



ONE CHURCH
ENCOUNTERING JESUS
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES
LIVING MERCY

July 28, 2026

Dear Archdiocese of Omaha Parishes, Colleges, Schools, and Respect for Life Ministries,

Thank you for 38 years of successful peaceful/prayerful Life Chain demonstration support in our Archdiocese of Omaha community. You all make a huge difference!

All of us want to continue to have Nebraska and our nation be a Pro-Life State and country. We have a great opportunity and responsibility on **Sunday October 4th from 2-3 pm** to once again show our Omaha community and change hearts and minds with Love, that nothing is more sacred than Life.

Our work continues even after many successes over last few years. So, I challenge and encourage all of us again to come out in record numbers this year with your parish families and friends to positively pray, sing, wave, and smile to continue to Defend Life & Truth, especially for those who disagree or yell obscenities. In addition, a time of Fasting prior to the Life chain event is a beautiful reflection too. United Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Triumph and Reign!

Attached you will find more details, ideas for signs bulletin announcements, and gatherings before the event. In addition, the Archdiocese has received a lot of feedback from parishes to be grouped in relation to their communities. So, again this year please be open with us to work with our new Location approach to be in our Parish Deanery groups and try to give you more flexibility to gather; bottom line we want you to please be sure to participate how your parish feels best along Dodge St. We ask as well, that many of you have local Life Chains which is great and we still urge you to join us on October 4th to be with your Deanery brothers and sisters.

Any questions please reach out to Mike Macholan, macmacholan@gmail.com / 402.319.6666.

God Bless you all and let's have another Joyful , Prayerful, Safe, and Fun Life Chain event.

In Christ,

Rev. Benjamin Boyd
St Bernadette & Holy Ghost
Archdiocesan Pro-Life Chaplain

Life Chain – Omaha Metro Area

First Sunday of October - October 4th - 2:00- 3:00pm

We encourage groups to take ownership of their message. One way to do this is to host a gathering sometime before the Life Chain to discuss messaging to the secular culture and to make signs. Each person is welcome to personalize their own sign, but if you need help with ideas, below are suggestions that promote a positive message.

Life Chain Sign Ideas

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| 1. Pro-Life IS Pro-Woman | 18. Every life is valuable |
| 2. Pro-Life IS Pro-Information | 19. Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
– MLK |
| 3. Pro-Life is Pro-LOVE | 20. Dignity of every human being is not earned but is a gift from God.
– Pope Leo XIV |
| 4. Women deserve better! | 21. God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! – Pope Leo XIV |
| 5. We care for families after the baby is born! | 22. Pro-Life Feminist |
| 6. We support mothers | 23. I am strong enough to have a career and children! (This one is for women to hold.) |
| 7. No Judgement; Just LOVE | 24. Empowering Women means giving them education and resources |
| 8. I care about YOU! | 25. 402-783-HOPE (4673) -Hearts Restored
FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.com – Find Healing after Abortion |
| 9. 64% of women feel pressured into abortion | 26. (Personal statements about motherhood or fatherhood. Ex: Motherhood is the greatest thing I have done in my life.) |
| 10. Women should never be coerced into a “choice” | 27. (Pictures of ultrasounds) |
| 11. 79% of post-abortive women say they receive no counseling about their options | 28. Please no abortion pictures (Remember to Stand with Love) |
| 12. Most women choose abortion because they think it is their only choice | |
| 13. Having only 1 option isn’t pro-choice | |
| 14. Babies feel joy in the womb! | |
| 15. A woman shouldn’t have to choose between her child and her dreams | |
| 16. You can achieve your dreams and have a child | |
| 17. Life is a gift | |

As you all know, this is a peaceful/prayerful demonstration and so all forms of yelling and confrontation and discouraged. However, **smiling and waving** as well as **singing hymns joyfully** are highly encouraged!

Bulletin Announcement:

Own the message. Let Omaha know that Pro-Life is pro-love, pro-woman, and pro-information! Join in the **Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th** from 2-3 p.m. Our parish will be standing at (insert location here). (Insert information about a gathering to make signs and talk about messaging if your parish is having one.) Contact (Insert your parish pro-life team’s information) with any questions you have!

The location for your parish should be included in your bulletin and written on the flier (see below).

Deaneries

Metro Northwest Deanery – Gather Both sides of West Dodge between 90th – 82th Street

Parishes: St. John the Evangelist in Valley, St. Patrick in Elkhorn, St. Stephen the Martyr in Omaha, St. Wenceslaus in Omaha, Immaculate Conception in Boys Town in Omaha, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Omaha, St. James in Omaha, St. Vincent de Paul in Omaha

Metro Central Deanery – Gather Both sides of Dodge between 82th – 75th Street

Parishes: St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha, St. Leo the Great in Omaha, St. Bernard in Omaha, St. Robert Bellarmine in Omaha, Christ the King in Omaha, Mary Our Queen in Omaha, St. John Vianney in Omaha, St. Joan of Arc in Omaha, St. Thomas More in Omaha, St. Andrew Kim Taegon in Omaha, Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Adalbert in Omaha, Holy Cross in Omaha, St. Margaret Mary in Omaha (Dodge Street in front of the Church going east), St. Pius X in Omaha. This also includes the Our Lady of Africa Chaplaincy

Metro East Deanery - Gather Both sides of Dodge between 75th – 62nd Street

Parishes: St. Patrick in Tekamah, St. Francis Borgia in Blair, St. John the Baptist in Fort Calhoun, St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament in Omaha, Holy Name in Omaha, St. Benedict the Moor in Omaha, St. John in Omaha, St. Mary Magdalene in Omaha, St. Peter in Omaha, Our Lady of Fatima in Omaha, St. Frances Cabrini in Omaha, St. Joseph in Omaha, Immaculate Conception in Omaha, St. Bridget-St. Rose in Omaha, St. Francis of Assisi in Omaha, Assumption-Guadalupe in Omaha, St. Mary in Omaha, Ss. Peter & Paul in Omaha, St. Stanislaus in Omaha

Metro South Deanery - Gather Both sides of Dodge between 72th – 60th Street

Parishes: St. Patrick in Gretna, St. Charles Borromeo in Gretna, St. Joseph in Springfield, St. Gerald in Ralston, St. Columbkille in Papillion, Holy Ghost in Omaha, St. Bernadette in Bellevue, St. Matthew the Evangelist in Bellevue, St. Mary in Bellevue

College Life Chain Locations:

1. **CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY:-** Dodge St., south side b/w 71 & 72 streets
2. **ST JOHN/CREIGHTON UNIV.** Dodge Street, north side, 72 Street going east
3. **UNO/JP II Newman Center:** Dodge St., south side b/w S. 67 & 66 streets
4. **COLLEGE OF ST. MARY'S:** Dodge St., south side b/w S. 67 Ave. & 67 St.

High School Life Chain Locations:

(All by UNO on the south side of Dodge Street)

1. **Creighton Prep:** UNO Library
2. **Duchesne and Skutt Catholic High School:** Roskins Hall
3. **Gross:** 60th & Dodge Parking lot
4. **Marian:** Strauss Performing Arts Center
5. **Mercy:** Durham Science
6. **Mt. Michael:** Eppley Administration
7. **Roncalli:** Milo Bail Student Union