

### Join Pro-Life Wisconsin at the March for Life Chicago

Pro-Life Wisconsin is taking buses full of pro-lifers from around the state to the March in Chicago; seats are still available. You can board a bus in Onalaska, Sparta, Wausau, Plover, Madison, Beloit, Green Bay, Manitowoc, Kenosha, Brookfield or Richfield. Cost is \$25 per person or \$85 per family. You can march with 10,000 other pro-lifers and hear internationally renowned pro-life speakers, have eye opening discussions with other participants and see some pro-life videos on the bus ride. This outreach lets mothers in the community know their child is loved and cherished by a supportive community. Contact Matt Von Rueden with questions via email [Matt.V@ProLifeWI.org](mailto:Matt.V@ProLifeWI.org) or phone at (262) 796-1111, ex. 15.

### Wisconsin Right to Life March for Life

Seats are still available for bus trip to Washington DC for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual **March for Life!** The bus leaves on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 and returns on Sunday, January 29, 2017. The **Rally & March for Life** takes place on Friday, January 27, 2017. This is the largest pro-life rally in the world. Cost is \$300/person and includes Travel and Lodging. Contact Bev Searl at (920) 960-6615 or [bsearl@wrtl.org](mailto:bsearl@wrtl.org) to register or for more information.

### Join the March for Life in Spirit

If you cannot make it to Washington D.C. on January 27<sup>th</sup>, America Needs Fatima will carry a banner with the names of thousands of pro-life supporters to the **MARCH FOR LIFE!** By joining America Needs Fatima, you reject the sin of abortion and show your support for the millions of innocent babies killed every year. To have your name added, visit <https://americanneedsfatima.org/forms>.

### A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR LIFE: 9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 21-29, 2017



Have you heard that the U.S. Catholic bishops are asking us to pray for life from January 21-29, a special period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage? A novena, easily accessible by computer, phone, or by download, will unite us in the days surrounding the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion throughout pregnancy. An end to abortion is not the only

intention. We'll also be praying for people at all stages: those near the end of their lives, children in need of adoptive homes, those mourning the loss of a child through abortion, and many others. Prayerfully consider these reasons to participate in #9DaysforLife:

1. **It's important.** Abortion has been legal for 44 years and an increasing number of states are considering legalizing doctor-assisted suicide.
2. **It's an age-old tradition.** For centuries, Catholics have made the commitment to pray for nine days for special intentions. This is a way to practice perseverance, setting aside time each day to spend with God.
3. **It raises awareness.** Does the world know that so many of us value and respect every human life from conception to natural death? You can share the intentions on social media and spread the message that you support life at all stages.
4. **It unites us with those suffering.** Prayer is a way to recognize our solidarity with those who are suffering. We are called to support one another in prayer and in action.
5. **It is spiritually enriching.** The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will send out not only prayer intentions for each day, but also short reflections, actions, and articles. Nine days later you'll be more informed about issues related to valuing all human life.
6. **It will bless us!** Remember that whatever we give to God, He gives back to us a hundred-fold. By offering nine days of prayer to Him, we are not only allowing Him to work through us in the lives of others, we are opening our hearts to receive His love and grace in our own lives as well.

Sign up now at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com), and invite others to the same.

**T**here is much suffering in the world around us. Often, at least in this country, we can close our eyes to this suffering, yet we know that many do not have the freedoms we enjoy. Reflecting on that, the words of "O, Holy Night" stood out to me:

*Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.*

*A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.*

The world is broken. There is suffering. And God Himself comes into that suffering to be with us. This is the meaning of compassion – to suffer with. As we begin a New Year, how do we carry the “thrill of hope” in our hearts? We are called to love one another as Christ has loved us, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others. One important way we can do this is through prayer.

January 22 marks the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in the United States. Since then, more than 57 million babies have been lost to abortion, and many women (and men) experience – often in silence – deep and lasting suffering due to their involvement. I know and understand their suffering. So, I urge you to join me in accepting the invitation of the U.S. Catholic bishops to participate in 9 Days for Life, a period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside from January 21-29 to observe this anniversary. Join Catholics across the country as we unite in prayer. Each day of the novena includes simple prayers and different intentions, reflections and actions. Along with prayers for the end to abortion, the novena also includes prayers for the end to domestic violence, an end to the death penalty, as well as prayers for those near the end of their lives, and for children awaiting adoption.

So, as we begin the New Year, let’s remember the suffering of others in our prayers and, as we remember Christ's love for us, let’s reach out to support others. Though we rarely see the immediate effects of our prayers, we trust in God's power to work through us.

### **Pro-Life News from Pro-Life Wisconsin**

**Life:** Three months after Dorothy Spourdalakis told FOX 32 News she was helpless in coping with her son Alex, a 14-year-old with severe autism, she and the boy's godmother stabbed him to death. When society says it's OK to kill the most innocent among us - children in the womb - it eventually has to admit that it holds no life sacred.

**Not safe:** The latest investigative report by Americans United for Life focuses on the increasingly suspect safety record of America’s abortion industry. We've known that abortion is never safe for the child, and we continue to see how it's not a safe procedure for mothers, either.

**Nonprofit:** Planned Parenthood has annual revenues of \$127 million more than their expenses. Taxpayer funding of the abortion giant must end. Their safety issues, their misuse of funds and their disrespect of human life are enough reason, but they've also received 300,000 donations since the election.

**Celebrity:** NFL player Benjamin Watson says that despite the United States' acceptance of legalized abortion on-demand, the church must continue teaching that life begins at conception. We need more celebrities to stay strong in their faith and admit the truth about the dignity of human life like Ben Watson. We celebrate his strong stance.

### **Choose LIFE License Plate**

Last month, Choose Life Wisconsin Inc. announced it is now an authorized group with the Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of requesting a specialty license plate. The Choose Life Wisconsin license plate originated with Pro-Life Wisconsin and Wisconsin Family Action working together.

“The choose life plate has been almost 10 years in the making,” Julaine Appling, Choose Life Wisconsin president, said. “We are excited that within the next 8 to 12 months, Wisconsin pro-life citizens will be able to purchase a beautiful license plate that expresses their views on life while also directly helping our state’s life-saving, woman-helping pregnancy resource centers.” Choose Life plates are already available in more than 30 states. The first plate was approved in Florida nearly 20 years ago.

“We have experienced increasing demand for a ‘Choose Life’ license plate in Wisconsin over the last 5 years,” Matt Sande, Choose Life Wisconsin vice-president, said. “We are confident the plate will sell quickly, and we are excited to open up a funding stream for Wisconsin’s pregnancy resource centers, which offer health services, adoption referrals, and in general help women in crisis pregnancies make life-saving choices.”

