

DIocese OF ROCKFORD

LIFE ADVOCACY DAYS

FEBRUARY 26–MARCH 3, 2012



During these Life Advocacy Days from February 26-March 3, we ask all the faithful in the Diocese to say the *Prayer for Life Advocacy* daily and to consider fasting on February 29, the day many will be traveling to Springfield to advocate for the cause of life among our legislators. The fasting as well as the daily prayer will draw us together in spiritual solidarity with those able to participate in the trip on February 29. This prayer and advocacy campaign is part of a larger month-long effort by all the Dioceses in Illinois.

Prayer for Life Advocacy

Gracious and merciful God, we ask that you send your Spirit among us to guide us and direct us in order to inspire all of our political leaders to advance the culture of life in their duty to uphold the common good for all the people they serve. You sent your Son Jesus to teach us how to pray, how to serve you in obedience and how to be the people you are calling us to be. You inspire us each and every day to appreciate the gifts you bestow upon us and to use them to change the hearts and minds of all people. The most precious gift you have given to us is the gift of life and you call us to be good stewards of all your creation. Help us to cultivate a spirit of prayer and of reconciliation for the lack of due diligence in protecting the most vulnerable among us; the children who are forgotten, abandoned and thought of as an inconvenience to the welfare of societies. Inspire all those in public office to protect the dignity of the unborn and those who are living who are deemed unfit to receive our care. Help us to receive your wisdom so that we may know how best to serve you and your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Join the *Respect Life Office for the* **1st Annual** **Life Advocacy Day** **Trip to Springfield, IL** **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

Charter buses will depart from Rockford and Rochelle for a day trip to the State Capitol in Springfield. Participants will be briefed on the most pressing pro-life legislation in the state and meet with legislators to advocate for a greater respect for human life. Cost for the day is \$25 dollars per person and includes lunch. Buses will depart around 6:45 a.m. and return around 6 p.m.

To register or for more information please contact the Respect Life Office at 815-399-4300.

REGISTRATION: LIFE ADVOCACY DAY TRIP to Springfield on February 29, 2012

Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 22.

Please complete the following information, making checks payable to Respect Life Office Diocese of Rockford, and mail the registration to 555 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Parish (Name and City) _____

Desired Departure Location

Rockford

Rochelle