



# LIFE NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Annual Respect Life Dinner

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

### Holiday Inn

4821 Oak Street  
Quincy, Illinois

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Steve Karlen

Campaign Director for 40 Days for Life.

**See Page 2 for Dinner Reservation form**

**Website**



<http://rtlac.org>

and

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### BOARD MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month

5:15 pm

September – May

No meeting in December

Meetings are open to everyone

### RESOURCE CENTER

109 N. 8th Street Quincy, IL 62306

217-224-LIVE (5483)

Hours: Open by chance or by appointment.

Call 217-257-0533

## OCTOBER RESPECT LIFE MONTH

### Life Chain

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**2:30 pm**



Please join with other area pro-life supporters in peaceful public witness as we stand for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Pick up your sign at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and Broadway between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. Please park on 16<sup>th</sup> Street or Vermont.

**We ask that you position yourselves two arm's lengths apart along the South Side of Broadway Between 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets**

**Do not stand in groups**

Bring a lawn chair **only if unable** to stand.

This event is an opportunity to stand for life and is held in more than 1,400 cities in the United States.

**Please remember this is an hour of silent prayer.**

For 35 years, pro-life Christians across the United States and Canada have publicly, prayerfully, and peacefully stood in prayer and repentance on behalf of legalized abortion each fall. From its small beginnings as a local witness in California, the Life Chain has spread to more than 2,000 locations all over North America. The first Sunday of each October is usually National Life Chain Sunday.

We believe that it is time for the Church to fight for the unborn with spiritual weapons. The battle for life will not be won in the courtroom or the voting booth until it is first won in prayer. We call for pastors to lead the Church in repentance for our nation.

Please mail the completed reservation form below with the appropriate payment by

**October 7<sup>th</sup> for all Dinner Reservations and for Donations to appear in the Program.**

Receipt of your check will confirm your dinner reservation.

Tickets for the dinner will **NOT** be available at the door.

You are invited to hear the speaker at approximately 7:00 pm if you are unable to attend the dinner.

*Right to Life of Adams County  
Cordially invites you to our*

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*\$25.00 - person*

*\$40.00 - 2 persons*

*\$150.00 - table of 8*

*All proceeds to benefit*

*Right to Life Programs*

*Free-will offering following program*

2023 RESPECT LIFE DINNER RESERVATIONS

October 12, 2023

I would like to make a reservation(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ persons  
(\$25 - person, \$40 - 2 persons, \$150 table of 8)

I would like to support Right to Life by being listed in the evening's program:

"Friend" — donation of less than \$50

"Sponsor" — donation of \$50 to \$99

"Angel" — donation of \$100 to \$249

"Patron" — donation of \$250 or more

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Right to Life of Adams County and mail to:

P.O. Box 12, Quincy, IL 62306-0012

217-653-0075

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.



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Shortly after getting involved in his community's 40 Days for Life campaign, Steve found himself at the center of a nationwide controversy. The health system at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin, was secretly preparing to open a late-term abortion center on campus, and groups across the state looked to him for leadership. Steve responded immediately, working through the media, and holding peaceful prayer rallies to try to stop the late-term abortion center from opening. Just days before the hospital's board of directors voted on whether to proceed with the late-term abortion plan, Steve brought thousands of people to campus on a freezing cold January day to prayerfully stand for life. The vote passed anyway. Steve refused to give up. He continued to lead the community in opposing the late-term abortion center, repeatedly delaying its opening. Finally—after nearly a year and a half—the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics abandoned its plan to open an abortion facility. God had used Steve's small “yes” to win a huge victory for life.

Steve now serves as the Campaign Director for 40 Days for Life.

Steve lives in Madison, Wisconsin, with his wife Laura and their children, Peter, John Paul, Teresa, Katherine and Benedict.

### **Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn Ordinance**

The ordinance is being reviewed by the city attorney in consultation with the Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn organization. This ordinance is modeled after those passed in many cities in Texas and in Danville, Illinois. Mark Lee Dickson is the person behind this effort. Two Quincy aldermen, Jake Reed, and Glen Ebbing have taken it to the City Council. It is based on the federal Comstock Act of 1873 which prohibits the mailing and receiving of abortion inducing drugs and abortion paraphernalia. Passing of the ordinance would ensure enforcement of this federal act so that abortion clinics could not move into Quincy, and pharmacies could not sell the abortion inducing drugs.

We are asking people to sign paper or online petitions, and to call their aldermen to show support for this ordinance. Paper petitions are being made available at most Quincy churches and some other venues. The online petition is at [sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com](http://sanctuarycitiesfortheunborn.com) and is linked from our website [rtlac.org](http://rtlac.org). The petitions are collected by the Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn organization to gauge support only. They will not be given to the government and therefore are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act, so there is no concern about being bothered by those who disagree. Well over 1000 signatures have been gathered so far. When it comes up for readings at City Council meetings, we need people to pack the room and wear red to show support.



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P.O. Box 12  
Quincy, IL 62306-0012  
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**2023 Dinner Invitation Enclosed  
October 12th**