

# Central Illinois Life News

## Pastors Speak Out



## Coming Events

*The following is by Pastor Mark Henninger of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Pottstown, IL. He is also President of the Board of Directors of CIRTL.*

In the last Pastor's letter I explained how the church was the key to victory in the issues of life. In this edition, I will seek to explain how faithful churchmen implement their Lord's resurrection triumph.

First of all, it must be understood that the culture inevitably follows the church, (and not the other way around). Because this is true, it is imperative that we recognize that the example we, the church, set, will, either positively or negatively, direct and impact the society.

In light of this, where are we to start? Assuming salvation by  
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**During coming months, the following pro life events are scheduled in the Peoria area:**

**Annual Peoria Area Life Chain:** Central Illinois Right to Life will sponsor the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 5, 2008. Participants will stand in witness to their commitment to the Sanctity of Human Life in Peoria. Don't miss this chance to show your support for the unborn. Call Dan at 691-3611 for more details. Organizational help and church coordinators are also needed.

**Family Resources Center Open House,** Date to be announced in January 2009, from 5:30 - 6:30 PM, 321 Main Street, Peoria, before the Walk and Sanctity of Human Life Rally.

**Walk for Life,** 6:30 PM, Date to be announced in January 2009, at the Peoria County Courthouse. After prayer we will walk together to the Rally carrying signs showing our support for the sanctity of all innocent human life.

**Sanctity of Human Life Rally,** 7:00 PM, Date to be announced in January 2009, at Sacred Heart Church in downtown Peoria by the Civic Center. The rally will feature special music and prayer along with reports on local Pro Life efforts. The keynote speaker is to be announced.

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grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, God would have us focus on three aspects of faithful living: Sunday observance, church covenant life, and God's true worship (done in the church).

Once we have won this ground, we will be in a position to work out from here, to assume more and more loving and gracious command of the culture and society in which we live.

The voices of the morally-correct citizenry will never really be heard, nor taken seriously, until or unless we get our starting point down right.

As churchmen, who hear the Word of God adequately preached every Sunday, and who partake faithfully of the Sacraments (of baptism and the Lord's Supper), and who are under proper ecclesiastical authority, we can then serve others with grace and winsomeness.

When we are true to God, His Son, and His church, we may also be true to our fellow men.

Now, with regard to the issues of life; what do we do? We pray; we work; we vote; we seek to convince others; we hold political positions; we are good citizens; we write letters; we make phone calls; we stand outside abortion centers; we write editorials; and we do anything else that is good, savory, and legal--all for the defense of life.

But on what basis? That of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which is manifest first and foremost by allegiance to His church, His day, and His worship.

For more on this subject, please go to: <http://ecclesiocentricity.blogspot.org>

## January 2009 Bus Trip To March For Life In Washington DC

Make your plans now to participate in next year's bus trip, sponsored by Central Illinois Right To Life, going to the National March for Life in Washington DC on January 22, 2009. Tentative plans are to leave Peoria on January 21, 2009, and return on January 23rd. Call CIRTL at 645-8000 for more information.

*Look for more details in the Fall edition of our newsletter.*

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 2008!

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

On the third Monday of each month, the Outreach Committee of persons interested in bringing the Pro Life message into their churches meets at 7:30 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 fund raising garage sale and have put together mailings and newsletters like this one. Members have also helped organize and contribute to our new internet site. 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 help defend life in Central Illinois, become a member of Central Illinois Right to Life and continue receiving our quarterly newsletter by returning this form and enclosing the annual dues of \$10.00.

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DONATION : \$5\_\_ \$10\_\_ \$15\_\_ \$25\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_ Thank You!

VOLUNTEER HELP : Please put my name on your list of volunteers.

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## Pro Life Events

Make plans to participate in the upcoming "Forty Days For Life."

Dates are September 24 through November 2, 2008.

To sign up contact

Karen Guth by email at [godshelperkaren@comcast.net](mailto:godshelperkaren@comcast.net)

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