

# Diocese of Joliet Life Advocacy Days February 26-March 3, 2012

*To further the cause of Life in the Illinois Legislature*

During the week of February 26th through March 3rd, we ask the faithful of the Diocese of Joliet to pray this prayer daily in support of those who will be traveling to Springfield to advocate for the Ultrasound Opportunity Act and other pro-life legislation with our legislators on February 29th. Please also consider fasting on Wednesday, February 29th to join in solidarity with those from our Diocese who will be traveling to Springfield. This prayer and advocacy campaign is part of a larger month-long effort by all the Dioceses in Illinois, and is coordinated by the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

Please join the Respect Life Office  
Life Advocacy Day

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012**  
**SPRINGFIELD**

10:00 am—2:30 pm  
Lunch provided

Plan to meet us in Springfield at 10AM at the Capitol Building, or meet us at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville and we'll carpool to Springfield. Caravan leaves at 7AM, returning to the Pastoral Center at approximately 5-6PM. A map to the Pastoral Center can be found at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/directionsCenter.asp](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/directionsCenter.asp). To help us plan for the number of people who will be in attendance from our Diocese, please contact us with the registration information below, or return it to us by mail.

**Ultrasound Opportunity Act:** *HB 4085 provides that a facility that performs abortions may not perform an abortion on a woman without first offering her an opportunity to receive an ultrasound of her unborn child. See more information about this bill at [www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org/newsandlegislativeupdates.asp](http://www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org/newsandlegislativeupdates.asp)*

## Daily Prayer for Life Advocacy Days

February 26th—March 3rd

Gracious and merciful God, we ask that you send your Spirit among us to guide us and direct us in order to inspire all of our political leaders to advance the culture of life in their duty to uphold the common good for all the people they serve. You sent your Son Jesus to teach us how to pray, how to serve you in obedience and how to be the people you are calling us to be. You inspire us each and every day to appreciate the gifts you bestow upon us and to use them to change the hearts and minds of all people. The most precious gift you have given us is the gift of life and you call us to be good stewards of all your creation. Help us to cultivate a spirit of prayer and of reconciliation for the lack of due diligence in protecting the most vulnerable among us; the children who are forgotten, abandoned and thought of as an inconvenience to the welfare of societies. Inspire all those in public office to protect the dignity of the unborn and those who are living who are deemed unfit to receive our care. Help us to receive your wisdom so that we may know how best to serve you and your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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### Registration: Life Advocacy Day trip to Springfield—February 29, 2012

Please call, e-mail or mail this registration information to us by February 20, 2012. Please use reverse side for additional names in your group.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate the number of people)

I (we) will meet you in Springfield \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) will meet at the St. Charles Pastoral Center to caravan to Springfield \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to be a driver, and my vehicle seats \_\_\_\_\_ people