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## **Ending late-term abortion in Colorado is the focus of Celebrate Life on Jan. 11** *Archbishop of Denver urges support of putting Initiative 120 on the 2020 ballot*

DENVER, CO — “Every Life is a Gift” is the theme of the 2020 Celebrate Life Rally and March, with an urgent focus on ending late-term abortion in Colorado through a proposed November ballot initiative. Celebrate Life annually draws thousands of people to downtown Denver. The event on Saturday, Jan. 11, will highlight the importance of [Initiative 120](#), along with opportunities to sign a petition to put it on the ballot.

“I urge all Catholics to get involved in this effort!” said Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of the Archdiocese of Denver, in a statement. “We must not let up in our efforts to ensure that the goodness of every human life is respected in our laws, our churches and our families.”

Aquila is scheduled to speak at Celebrate Life. David Bereit, the co-founder and former CEO of 40 Days for Life, will emcee for the second year in a row. [Celebrate Life](#), organized by Respect Life Denver of Catholic Charities of Denver, will start with a 1 p.m. rally on the west steps of the state Capitol in downtown Denver. Following the rally will be a march around Civic Center Park, 101 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver.

The keynote speaker will be Ramona Treviño, a former Planned Parenthood clinic manager who is a prolife advocate. Other guests will include Maddie Haas, who will speak about her unplanned pregnancy and joy in raising her daughter; and Michael Moubarek of the Catholic Medical Student Section at CU Anschutz. Musical guests will include the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary choir and the Lourdes Worship Band.

For more information, or with interview requests from media, please contact Lynn Grandon, Respect Life Denver program director, at [lgrandon@ccdenver.org](mailto:lgrandon@ccdenver.org) or (309) 235-8634. Go to [respectlifedenver.org](http://respectlifedenver.org) for Celebrate Life event details, a podcast, and photos and videos from past Celebrate Life events.

### **About Respect Life Denver**

The [Respect Life Denver](#) office champions Church teachings regarding the sanctity of all human life. We collaborate with parishes, schools, faith-based organizations and other educational institutions. Respect Life Denver organizes the annual Celebrate Life Rally and March at the state Capitol in Denver, and hosts other life-affirming activities, including 40 Days for Life, Prayer in the Square and community forums. Respect Life Radio, a production of Respect Life Denver, airs weekly on 1060 AM radio and via podcast. For more, go to [respectlifedenver.org](http://respectlifedenver.org).

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