



2021 Life Chain Church Package

LIFE CHAIN CANADA

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WHAT IS LIFE CHAIN?

Life Chain is a peaceful and silent witness to the injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on mothers, fathers, and the community at large. It is a simple but powerful reminder to our fellow citizens of the sanctity of human life and our duty to defend the weakest members of our society.

The very first Life Chain was held in 1987 by a small pro-life group called Please Let Me Live Inc. in Yuba City, California and consisted of 2,500 people. The annual event grew by leaps and bounds in the following years, with Canada holding its first Life Chain in 1990, and almost 1,000,000 participating across North America in 1992. In 2019, there were over 250 Life Chains in Canada and over 15,000 are estimated to have participated from coast to coast.



As usual, this year, Life Chain will be held on the first Sunday of October - **October 3, 2021**. Please determine the location and time of your nearest Life Chain by visiting: www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain.

On the day of the event, those participating in Life Chain will stand at various predetermined intersections in silent prayer, holding non-graphic signs with slogans like, “Abortion kills children,” “Abortion hurts women,” “Adoption, the loving option,” and “Life, the first inalienable right.” The signs are distributed and collected by a local organizer at each intersection. This organizer will orient and space out Life Chain participants, and will talk to law enforcement and any media that may wish to cover the event.

Life Chain organizers and participants are asked to follow all local COVID-19 protocols. This is a relatively low-risk event that was carried out safely in 2020, and thus, the ongoing pandemic ought not impede our efforts to publicly share our reverence for life with others.

Please contact your local organizer if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, you may contact the 2021 Life Chain Canada Committee (1-800-730-5358, lifechain@campaignlifecoalition.com).



SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #1

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold non-graphic signs with messages such as “Life, the first inalienable right” and “Abortion kills children” at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us at <insert intersection> on <insert date and time> and be prepared to follow all local COVID-19 protocols. This is a family-friendly event appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds and a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. As Our Lord asked of His disciples: “Could you not watch one hour with me?” (Mk 14:37)

SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #2

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year at <insert intersection> on <insert date and time>. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like “Abortion kills children,” “Abortion hurts women,” “Life, the first inalienable right,” and “Adoption, the loving option.” You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. For more information, you may visit: campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain.

SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #3

You are invited to be a part of an important pro-life witness on <insert date and time> at <insert location>. At this location and hundreds of others across North America, we will form a “Life Chain,” bearing signs with messages like “Abortion kills children” and “Adoption, the loving option” and praying silently for the hour. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life from conception to natural death. Simply show up and follow the directives of the local organizer, including relevant health measures. Let’s advocate for the innocent; as Christ Himself reminds us, “Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me” (Mt 25:40).



LIFE CHAIN CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Commit to being peaceful. Do not physically interfere with counter-protesters or passers-by and do not jostle for position if they block your Life Chain signs.
2. Avoid casual talk, frivolity, and arguments. Life Chain is a SILENT prayer vigil.
3. Refer media, police, or business owners who want information to the organizer. Notify the organizer of any misconduct from counter-protesters or passers-by, so that he/she can handle it appropriately and ensure it is recorded.
4. Please arrive promptly, accounting for the time required for parking/positioning. Stand on the sidewalk, facing traffic with your sign, ensuring you do not block pedestrians, driveways, or drivers' sightlines.
5. Please take care of your signs and RETURN them to the organizer for future Life Chains.
6. Please DO NOT display other signs, or distribute material other than that which is provided, unless the organizer permits you to do so.
7. Watch your small children at all times.
8. Please bring hand sanitizer and a mask or face covering and use as needed.
9. Please maintain a 2-metre distance from fellow Life Chain participants and passersby at all times.
10. Please follow all instructions from your local Life Chain organizer, especially ones pertaining to local COVID-19 protocols.
11. Please DO NOT attend Life Chain if you:
 - a. are feeling ill or have (or suspect you have) COVID-19
 - b. have had close contact with someone in the past 14 days who is ill or is suspected to have COVID-19
 - c. have travelled out-of-country in the past 14 days
 - d. are worried about the risk to your own health or the health of someone in your social circle