

Bulletin Announcements for Life Advocacy Day

Bulletin Announcement prior to the weekend of February 25th

Life Advocacy Trip to Springfield

Join the Respect Life Office for the first ever Life Advocacy Day on Wednesday, February 29th. 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 per person and includes lunch. Buses will depart around 6:45am and return around 6pm. To register or for more info please contact the Respect Life Office at 815-399-4300 or email mitchstriedl@rockforddiocese.org. **Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 22nd**. The Respect Life Office is also asking everyone in the Diocese to say a special *Prayer for Life Advocacy* daily during the week of February 26th thru March 3rd in order to join in solidarity with those traveling to Springfield and help in the effort to advocate for respect life. The prayer can be found on the office's website at www.rockforddiocese.org/respectlife along with more information about how every Diocese in Illinois is participating in this campaign during Lent.

Bulletin Announcement for weekend of Feb.25th and 26th

Join the Respect Life Office in Prayer!

Please join the Respect Life Office in praying for our elected officials and for our efforts to advocate for Life. Say the prayer found below daily during this upcoming week. By saying this special *Prayer for Life Advocacy* you can join spiritually in the effort to advocate for the cause of Life in our State Capitol. Please also consider fasting on Wednesday, February 29th to join in solidarity with those from our Diocese who will be traveling to Springfield to talk with state legislators about a greater respect for human life.

Prayer for Life Advocacy (say daily from Sunday February 26th to Saturday March 3rd)

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.