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**MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE – JANUARY 25, 2014**

Jefferson City, Missouri – On Saturday, January 25, hundreds will gather at 10:00 am in front of the Governor's Executive Mansion at 100 Madison Street for the Fourth Annual Mid-West March for Life. Marchers will proceed through the streets of downtown Jefferson City to rally at the Capitol to focus attention on what 41 years of legalized abortion has wrought. Organizers Mike and Kathy Forck from the Columbia 40 Days for Life and St Andrew's Pro- Life Committee, invite Missourians to this important event that prayerfully commemorates the deaths of 56 million innocent babies since Roe v Wade.

Special guest for the rally is Most Reverend John R Gaydos, Bishop of the Diocese of Jefferson City and featured rally speaker is Steve Karlen, North American Outreach Director for 40 Days for Life. Mr. Karlen is a dedicated leader who directed multiple pro-life campaigns and led the effort that overturned plans for late-term abortions at the University of Wisconsin Medical Center. Many lives are changed after hearing his heartfelt and energizing delivery of truth and commitment to the unborn.

Attendees will hear brief reflections from many of the local pro-life leaders including Carl Landwehr of Vitae Caring Foundation, Pam Fichter of Missouri Right to Life, Mike Hoey, Executive Director of the Missouri Catholic Conference, Bridget VanMeans from ThriVe St. Louis, Brian Westbrook of Coalition for Life St. Louis, Bill Pauls of LIFE Runners, Reagan Nielsen, founder of Mizzou Students for Life, and Chuck and Linda Raymond with the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

Immediately following the rally at noon is a pro-life luncheon at the St. Peter Church Sellinger Center, 216 Broadway St. Jefferson City. Besides enjoying a great meal, attendees will learn about the latest strategies to free Missouri from the peril of abortion. Guest speakers for the luncheon include Steve Karlen, 40 Days for Life, and Bridget VanMeans, ThriVe St. Louis. Seating is limited, so an RSVP is required. To reserve your seat call 571-403-2977. More information is available at [www.midwestmarchforlife.com](http://www.midwestmarchforlife.com).

All are invited to come and promote the sanctity of all human life. The deaths of over 56 million innocent babies should stir us to action.

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