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We are His hands, we are His voice

National Life Chain Sunday 2003, on October 5

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and protector of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." —Hebrews 12:2-3

August 29, 2003

Dear Fellow Coordinator:

Ultimately, it was our regard and love for Jesus that bonded us with prolife—and that is what sustains us today. When discouragement accumulates and weariness threatens, we turn our eyes toward our only viable option, our Lord Jesus. When apathetic Christian friends absorb themselves in exciting activities and seldom have time to join our pro-life labors, we say, "Lord Jesus, thank you for the calling you have given me; help me to value it greatly." When fellow proliferers who once sat at the champions table pull back from the battle, we warn ourselves, "That could happen to me, Lord. Draw me close, for I'm secure only in you." And we are.

Those thoughts remind me of how grateful I should be for the Coordinators who have been with Life Chain since our national effort began. Thereafter, other devoted Coordinators joined us, including new ones this year, and together in 2003 we are building another National Life Chain across the U.S. and Canada.

And how strong is Life Chain this year? We're doing pretty well, having exceeded 900 Chains sooner than we did in 2002. Each Chain is a vital public witness for God to anoint and work through in each local area. To be sure, our spiritual and cultural needs are at the critical level. Abortion's ghastly cumulative toll continues upward. Israel and Iraq remain in crisis, and other serious international threats fester. Within our own nation, traditional terrorists are joined by cultural terrorists who in recent months have legalized homosexual marriage in Canada and accomplished much the same in the U.S. by striking down Texas's sodomy law and defiling the Ten Commandments. We need God! Please prepare your fellow proliferers to pray on October 5.

Chances are I'll miss quite a few of the new Chains this year, now that instructional materials are available on the Internet. I encourage veteran Coordinators to help the new leaders build true prayer chains that are safe and known to their local police departments, as stressed in the Life Chain Manual.

Coordinators Who Need More Prep Time May Prefer October 26

Annually, Coordinators who begin a bit late and need additional time to prepare are encouraged to hold their Chain on the last Sunday in October. The impact of your Chain is far more important than the date on which it is held. So please use the October 26 date if by doing so you can strengthen your prayer witness. Also point out to proliferers in neighboring towns that they still have time to build a prayer chain in their community (on October 26) and that you will help them. **(NOTE: To place your Life Chain on the voluntary National Registry (for U.S. and Canada), see instructions at the bottom of page 2.)**

Maximize Your Life Chain's Power by Spacing Your Participants!

I've previously emphasized that only 53 people spaced 100 feet apart will cover a full mile and that only 530 people will cover 10 miles. Let us truly believe that we can persuade our participants to value spacing. To help in that effort, please consider clipping the message at top of page 2 to the back of your signs. With wider spacing and trained marshals, many Coordinators will be able to reach several high-traffic centers in their city and county. Please edit the following message to meet your local need:

Please Help Save Lives By Spacing Yourself in Our Prayer Chain

Today we shall pray obediently for legalized abortion to end in our nation, and knowing how vital our mission is, let us each do our part to rescue unborn children who at this hour or in the future are at risk of abortionists' cruel instruments or deadly chemicals.

Please! Help extend our prayer chain witness as far as we can today by spacing yourself _____ steps from the proliferers on either side of you. Husband, wife, friend, adolescent or teen, do so willingly and promptly, as unto the Lord. Please do not put your personal comfort or preference ahead of potential abortion victims. After spacing yourself, please remain prayerful for the hour we are together, and you will leave with God's divine blessing on you. Thank you for honoring this request. Young children must stay near a parent or guardian. **(Each Coordinator should enter (in the blank) the desired number of steps: 9 normal steps (of men, women, teens combined) will average (25 feet), 18 steps (50 feet), and 36 steps (100 feet)**

An All-Weather Life Chain Yard Sign Is Available This Year

A truly high quality coroplastic "*Abortion Kills Children*" yard sign is available through 877-210-5266 or the10Commands@yahoo.com. You may view the sign at www.Ten-Commandments.US.

— A Review of Other Life Chain Principles —

- * Read the Life Chain Manual at www.NationalLifeChain.Org or www.LifeChain.Net.
 - * Stress safety (using sidewalks or wide road shoulders), and notify your police department of your plans.
 - * Recruit and train enough marshals to serve your Chain adequately (see Life Chain Manual).
 - * Use back-printed signs that explain "Why We Are Here" and that provide prayer topics, etc.
 - * Urge pastors to prepare their people to pray for a full hour. Equip pastors with pro-life pamphlets.
 - * Politely confront frivolity/idle talk. Insist on a prayer chain, and future attendance should increase.
 - * Avoid all political activity, please! On Life Chain Sunday, our hope rests in Divine help and not in man.
 - * Use a Response (Survey) Form to recruit year-round pro-life volunteers (sample on p. 3 and in Manual).
 - * Inform your Chainers of the nearest abortuaries; use Response Form to recruit sidewalk counselors.
 - * Limit fund raising to a free-will offering to cover your costs, and God will reward your priorities.
 - * As best you can, educate your participants about abortifacient birth controls—which are as deadly as (and probably kill more children than) surgical abortion. They also represent prolife's future battlefield.
 - * Urge minority participation, and recruit minority members to lead some of your future projects.
 - * Invite people of all faiths to your Life Chain, but permit only Christians to serve in leadership.
 - * Half of all Life Chain signs should be "Abortion Kills Children"—the original sign and foremost life-saving message. Millions of our fellow citizens support abortion, but very few support "killing" unborn children (ask them politely and observe their silence). Saving lives is our mission, rather than making people comfortable.
 - * Assist the media, but do not fret over media coverage. We place our trust in Christ and not in reporters.
- Do not allow pride to steal your trust. God can turn bad news or no news into remarkable results! Amen?**

Life Chain is grassroots and volunteer staffed, yet it remains viable because Coordinators have followed its simple guidelines in a spirit of unity, which God blesses. This year, with historic satanic attacks on our culture, we need God's help more than ever, and your local Chain invites our Lord to your area or October 5 (or October 26). Indeed I am privileged to serve with you, and please let me know how I can be of help (530-674-5068 or if you prefer, email NationalLifeChain@otn.net). May our Savior abundantly reward your prayer chain witness.

Most gratefully yours, in Christ,

Royce Dunn, Life Chain Director
President of Please Let Me Live

See Registry of 2003 Life Chains at www.LifeChain.Net

To register your Chain on the Internet, fill out the "Life Chain Information Form" at www.LifeChain.Net, which is managed by devoted Texas state Life Chain Director Sharron Albertson. Coordinators without a computer may fax their Chain info to 972-618-0500. Sharron's husband, Howard, maintains the National Registry for the U.S. and Canada, and we are very grateful to him.

(Sample Response Form. Also see sample in Life Chain Manual)

WILL EACH OF US HELP SAVE THOSE WE SAY WE LOVE?

Please help save Yuba-Sutter children from abortion. Indicate below where you can serve best, and kindly enter your name, address, and phone number at bottom page.

- 1) _____ I will distribute pro-life literature (training to be provided)
- 2) _____ I am a student who will promote pro-life at my school
- 3) _____ I will serve on a sidewalk counseling or picketing team (training to be provided)
- 4) _____ I will do phone work from my home. _____ I will do computer work from my home.
- 5) _____ I will help financially
- 6) _____ I will take the required training and help counsel women who are considering abortion.
- 7) _____ I will help promote pro-life at the local Fair (by working in the pro-life booth)
- 8) _____ I will fold and stuff mailings.
- 9) _____ I will serve as best I can where I am needed most.

Pro-Life Organizations in Yuba-Sutter

—A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Resource Center and Medical Clinic:

Ministers to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies; provides post-abortion counseling; promotes abstinence in area schools, youth groups, and Juvenile Hall; sponsors a major annual banquet with a nationally prominent speaker. Address: 616 E Street Marysville, CA 95901 (Phone: 530-741-9136 and 530-741-0556 Hot Line)
prc@awomansfriend.org www.awomansfriend.org

—Please Let Me Live:

Sponsors the National Life Chain; produces pro-life literature; networks with other organizations on pro-life projects; promotes sidewalk counseling and assists pro-life lobbying; is activist oriented and focuses on the "root forces" sustaining legalized abortion. Address: 3209 Colusa Highway, Yuba City, CA 95993 (Phone: 530-671-5500)
PleaseLetMeLive@otn.net NationalLifeChain@otn.net www.NationalLifeChain.org

—Yuba-Sutter Right To Life:

Serves primarily as a pro-life educational outreach in Yuba-Sutter (reaching schools, libraries, and medical offices); sponsors the annual pro-life booth at Yuba-Sutter Fair; sponsors Live Talk locally on Channel 5; provides pro-life speakers and pro-life billboards in Yuba-Sutter area. Address: PO Box 1341, Yuba City, CA 95992 (Phone: 530-671-5347)
Webmaster@YSRTL.org www.YSRTL.org

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Please complete this Yuba-Sutter Life Chain Committee form and give it to a marshal who will come by. The marshal can provide you a writing pen, if needed. You may also turn this form in with your sign at the nearest INFORMATION CENTER. Thank you for attending this year's National Life Chain, which includes over 900 cities and towns across America and Canada. And thank you for being serious about saving babies from horror and death. May God protect and bless you and your family, as Psalm 41 promises, and please spread the pro-life message with every opportunity you have. You may indeed save a human life.

PRESS RELEASE

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2:30 - 3:30 PM in Each Time Zone

Contact: Royce Dunn, Director of Life Chain

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While the killing continues daily and preborn boys and girls perish across a continent claiming 500,000 Christian churches, Life Chain bears annual witness to abortion's unspeakable carnage and solemnly seeks God's divine intervention. The international Life Chain, Lord willing, will again form throughout the U.S. and Canada on Sunday afternoon, October 5, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM in each time zone. Standing publicly, Christians in over 900 cities and towns will pray for an end to legalized abortion, while holding signs that read *Abortion Kills Children; Adoption: The Loving Option; Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation; and Abortion Hurts Women*. Along its path, the Chain will acknowledge death centers where local children are killed—often within earshot of multiple church sanctuaries. Said Royce Dunn, director of Life Chain, "More difficult to explain than the legalization of abortion is the Church's continuing refusal to mobilize resolutely against the killing. Unlike the Church in past eras, we will not "plead the case of the fatherless to win it [Jeremiah 5:28], " and our own rhetoric indicts us. Will we continue in our spiritual slumber while our culture, as if in free-fall, sinks before us?"

Since abortion was legalized in America, over 40 million preborn U.S. citizens have been surgically mutilated, and millions more have been killed by contraceptives that abort. These deadly birth controls include the Pill in many varieties, Depo-Provera, Norplant, the intrauterine devices (IUDs), RU-486, the Mini-Pill, and Morning-After (emergency contraception) Pill. The spirit of contraception is a devastating deceiver, for never before has child aversion been so pervasive in the Church and throughout human civilization. Declares Dunn, a Protestant, "Our hearts have been compromised by child rejection, materialism, and pleasure seeking. We know abortion as a social and political issue, but we have never discovered the flesh and blood victims or viewed them as helpless orphans crying out to us their only hope for a father protector on earth. Either we hear their cry and respond with hearts that truly care, or we will surely lose the culture we cherish."

Today, prolife's greatest need is pastoral leadership. Ultimately, the Church, rather than government, leads our culture—either with apathy that breeds weakness or with compassion that breeds strength and resolution. The Church is accountable to God for the legalization and continuance of abortion on demand—yet we are also the prevailing hope for ending the government-sanctioned killing of our youngest fellow citizens. To succeed, our pastors, as shepherds guiding their sheep, must lead us to repentance and to the victory in waiting. At this critical time, with the Church under divine testing, God is surely seeking pastors who will brave the land mines of false unity and false security and work boldly and peacefully to restore protection to nascent human life. The day must come when the shepherds assume their duty and lead millions upon millions of us to the death centers nearest every church sanctuary in the U.S. and Canada, for without that leadership, God will eventually apply measures more humbling than the ones He applied to end institutional slavery in America.

Life Chain participants are urged to forego casual talk and remain prayerful for a full hour. Prayer topics are on the back of each sign, along with the Life Chain Code of Conduct that asks participants to respect all motorists and all other pedestrians on the sidewalk. Since the Life Chain's founding in 1987, and after more than 8,000 North American Chains have been built, no pro-life participant has been cited for an illegal act, so far as the national Life Chain office is aware. We pray for God's anointing on **National Life Chain Sunday 2003**.