

Central Illinois Life News

Pastors Speak Out



Coming Events

This issue we devote this column to the thoughts of Rev. Mark Henninger, Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL. He is also the President of the Board of Directors of Central Illinois Right to Life, Inc.

The Pro-Life effort is not the exclusive property of overtly-religious people. Though it is true that all human beings are inescapably religious, whether they realize it or not--this is beside the point.

And though it is the case that the foundational force (or power) which drives the Pro-Life movement is, should be, and must be the churches that make up the one great church of the Christian religion, headed by Jesus Christ alone--even this is not meant to exclude others.

Instead, our stand for life gladly welcomes into our midst other people in the communities of our area who are self-consciously not- Christian. This would include Jewish people, Muslim people, Hindu people, Buddhist people, agnostic people, and even atheistic people.

There is a sense in which the Pro-Life community has the lovely and wonderful opportunity of reaching beyond our usually-pretty-well- defined boundaries, to others with whom we might not ever have any meaningful relationships.

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During coming months, the following pro-life events are scheduled in the Peoria Area:

Central Illinois Right To Life Garage Sale Begins Friday, April 23, 2010 and goes through Saturday, April 24, 2010. Collection dates are April 21 and 22. The sale will be at Saint Bernard's School in Peoria. See the enclosed flyer and Church bulletin for more information.

July Fourth Parade: Members and friends of Central Illinois Right To Life will walk together in the July 4th Parade in West Peoria. Meet at 9:30 AM on the 4th at the West Peoria fire station. Call Sondra at 673-4833 for more information.

Annual 5K Run/Walk: This year the race will be on August 7th. It will be at Bradley Park in Peoria starting at 7:30 AM. Trophies are awarded to male and female winners in several age divisions. Contributions are needed to help purchase the trophies for the run. Call Dan at 691-3611 or CIRTL at 645-8000 for additional information.

Annual Peoria Area Life Chain: Central Illinois Right to Life will sponsor the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 3, 2010. Organizational help and church coordinators are needed. Call Dan at 691-3611 for more details.

In truth, even Central Illinois Right to Life, Inc., is not a religiously-based organization. Instead, it is a civic society of like-minded people, all of whom are committed to at least one important goal: the protection of civilly-innocent human life.

Now, I am a pastor of a church in our area, and I make no bones about the fact that the Christian faith is true, and that we (as believers) should do everything in our power to bless all those around us with the gospel of Christ's free grace. But this conviction does not overlook the fact that God employs His churchmen in ways that are not always, strictly-speaking, religiously-based.

It may be that some people reading this "Pastoral Letter" are not Christians, and do not claim to be. If this is the case, we say this to you: "Join us in this cause. We will accept you. Do not let the common, but truly misperception that this is a 'religious crusade' keep you from pitching in."

After all: the welfare of our towns and cities, our state, our nation, and our world is benefited when citizens stand for the truth--even if they are not agreed on all things.

Peoria Dining Tour coupon books are available again this year from Central Illinois Right to Life, Inc. The cost is \$30. The book contains over 250, two for one coupons for use at local restaurants and other businesses. The coupons are good till November 2010. Contact CIRTL at 645-8000 for more information. All net proceeds will go to support Pro Life work. Books are also available at the Christian Center Office in Peoria.

18th Annual Right To Life **Benefit Garage Sale**



Friday, April 23, 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday, April 24, 8 am to 10 am

Saturday, April 24, 10 am to 12 pm - \$3 Bag Sale

Saint Bernard School

510 E. Kansas, In Peoria

Corner of Nebraska & New York

***Nice, usable, clean clothing for all sizes *Clean household items
*Nice, clean linens *Kitchen items *Small Appliances in working
condition *Lawn & garden items *Craft items *Exercise equipment *Nice
books *CDs, tapes and music *Antiques**

Donation Drop Off Dates

Wednesday, April 21, 8 am to 8 pm

Thursday, April 22, 8 am to 5 pm



Sorry, we cannot accept baked goods. Please, No Large appliances, refrigerators, washers, TVs, microwaves, computers, computer parts, waterbeds, bathroom fixtures, magazines, or encyclopedias.

Also needed, workers for each of the above days for setup and pricing. Workers can sign up for two hour segments or more. Also we need helpers with a pickup truck or van to pick up and move donations.



Call Sondra at 309-673-4833 or 309-645-8000.

Please post this notice.

January 2010 Sanctity of Human Life Walk Rally

This year's Walk for Life in Peoria was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. Participants met at the Peoria County courthouse at that time and after prayer and singing walked to the 7:00 P.M. Sanctity of Human Life Rally at Sacred Heart Church in downtown Peoria, IL. The rally featured special music and prayer along with reports on local Pro Life efforts. Mr. James Lansberry of Samaritan Ministries, was the keynote speaker.

HELP!!! Single? Children Grown? Semi-retired? WE NEED YOU!!! Do you have an hour or two now & then to help Central Illinois Right to Life's board members with a project? Can we put you on a list of prospective volunteers to contact in the future. Remember, the "Pro-Choice" i.e., the pro-abortion crowd has countless

workers and millions of dollars. We operate on a bare-bones budget and are dependent on willing volunteers. If you could help a little in any way, it would be greatly appreciated and immensely gratifying. Please fill out the coupon below and mark the box next to volunteer help. Thank you and have a blessed year in 2010!

Outreach Committee News: *Each Child ... Deserves Protection!*

On the second Monday of each month, the Outreach Committee of persons interested in bringing the Pro Life message into their churches meets at 6:30 p.m. We come together to share ideas, pray, and to renew our efforts to reach people with the Pro-Life message.

Past topics discussed have included presentations of The Hard Truth video to church groups, other Pro Life videos, how to stop Planned Parenthood, how to be an effective Pro Life advocate, and other Pro Life activities. At recent meetings we have also worked on organizing the annual fundraising garage sale and have put together mailings and newsletters like this one. Members have also helped organize and contribute to our new Facebook group. Anyone interested in joining this effort should come to our meetings or call Dan Smith at 691-3611.

Central Illinois Right to Life: Membership and Volunteer Drive

If you would like to work with us to defend Right to Life in Central Illinois, fill out and mail this form to receive our quarterly newsletter and/or to let us know that you are available to help with Pro-Life activities and events in the Peoria area. Donations are appreciated but we need YOU much more than we need money!

Name : _____

Address : _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Telephone : _____

Email : _____

SIGN ME UP FOR CIRTL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

I AM VOLUNTEERING TO HELP : Please put me on your list of volunteers

ACCEPT MY DONATION : \$5__ \$10__ \$15__ \$25__ Other_____

2010 BENEFIT GARAGE SALE

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE 18TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GARAGE SALE



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Saturday, April 24, 8 am - 10 am,
Saturday, April 24, 10 am - 12 pm, \$3 A Bag Sale
Saint Bernard's School; 510 E. Kansas, Peoria, IL

We need donations of :

*Nice, usable, clean clothing for all sizes *Clean household items in working condition *Nice, clean linens *Kitchen items *Small Appliances *Lawn & garden items *Craft items *Exercise equipment *Nice books *CDs, tapes and music *Antiques.

Please, No Torn, Broken, Or Soiled Items. We Cannot Accept Baked Goods.

Please, no large appliances, refrigerators, washers, TVs, microwaves, computers, computer parts, waterbeds, bathroom fixtures, magazines, or encyclopedias.

Small appliances must be in working order.

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Volunteer Help Is Desperately Needed Wednesday And Thursday Before The Sale, As Well As Friday And Saturday During The Sale, And Immediately After For Clean-Up And Agency Pick-Up. Perhaps Your Church Group Could Sponsor A Time Slot At Your Convenience. Remember, We Are A Volunteer Organization. Senior Citizens & Teens Are Welcomed & Encouraged. Also If You Are An Experienced Garage Saler Or Have Organizational Skills Or A Talent For Arranging Displays, We need You!!! If you have a pickup truck or van and would be willing to pick up or move donations for us, please call Sondra at 673-4833 or 309-645-8000.

Please Fill Out And Return To CIRTL At 4100 N Brandywine Dr. , Peoria, IL 61614,
Or Call Sondra @ 309-673-4833 or 309-645-8000
[Please Circle Preferred Day(s) And Indicate Time(s) You Can Help.] Thank You !!!

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Time(s) From When To When _____

I Can Help Friday And/Or Saturday, April 23 And/Or April 24.
Time(s) From When To When _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Central Illinois Right To Life Has a [FaceBook Group](#) — Search for Us on FaceBook or Go to the CIRTL Web Site — www.cirtl.org — and Click on the FaceBook Icon

CIRTL Has a New Director's BLOG — Go to www.centralillinoisrighttolife.blogspot.com

Pro Life Events Remembered - Washington DC Bus Trip

On January 21, 2010, Peoria Charter Coach bus left Central Illinois carrying local Pro-Life supporters to the annual March for Life in Washington. Notable events included the rally on the National Mall, and the march to the Supreme Court. Marchers returned to Peoria on January 23rd, very tired but excited about their contribution to the cause.

Make plans now to go to the March for Life with us in January 2011. Call CIRTL at 309-645-8000 for more details.

Unity on the essentials of the Sanctity of Human Life is our objective. We are not seeking uniformity of opinion on all matters.. Therefore, some ideas advocated by the authors of articles in Central Illinois Life News or on the Central Illinois Right To Life website may not necessarily reflect the the personal views of all the members and officers of Central Illinois Right To Life, Inc.

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