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‘Come Shine Your Light’ focus of Celebrate Life 2019 in Denver

DENVER, CO — “Come Shine Your Light” is the invitation and theme of [Celebrate Life 2019](#), to be held Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, starting with a 1 p.m. rally on the west steps of the state Capitol in downtown Denver, with a march to follow around Civic Center Park.

“Each and every person is a creation of God, from the moment of conception until natural death,” said [Lynn Grandon](#), program director of the Respect Life Office at Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Denver, which organizes the annual event. “We want to celebrate that together, no matter the challenges we may face. As the culture around us darkens, the light of Jesus Christ will shine even brighter.”

David Bereit, the co-founder and former CEO of 40 Days for Life, will be the emcee of the 2019 event, which is expected to draw thousands of attendees from Colorado and the surrounding region.

“Colorado was the first state in America to legalize abortion ... and what began in Colorado must end in Colorado,” said Bereit about the 1967 Colorado law. “I’m excited to join with thousands of people of faith and conscience at Celebrate Life 2019—to pray, rally, and march forward in our unified efforts to protect women, save lives, and end the injustice of abortion!”

Speakers at the event will include the Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop of Denver; Elias Moo, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Denver; a representative of Students for Life of America; and the McGarrity family, who are raising four children with Down syndrome (three of whom are adopted) in a family of eight children.

Leading the [Celebrate Life 2019 events](#) in Denver will be the Quinceañeras in Colorado. Dance and music groups participating include the Folclórica dancers, Irish dancers, Aztec dancers and a Mariachi band. Prior to the rally, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish worship ensemble will perform, as well as the St. John Vianney Seminary Choir.

Prior to the rally, several Masses will be celebrated in downtown Denver on Jan. 12. Those will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception at 1530 Logan St.; at 11 a.m. at Holy Ghost Parish at 1900 California St.; and a Spanish-language Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Parish at 600 Galapago St.

Attendees of Celebrate Life events are encouraged to check the respectlifedenver.org website for all the details, including transportation, parking and weather, as the day draws near. A media kit, including images, is available at respectlifedenver.org/media-kit. Social media hashtags promoted for the event include #CelebrateLife, #WhyWeMarch and #MarchForLife.

The Celebrate Life 2019 events in Denver will take place six days before the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019. Each January, events are held across the country in recognition of the tragic consequences of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision of 1973 that legalized abortion. More than 60 million abortions in the U.S. have occurred since then, according to analysis by the National Right to Life Committee.

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