

# Central Illinois Life News

## Pastors Speak Out

by Msgr. Don J. Fitzpatrick  
St. Augustine Manor

*God loves me, God loves you, God loves each and everyone immensely. He is not a distant God. He is present everywhere with His Love: during the day, in our enthusiasm, in our resolutions, in events that are joyful and comforting, in situations that prove to be sad, awkward, or difficult. He is always there, He is present everywhere, He explains to us that everything is love. All that we were and all that regarded us. We are His children and He is our Father. Nothing escapes His love, not even the mistakes we made, because He permitted them: that His love enveloped Christians like us, the Church, the world, the entire universe. This becomes an eruption of light and fire with which God-Love becomes present in our lives. This faith in the love of God already expresses the intuition that there is a bond that unites us to one another. These truths come from the charism of Chiara Lubich, foundress of the Focolare Movement.*

*We of the CIRTL celebrating the incarnation of God's love in the Feast of Christmas do so with great joy and peace and freedom. The Feast of Christmas urges us to live our out God given bond with every other person. Let us persevere confidently in the defense of life from conception until natural death!*

*Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!*



## Coming Events

The following Pro Life events are scheduled in 2010:

**Family Resources Center Open House**, Tuesday, January 19, 2010 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 on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 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 on Tuesday, January 19 2010 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 will be Mr. James Lansberry of Samaritan Ministries.

**Washington, D.C. Bus Trip to the annual March for Life** will leave at noon on Thursday, January 21, 2010 and return on Saturday, January 23. Total cost is \$180 per rider with two meals included. Some financial assistance is available for students. Call Sondra McEnroe at 645-8000 for more information.

**Annual Benefit Sale for CIRTL**, April 23-24, 2010. Set up/drop off days are April 21-22. Location is St. Bernard School in Peoria. Volunteers are needed—call 645-8000.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.  
MARCH FOR LIFE  
*DON'T MISS THE BUS!***



**Leaving -      Returning  
Noon 1/21/10 - 1/23/10**

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY**

**\$180 Including  
Bus fare**

**Dinner on 1/21/10  
Brunch on 1/23/10**



**Call:**

**Sondra    645-8000**

**Karen     453-7493**

*Central Illinois Right To Life, Inc.*

*Presents*

*The Annual Sanctity of Human Life*

# **Walk and Rally**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010**

*with the following events included*

*Open House at the Family Resources Center*

**321 Main Street in Peoria, IL**

**5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

*Walk for Life*

**Peoria County Courthouse**

**6:30 pm**

Prayer, singing, and walk to the Church for the Rally to follow

*Sanctity of Human Life Rally*

**Sacred Heart Church**

**By the Civic Center**

**7:00 pm**

**Keynote speaker: James Lansberry**

**Vice President of Samaritan Ministries International**

## Keynote Speaker for Sanctity of Life Rally in Peoria, January 19, 2010

James Lansberry is vice president of Samaritan Ministries International, where he leads the Public Policy Department. He also serves as president of the Alliance of Health Care Sharing Ministries. The 40-year-old Peorian, who has been with Samaritan since 1999, is an expert on health care economics, general bioethics issues and health care public policy.

James believes strongly in implementing private sector initiatives to stem the dramatic increase in health care costs. He says the doctor-patient relationship should determine treatment and not a third party. It's also important, he says, that consumers become more aware of the actual costs of medical procedures. In addition, he believes that Christians need to speak out more on issues like abortion, stem cell research and other issues of conscience in the health care field.

James' media resume is extensive. He has been interviewed on *ABC News Tonight with Charles Gibson*, *Fox & Friends* and has been a guest on dozens of radio programs, including "The G. Gordon Liddy Show," "Crosstalk America" and "The Laurie Roth Show." He has also appeared on *The CBS Evening News* and Fox Business Network and has been interviewed for stories in the Washington Post and U.S. News and World Report. He has spoken at Providence Church in Morton, Ill., and Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Ill. He also has spoken at a Christian Leadership Alliance training institute. James has had articles published in *Heritage Forum*, the *Journal of Modern Ministry*, and *Every Thought Captive*.

James and his wife, Theresa, have been married 14 years and are the parents of seven children: Moriah, Samuel, Toby, Elsie, Peter, Margary and Clara.

## CIRTL Bus Trip to March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Here's something that we hope you are all interested in. Central Illinois Right to Life is planning a bus trip in January to Washington, D.C., in order to take part in the March for Life in our nation's capital. This amazing event takes place on the anniversary of the awful event when the Supreme Court legalized abortion. It is amazing because hundreds of thousands of people will gather on the National Mall and march up the street to the Capitol Building. Several of us have gone in the past, and were very impressed.

CIRTL's bus trip will have you gone from Peoria for about 48 hours, from noon on Thursday, 1/21/10, to noon on Saturday, 1/23/10. The event takes place on Friday, 1/22/10. The price of \$180 includes bus fare, dinner on Thursday night, and brunch on Saturday morning. You'll be traveling on the bus all night long, hopefully sleeping. So our bus trip eliminates the cost of lodging. If you're interested, call Sondra at 645-8000 or Karen at 453-7493, or clip and mail the reservation form to: Sondra McEnroe, 1207 N. Glenwood, Peoria, IL 61604.

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### March for Life—Washington, D.C. Reservation Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## 2009 Life Chain Report

The annual Life Chain was held in Peoria on Sunday, October 4, 2009. Participants stood in witness to their commitment to the Sanctity of Human Life in Peoria. Attendance was estimated at approximately 650 persons. This year's route was organized with all participants meeting at corner of University and Northmoor and spreading out from there, north and west. This made for a unified presentation to the public.

Make plans now to participate in next year's event on October 3, 2010. Church coordinators are also needed to inform and organize their Church members for participation. Call Dan Smith at 691-3611

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**Sanctity Of Human Life Sunday**, January 24, 2010 is the Sunday on which Churches in our nation make a special effort to remember unborn children and women in difficult pregnancies. Let each of us encourage the leadership of our church not to “shrink from boldly declaring all of God’s message” on this special Sunday and throughout the year.

*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.*

*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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