



# Washington State Catholic Conference

The Common Voice of the Catholic Church in Washington State

## THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE MASS AND MARCH FOR LIFE January 21, 2020



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### **WHO WE ARE:**

The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) works for the common good by advocating for policies supporting human life, education, social justice, and religious freedom in accord with Gospel mandates. Working together with Catholics across the state, we strive to:

### **HELP NEW AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS:**

We support life-affirming programs such as PREPARES, which supports new families with children who range in age from newborn to five years of age, through mentoring, counseling, and by providing free supplies. To learn more, watch the new video at: <http://www.preparesforlife.org>

### **PROVIDE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION:**

We support pro-family policies such as parent notification before a minor has an abortion. A parent's role in providing emotional and psychological support before, during, and after an abortion should be protected.

### **REJECT MANDATES THAT DENY PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS:**

We oppose all policies that force people of faith to act contrary to their conscience. This includes mandating Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) in grades K-12.

## HELPFUL ADVOCACY RESOURCES

Whether you are on the Capitol Campus or in the process of preparing for your visit, the WSCC provides easy access to the following resources at [WACatholics.org/MFL](http://WACatholics.org/MFL):

**Be prepared:** Enter your address to determine who represents you, find their offices, and make an appointment. If you're interested in a

particular bill, find the latest information. Also, access a Capitol map.

**Be respectful with legislators and their staff,** even if they have different viewpoints. Peacefully and respectfully engaging with lawmakers is critical in developing connections needed to bring about change.



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## TIPS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE PRO-LIFE CHAMPION

**Make appointments in advance of your visit to the Capitol**, but remember that a legislator's schedule may be difficult to predict. A meeting with staff is sometimes most productive.

**Make your point clear and concise.**  
It is easy to overwhelm legislators with too

much information. Provide only critical insights that help to quickly make your point.

**Don't forget to thank them** for their time and ask to be added to their mailing list.



## PLEASE JOIN THE WSCC ADVOCACY NETWORK BY VISITING: [WACatholics.org/join](http://WACatholics.org/join)

As a member, you will receive updates on opportunities to make your voice heard via timely action alerts. You will also be the first to hear of important announcements related to Catholic Advocacy Day (Feb. 20, 2020) and other upcoming events throughout Washington state.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic causes!

## FUTURE EVENT



**February 20, 2020 – Catholic Advocacy Day (Olympia)**

CAD is the annual advocacy opportunity for the Catholic Church in Washington state. Participation is free. Register today at [IPJC.org/CAD](http://IPJC.org/CAD)