

Life Chain Report on October 6

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Dear Fellow Coordinators:

PRESS RELEASE UPDATE: Below is an updated copy of our Press Release for 2019. The number of cities and towns holding Chains increased from "over 1570" to "over 1590" (with 1979 locations). Sharron Albertson predicts the final "cities and towns" will reach 1600 (and that the locations will reach 1990).

OUR LIFE CHAINS WERE SAFE AND PEACEFUL IN 2019: Thus far, no reports of violence or police involvement have been reported, and again we have much cause to thank God for his protection and covering. I've received only two reports of opposition, and both were handled without calling law enforcement. One case involved a homeless man and the other, a rowdy group of youth with home-made signs and notable arm waving and voice. It is to be hoped that their presence magnified the prayerful witness of the Life Chain participants, and I am confident that is what occurred.

2019 POSTINGS AFFIRM STRENGTH FOR NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

SUNDAY: Desiring never to be possessive of Life Chain because of my founding role, I am grateful to God for willingness to let Him decide Life Chain's future. We realize that participation has declined sharply from the highs we saw 20 plus years ago, but signs of God's continuing favor were unmistakable this year. Add to that the help of a passionate and perceptive new director, and we can reasonably expect *National Life Chain Sunday 2020* to be much stronger than in 2019. Next year's national event will occur on October 4, Lord willing.

WE IN AMERICA THANK OUR CANADIAN PARTNERS: For over two decades America and Canada have sponsored *National Life Chain Sunday* with a marvelous spirit of cooperation and mutual appreciation. Mindful of that, we in the U.S. want to express our sincere thanks, once again, to Life Chain Canada. We thank God for the privilege and rewards of serving with you.

MY THANKS TO EACH COORDINATOR: The strength of Life Chain on October 6 was very meaningful to me personally, and I wish I could thank each of you in person. I'm especially thankful for your perseverance and compliant heart. Life Chain has only guidelines to recommend and no rules we can enforce. Yet for 32 years the guidelines have united us.

OUR JOINT THANK YOU TO SHARRON ALBERTSON: While always very grateful for Sharron's exemplary devotion to Life and Life Chain, my appreciation for her has deepened in 2019. In addition to posting our Chains with a level of accuracy that necessitates countless phone calls and emails, she serves as Texas State Life Chain Director and assumes other multiple duties. As for her good spirit during the long days and late nights of posting, only God can account for it.

National Life Chain Sunday 2019 has a number of Chains remaining, on October 27 and other dates. Let us remember them prayerfully, and may the Lord bless you richly as you press on in His service.

A copy of the updated Press Release follows for Coordinators who did not view the initial version and especially for our most recent new Coordinators.

Most gratefully, in Christ,

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LIFE CHAIN PRESS RELEASE

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For location and time of each Chain in the U.S. and Canada, see www.LifeChain.net

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National Life Chain Sunday 2019—a peaceful and prayerful pro-life witness—will be held on sidewalks throughout America and Canada on Sunday afternoon, October 6. The time and location for each Chain is posted state by state in the U.S. and province by province in Canada at www.LifeChain.net. The event's free prep materials are at www.NationalLifeChain.org, and over 1590 cities and towns are scheduled to join *National Life Chain Sunday 2019*.

Life Chain began in rural California sister towns of Yuba City-Marysville in 1987, and each Chain is led by a local volunteer Coordinator. Intent on saving unwanted Preborns from abortion's cruelty, participants hold signs that include Abortion Kills Children, Adoption the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Jesus Forgives and Heals, LIFE the First Inalienable Right, Support a Constitutional Life Amendment, and The Pill & IUD Also Kill Children.

Christian led and church focused, Life Chain is interfaith and welcomes everyone who upholds human Life from conception to death. While grateful for events that celebrate Life, *National Life Chain Sunday* is a time for silent public witness and solemn reflection on the grave injustice of legal child killing and the resultant cultural depravities. Given to prayer and meditation, participants space themselves for more mindful self-assessment and do not respond to either blessing or barb from passing motorists.

God has called us, His sons and daughters, to be a "*peculiar people*," to be lights

that penetrate the spiritual darkness of our day. Life Chain believes the scourge of legal abortion will end when the church Christ founded humbly embraces its core teaching about compassion and brotherly love. Today, *"Our great peril,"* writes Pastor John Anderson in *A Compassionate Roar: Raising An Urgent Voice In Our Window Of Mercy*, *"is that we have so seared our collective conscience that we are indifferent to our peril."* As the demonic powers anchoring abortion hasten our culture's return to pre-Christian era paganism, we must of necessity confess our lukewarmness, sever the bondage that blinds and subdues us, and assume our God-appointed duty.

That duty is clearly stated by Pastor Curt Young in his timely book *The Least of These*. He writes: *"In no uncertain terms God declares that spiritual exercise counts for nothing when injustice is permitted to go unchecked. It is the muted cries of harm's victims that reach His ears. Their blood cries out to Him from the ground. Petitions from saints indifferent to these sounds that pierce God's heart are hollow by comparison. Love not only requires us to care for neighbors who are victims of injustice but also to overcome the injustice itself so that other neighbors may be spared."*

To assume that duty requires no less than a triumphant-minded Church, and God is surely able and eager to empower us to end the "slaughter of the Innocents" in our local church communities and throughout our nation. May *National Life Chain Sunday 2019* enable us to discern that urgency more compellingly and may it embolden each of us to declare with revered Christian warrior R. Arthur Matthews: *"O Lord! Help me accept the fact that I am born for battle."*

