

'The Beginning of the End of Abortion' Highlights Unprecedented Momentum of Grassroots Pro-Life Campaigns

BRYAN, Texas, June 14, 2018 – The amazing untold stories of the power of prayer and peaceful vigils to save lives, change hearts, and end abortion are shared in the new book, [“The Beginning of the End of Abortion: 40 Inspiring Stories of God Changing Hearts and Saving Lives.”](#)

The book, written by Shawn Carney, president/CEO of [40 Days for Life](#), which since 2007 has saved more than 14,000 children through prayer vigils outside abortion clinics and peaceful community engagement, is now available for pre-order before its Sept. 12 release from Cappella Books (ISBN 978-0988287099).

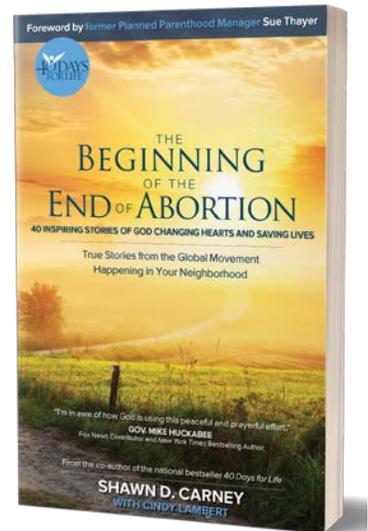
“Despite nearly 50 years of legalized abortion in the United States, the pro-life movement has more momentum now than ever before at the most important level – the local level,” Carney said.

Of using 40 inspiring stories, Carney noted that the number 40 has special significance in the Bible – such as the 40 days of rain causing the great flood and Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness – and in his organization.

“We are actively building a culture of life in more than 750 cities in 50 countries,” he said. “From women courageously choosing life at the last moment to abortion workers having a change of heart to abortion facilities closing at a record pace the last five years, we are seeing the beginning of the end of abortion.”

“The Beginning of the End of Abortion” opens with a foreword from Sue Thayer, the former manager of a Planned Parenthood facility in Storm Lake, Iowa, who experienced a change of heart and then organized a 40-day prayer vigil outside her old facility, which eventually closed.

“From my days with the abortion giant, I knew how much Planned Parenthood despises 40 Days for Life,” Thayer wrote. “40 Days of Torture they would call it. Or worse. But I had witnessed firsthand the chaos and struggle inside the clinic whenever someone was outside praying. I knew it moved hearts.”



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Carney added, “After decades of legalized abortion, the pro-life movement is now a movement of converts — the women who have had an abortion, workers who have participated in abortion and men who have paid for abortions. This is a movement of converts and therefore a movement of hope. These stories highlight the hope happening in neighborhoods across America and around the world.”

The 40 Days for Life volunteers use prayer and fasting, 24-hour vigils, and community outreach to save lives, inspire abortion workers to quit, and close abortion facilities, such as the one in Bryan, Texas that now serves as the headquarters of 40 Days for Life. Since going national in 2007, the ministry has mounted more than 5,600 campaigns in 50 countries. It will hold a nation-wide campaign in the U.S. Sept. 26 through Nov. 4.

In a chapter about campaigns in Columbia, Missouri, the book noted that often “abortion doctors don’t want to travel to where the abortion numbers are down – because they need to make a minimum amount of income per trip to make the trip worthwhile. Many such ‘circuit rider’ abortion doctors wanted easy trips with no one praying outside ...”

Christian leaders such as Mike Huckabee, Alveda King and Eric Metaxas have endorsed “The Beginning of the End of Abortion.” Of the many heroes profiled in the book, readers will meet:

- A volunteer in a wheelchair who was spat on, then inspired a couple to choose life for their baby;
- A woman who helped save hundreds of babies from abortions, then learned she was almost aborted;
- A doctor who heard prayers and singing in the pregnancy center next door and never performed another abortion; and
- A woman who called the wrong number instead of Planned Parenthood and was talked out of an abortion.

The book can serve as a devotional guide, with one story, scripture, and devotional thought every day for 40 days. For more information on “The Beginning of the End of Abortion,” please visit 40daysforlife.com/book.

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Endorsements for 'The Beginning of the End of Abortion'

"This beautiful book shows that we can offer hope to women considering abortion, compassion to women who have an abortion, and love to those who work in the abortion industry. Read this, be inspired, and be part of the beginning of the end of abortion."

Gov. Mike Huckabee,
Fox News host and New York Times bestselling author

"A must read. Be inspired by the prayers, fasting, and courage of everyday saints who inspire and challenge us to unite for the sanctity of life and family."

Alveda C. King,
Evangelist, Civil Rights for the Unborn and the niece of Martin L. King Jr.

"The book you hold in your hands tells amazing stories of courage, dedication, perseverance, trust and godly love in a dark cultural war. There is a hideous plan from the enemy to rob our nation of a generation through abortion. But 40 Days for Life confronts it the way Jesus would: tenderly, without condemnation – by His redeeming presence. Shawn's stories are amazing God-stories. I dare you to read this book without weeping!"

Ruth Graham,
author of "In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart"

"These stories share the very best of America, and of how we can use our freedoms to offer genuine hope to those in need. The true stories in this book are living proof that the tide has turned on the abortion crisis."

Eric Metaxas,
New York Times bestselling author of "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy"

"These stories represent the often unreported hope that we see in America and beyond. The written word and the movie screen are powerful ways to bring truth, love and mercy into a culture of death."

Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman,
writers and producers of "God's Not Dead" and writers, producers, and directors of "Unplanned"

"This book reminds me of what I told the 40 Days for Life founders when they came to me at the very beginning: Once this starts, it will ignite beyond our imagination. The ground is fertile! And now all these stories show how that has come to pass."

Father Frank Pavone,
National Director, Priests for Life; President, National Pro-life Religious Council

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40 Days for Life

After a Planned Parenthood facility opened in Bryan/College Station, Texas, local citizens sought a way to end the injustice of abortion in their community. The result was a one-time, 40-day prayer and fasting vigil in 2004 that gained momentum and developed into a national campaign in 2007.

Since then, almost 15,000 lives have been saved in 50 nations. As a result of these campaigns, 40 Days for Life became the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history.

Based on the Biblical model of transformative 40-day periods, the mission of 40 Days for Life is “to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.”

The organization pursues this mission by providing guidance, training and resources for community-based volunteers who facilitate campaigns around the world. The strategy for peaceful and educational protests includes:

- Prayer and fasting around the clock for 40 days;
- Proactive community and media outreach to educate people on the crisis of abortion and spread the pro-life message; and
- Peaceful vigils held in strategic locations, such as abortion facilities or important community sites such as city hall or a courthouse.

40 Days for Life’s goal is to bring about the end of abortion, which is the leading cause of death in the world.

For more information, visit 40daysforlife.com.

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Shawn Carney

Shawn Carney is the co-founder, president and CEO of 40 Days for Life, a pro-life organization that holds campaigns across the United States and around the world.

When he was a student at Texas A&M in 2004, Carney and three other people held an hour of prayer around an old wooden table to ask God how to end abortion in Bryan/College Station. That prayer led to the first 40 Days for Life campaign.

Carney, who added the title of CEO in 2016, has been instrumental in the growth of 40 Days for Life into a national and then an international organization. The organization has now conducted more than 5,600 campaigns in 50 countries.



Carney has also produced and hosted award-winning pro-life documentaries for the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). He is the co-author of “40 Days for Life: Discover What God Has Done ... Imagine What He Can Do,” and his new book, “The Beginning of The End of Abortion,” will be released Sept. 12 by Capella Books.

Carney is one of the most sought-after pro-life speakers in the world. He also has been featured by mainstream media outlets such as “The Laura Ingraham Show,” “The O’Reilly Factor” and USA Today, and Christian outlets such as The Christian Post, Sirius XM Catholic Radio, EWTN Radio and “Focus on the Family.”

Before 40 Days for Life, Carney was the executive director of the Coalition for Life. He lives in Houston with his wife and seven children.

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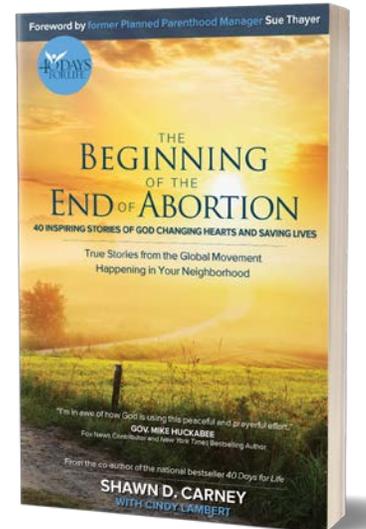
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SYNOPSIS: For too long, the most innocent and vulnerable have gone unheard and have been dehumanized. Every day, thousands of babies are robbed of life because of abortion, but hope is on the horizon. In his new book, “The Beginning of the End of Abortion: 40 Inspiring Stories of God Changing Hearts and Saving Lives,” Shawn Carney, the co-founder and CEO of 40 Days for Life, shares powerful stories of the lives God has saved and hearts He has transformed through 40 Days for Life campaigns.



The book features 40 stories that display how all things are possible with God. Readers will be touched by these powerful testimonies, including one from a doctor who heard prayers and singing in the pregnancy center next door and stopped performing abortions, a former Planned Parenthood manager who became a pro-life advocate, and a woman who called the wrong number instead of Planned Parenthood and decided not to abort her baby. “The Beginning of the End of Abortion” aims to provide hope for those who may feel the fight for the sanctity of life seems never-ending and encourage those who are pro-life to volunteer for a 40 Days for Life campaign in their community.

The battle to end abortion may seem long, but the stories in “The Beginning of the End of Abortion” will remind each reader of the progress made and the importance of continuing the fight for life.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Shawn Carney is the co-founder and CEO of 40 Days for Life and one of the most sought after pro-life speakers today. He has been featured in hundreds of media stories, including outlets such as Fox News, “The Laura Ingraham Show,” USA Today and The New York Times. He is the co-author of the bestseller “40 Days for Life.” He is married with seven children.

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Suggested Interview Questions

40 Days for Life

1. Why did you co-found 40 Days for Life?
2. What is the mission of 40 Days for Life?
3. Tell us about the campaigns you do twice a year.
4. Why is the campaign 40 days?
5. Why is it important for there to be continuous prayer during the 40 days?
6. What has been the reaction from people who work at abortion clinics?
7. The election is coming up in November, where are you seeing abortion as a key issue?
8. Can you not pray at home or at church, why take this into the public square where it can be seen as disrupt full or an infringement on someone's privacy?
9. What are some ways you educate people on abortion?
10. What are some misconceptions people have about being pro-life and how are they wrong?
11. Why is the local level the most important level when it comes to the pro-life movement?
12. What do you want people who have been through an abortion to know about your organization and what you do?
13. How do you track how many lives you have saved?
14. How many lives have you saved since starting 40 Days for Life?
15. How many abortions clinics have closed since starting your campaigns? Do you think your campaigns are the reason they closed? If so, why?
16. What do you say to those who believe the end of abortion could put the lives of many women at risk?
17. How can people participate in one of your events?

"The Beginning of the End of Abortion"

1. Why did you decide to write this book?
2. Why are there 40 stories in "The Beginning of the End of Abortion"?
3. This book is titled, "The Beginning of the End of Abortion", when did the end of abortion start happening?
4. How do you know that abortion is really ending? Is it not here to stay after 45 years of legalization?
5. Where are you seeing the end of abortion? Is it a national change or international?

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6. You say that this book is about bringing hope, but abortion is such a dark topic. How do you plan to bring hope?
7. What is your message to those who see the end of abortion as a negative thing that puts women's lives at risk?
8. The foreword was written by a woman who formerly managed a Planned Parenthood facility. What went through your mind when she approached your organization?
9. Is there a particular story from this book that stands out to you? If so, what is it?
10. What do you hope people take away from this book?

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