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We
Have
Broken
Ground!!



On September 22nd, we broke ground at the KY Memorial for the Unborn site. The rain took a break and we were greeted with abundant sunshine as over 100 people gathered to welcome Rachel to her final resting place in the center of this healing garden. After journeys around the state, Rachel sat temporarily on her base and all in attendance were able to visualize what this site will eventually look like.

Contractor Dennis O'Connell, had laid sod and provided platforms to make the site accessible from the parking lot making it possible for everyone to gather on the site despite all the recent rain. He also displayed the diagram showing the site as it will look when completed.



The program began with *Amazing Grace* being played on the bagpipes by Keith Goins. After welcoming the guests, Chairman Kathy Rutledge introduced Rev. Wayne B. Smith, retired pastor of Southland Christian Church, who led us in prayer and read scripture. Margie Montgomery, the Executive Director of KY Right to Life spoke about the Sanctity of Life followed by a beautiful song written and sang by Jessie Laine Powell. The guest speaker was The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, who also blessed the site and the attendees. Following the closing remarks by Kathy, the program participants and the committee members planted the shovels signifying that the ground at the KY Memorial for the Unborn site had at last been broken. As attendees left the site, they placed the white roses they had been given in the arms of Rachel providing a touching ending to a beautiful ceremony.



Vice Chairman Lorrie Parker along with committee members Diana Maldonado and Kristen Story made the groundbreaking ceremony a memorable event. The committee was very pleased with the turnout and thanks be to God for holding back the rain!

Articles for the groundbreaking were printed in the Louisville Courier Journal and The State Journal in Frankfort. Photos of the event will soon be available on the memorial's website and can currently be found at www.wlfphotography.smugmug.com.

Rachel is Home

“Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward...There is hope for your future.....”

The bronze “Rachel Weeping for Her Children” statue has come home (see article on the groundbreaking). Many thanks to the following who welcomed her into their church homes and businesses:

Porter Memorial Baptist Church

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Northeast Christian Church

Pax Christi Catholic Church

Christ the King Catholic Church

Lexington Catholic High School

First Southern National Bank, Lexington

First Southern National Bank, Stanford

Photos of Rachel at the site can be found on the website (coming soon) and at www.wlfphotography.smugmug.com.

We expect her to be permanently affixed to her base by spring of 2010.

Inscriptions - Update

We are getting closer to finalizing information on the inscriptions for the granite wall. We believe they will be 3”x 8-10” engravings with two lines of text containing approx. 20 characters. Estimated cost per inscription is \$150.00.

We will soon be taking official orders for the inscriptions but if you would like to be included on the “interested” list, please email Michele Ferguson at chele@insightbb.com or call (859) 489-0767.

We plan to keep the cost of these inscriptions to a minimum and also welcome donation from those who have not lost a child but would like to sponsor inscriptions for others.

The steering committee for the KY Memorial for the Unborn has begun a new fundraising initiative to raise the funds still needed to complete construction of the site. So far, we have found 12 churches willing to raise \$1000 for the memorial. Our goal is 100 churches. For most churches, this should not be a difficult task. What’s needed most is that special person to lead the fundraising effort in their church. **Will you be that person?**

Brochures, DVDs & further information for making presentations to church groups - of all denominations - can be requested by emailing Chairman Kathy Rutledge at kathyrutledge@insightbb.com.

Personal donations are always accepted as well and can be sent to:

KY Memorial for the Unborn, P.O. Box 910312, Lexington, KY 40591-0312.

Volunteers Needed



This project is very exciting and we welcome volunteers in the following areas:

- County Leaders to share the vision for the Memorial
- Special Event Coordinators
- Outgoing personalities to assist with fundraising
- Financial Donations

Prayer Corner

If you would like to join the monthly email prayer group please contact Pat at WISC@insightbb.com

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. Luke 8:1-3

Our radical Jesus! Against all cultural "rules" of His day, He included women in His life and ministry. Unusual in the Jewish culture, Jesus placed great worth on women. He established this principle for us to destroy all that Satan tried to place on us. It's like Jesus resurrection also resurrected women. Our prayer is that the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn will minister to women reminding them of their place in the Kingdom and their standing in Jesus—the one who cares for us.

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