

Christian Citizenship

Update for February 2023 (1)

During its “lame duck” session last month, the Illinois General Assembly adopted legislation permitting advanced practice nurses and physician’s assistants in the state to perform abortions – not surgical procedures, but “suction” abortions. This and other measures adopted by the legislature will likely entice women who are seeking abortions to come to Illinois to undergo them. See our December 2022 update.

A major cause for concern during the General Assembly’s regular session, which will run into the spring, will likely be the introduction of a proposed amendment to the state constitution to define a fundamental right to abortion in Illinois. If proposed by a three-fifths majority in both houses of the legislature in 2023, the proposed amendment would go before voters statewide for ratification at the November, 2024 general election. Again, see our December 2022 update.

Citizens concerned about life issues should note the Illinois March for Life on Tuesday, March 21 at the state capitol in Springfield. Trinity Lutheran Church, which is located across the street from the capitol, will hold a Matins service at 10:30. Central Illinois District President Michael Mohr will preach.

At noon, a pro-life rally will begin at the Lincoln statue on the front lawn of the capitol. When the rally ends, about 1:00 p.m., the actual march (walking) will commence, as participants will walk around the capitol for several blocks, returning to the spot where they started. Thereafter, they will be able to visit the offices of their legislators and personally urge these lawmakers to defend the lives of the most defenseless among us.

Watch this webpage for additional details about the March 21 Illinois March for Life in Springfield.