre distance from the abortion facility:

- I will not obstruct the driveways or sidewalk while standing in the public right of way
- I will pray at the **city designated location on the southwest corner of Queen Street, just off Bank St**
- I will not litter on the public right of way
- I will closely attend to any children I bring to the prayer vigil
- I will not threaten, physically contact, or verbally abuse abortion facility employees, volunteers, or customers
- I will not vandalize private property
- I will cooperate with local city authorities

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_