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Celebrate Life event speakers on Jan. 12 to offer bold pro-life witness *Denver archbishop to support abolishment of death penalty in Colorado*

DENVER, CO—Event speakers at the [Celebrate Life](#) 2019 rally and march on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the state Capitol will encourage a bold, public witness in support of the full range of pro-life issues.

Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop of Denver, is among the speakers at the annual pro-life event and will address the Church's stance on the death penalty.

“During this legislative session we hope to see an effort to repeal the death penalty in Colorado — a measure that the Church has long advocated for, since our prison system can ensure these criminals pose no danger to the public once they are incarcerated,” Archbishop Aquila said ahead of the event. “All life has dignity and worth, even the lives of those who have killed others. The state should not participate in the cycle of violence by taking life but should instead strive to protect it.”

Other speakers include David Bereit, the co-founder and former CEO of 40 Days for Life, who will emcee the event expected to draw thousands of attendees from Colorado and the surrounding region. Celebrate Life is organized by the Respect Life Office of Catholic Charities of Denver.

“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,” Bereit said.

“Come Shine Your Light” is the invitation and theme of Celebrate Life 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.

Additional speakers include 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.

Find more information at respectlifedenver.org/media-kit, including press release, podcast, social media links and photos/videos from past events.

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