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Press Release

20th Annual Milwaukee Area LifeChain Sunday, October 4, 2009 2 – 3:30 p.m.

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What It Is: Life Chain is people quietly and prayerfully standing along roadsides for one hour on a Sunday afternoon with signs that say: **ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**

Our two alternate signs read: **ADOPTION THE LOVING OPTION** and **JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS**

Numbers: At this time we have over 2,000 people registered from over 100 area churches and other groups

Interviews: Local organizers will be available for interviews from in the parking lot of the West Allis Wesleyan Church, 2465 South 108th Street. (Just south of Lincoln on the west side of Hwy 100)

Last year: Milwaukee/Waukesha area had 2,120 participants from 109 churches and other groups.

WebSite: www.milwaukeeelifechain.com

According to Royce Dunn, National LifeChain Director, Founder & President of *Please Let Me Live* "Since LifeChain's founding in 1987, and after more than 12,000 North American Chains have been built, no pro-life participant has been cited for an illegal act, so far as the national LifeChain office is aware. Life Chain's foremost life-saving message is Abortion Kills Children. While millions of our fellow citizens support abortion very few of them support "killing" unborn children."

Where: Milwaukee Area, Waukesha, and Hales Corners LifeChain participants will occupy six locations:

Blue Mound Road from 84th to Sunny Slope Road
Blue Mound Rd from Mooreland Rd to Barker Rd
Hwy. 100 from Burleigh Street to North Ave.

Hwy. 100 from Greenfield Ave. to Oklahoma Ave.
Hwy. 100 Layton to Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners
National Ave & 16th Street (Spanish LifeChain 3:30 – 4:30)

41 Wisconsin LifeChains: (1,500 cities in the US)

Adams/Friendship	Fond Du Lac	Milwaukee South East	Walworth County / Delavan
Algoma	Fredrick	Necedah	Waterford
Appleton	Grantsburg	New Lisbon / Mauston Area	Waukesha
Arcadia	Green Bay	North Lake	Wautoma
Baraboo	Hales Corners	Paddock Lake	Webster
Burlington	Hartford	Prairie Du Chien	West Bend
Cedarburg	Kenosha	Racine	Wind Lake
Dodgeville	Kewaskum	Racine (Downtown)	Wisconsin Rapids
Eagle River / Three Lakes	La Crosse	Reedsburg	
East Troy	Madison	Rhineland	
Eau Claire	Milwaukee (4 Loc)	Sheboygan	

A Brief LifeChain History '87-'08

The first LifeChain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by "Please Let Me Live", a small but dedicated ProLife ministry in Yuba City, California headed by Royce Dunn. It stretched for three miles and held **2,500** Christian soldiers holding "**ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**" signs. According to "Please Let Me Live" the event was a time of self-evaluation (repentance) and prayerful thanksgiving for God's church. It was also a powerful, revealing witness to many thousands of motorists. Typical participant responses were: "I felt God's presence." and "It was good to stand for righteousness."

The second LifeChain was built in Bakersfield, CA. in September of 1989. It contained 7,500 prayer warriors. By February 1991, California had LifeChains in 35 cities. Nationally, there were 771,000 participants in 170 cities in 42 states standing in LifeChains on an estimated 1,500 miles of sidewalks. 1992 had 975,000 participants in 800 cities. 1993 saw LifeChains across North America with people in 875 cities in 50 states. Since '92 "Please Let Me Live" has not published any individual counts except the number of cities in the US and Canada that continue to host LifeChains. In 2005 over 1,000 cities in the US and Canada held LifeChains.

Wisconsin LifeChains

Wisconsin's first LifeChain was held in Milwaukee on December 2, 1990, a cold windy Sunday afternoon. The route, about 16 miles of streets, was appropriately begun at the War Memorial on the shore of Lake Michigan and extended up Wisconsin Avenue and Blue Mound Road to 124th Street. The bar of the cross was Highway 100 from Burleigh Street to National Avenue. These 10,000 cold-braving souls showed Milwaukee for the first time that there are many who call on the Lord and stand opposed to the shedding of innocent blood. One young mother who had been planning to abort her child stopped and talked to people on the LifeChain. Today she has a son named Jacob.

October 6, 1991 was Milwaukee's second LifeChain with 6,000 people. Waukesha held it's first that same day with 2,300 people and Madison had 4,500 LifeChainers. Across Wisconsin there were LifeChains in 10 cities with a total of 18,675 people holding one of two signs "**ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**", or "**JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS**".

October 4, 1992 Wisconsin hosted 22 LifeChains with a total of 25,595 participants. The combined Milwaukee to Waukesha LifeChain had an official count of 9,665. The Wisconsin Avenue Bridge closed the day after the '91 LifeChain for rebuilding because of this in '92 & '93 we began at Hawley Road and stretched into Waukesha.

October 3, 1993 Wisconsin saw 16,000 standing in 18 LifeChains with 8000 in Milwaukee and Waukesha.

The '94 Wisconsin total was 10,679 in 15 LifeChains. The Milwaukee to Waukesha LifeChain counted 5100. We returned to the original starting point at the War Memorial on the shore of Lake Michigan and extended up Wisconsin Avenue and Bluemound Road into Waukesha County. The bar of the cross was Highway 100 from Capitol Drive to Oklahoma Avenue. The Chain lined 23 miles of streets/46 miles of sidewalk.

1995 was our sixth LifeChain with 6,000 participants in Milwaukee/Waukesha. 17 Wisconsin cities held LifeChains.

1996 the seventh Milwaukee LifeChain had about 6,000 participants. 23 Wisconsin cities held LifeChains.

1997 had 4,500 participants in the Milwaukee area. 21 Wisconsin cities. Nationally there were 800 cities with LifeChains.

The '98 had 4,000 participants in the ninth annual LifeChain held in the Milwaukee area. 16 Wisconsin cities held LifeChains.

In '99 the Milwaukee area had 3,500 people from 150 area churches standing in a cold driving rain. 21 Wisconsin cities.

2000 saw 3,736 participants in the 11th annual Milwaukee Area LifeChain with 16 Wisconsin cities also participating.

2001, the 12th annual Milwaukee area LifeChain had 3,810 participants. 24 Wisconsin cities participated.

2002, the 13th Milwaukee area LifeChain had 3,509 participants from 140 area churches. 24 Wisconsin cities participated.

2003, the 14th Milwaukee area LifeChain had 3,093 participants from 147 area churches. 24 Wisconsin cities participated.

2004, the 15th Milwaukee area LifeChain had 2,900 participants from 126 area churches. 24 Wisconsin cities participated.

2005, the 16th Milwaukee area LifeChain had 2,750 participants from 125 area churches. 32 Wisconsin cities participated.

2006, the 17th Milwaukee area LifeChain had 2,600 participants from 123 area churches. 36 Wisconsin cities participated.

2007, the 18th Milwaukee area LifeChain had 2,662 participants from 124 area churches. 37 Wisconsin cities participated.

2008, the 19th annual Milwaukee area LifeChain had 2,120 participants from 109 area churches. These faithful occupied the streets for the one hour event despite a cold driving rain, a Packer game, and the first Brewer playoff game in 25 years. Across America 1,500 cities participated. In Wisconsin 39 cities held LifeChains.

Since the beginning of LifeChain literally millions of people have stood along the roads of America and other countries holding our now familiar signs. No doubt many millions more have seen these signs. There are many reports from various cities of children saved and lives changed. One reported response was "I couldn't get the '**ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN**' message out of my mind". In city after city the LifeChain has expanded ProLife awareness as Christians are once again engaging society by moving from the pews to the streets to stand publicly as salt and light, against abortion, the gravest social evil America has yet seen.