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Respect Life Convention Sunday to Rally Pro-Life Supporters

What: 41st Annual Respect Life Convention

Where: St. Charles Convention Center (1 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303)

When: Sunday, October 22, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lunch and keynote at 11:30 a.m.

Who: Keynote speaker, John Foppe, Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul - St. Louis Council

ST. LOUIS – The 41st Annual Respect Life Convention, hosted by the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will take place on Sunday, October 22, at the St. Charles Convention Center. John Foppe, Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul - St. Louis Council will deliver the keynote address. Nearly 700 attendees are expected to attend the convention.

Born without arms, John Foppe provides a powerful testimony on the dignity and worth of every human life. He once believed he led a miserable, dependent, and limited existence. Today, he operates his own company, travels the world, runs a large non-profit agency, and is a husband and father.

Mass, exhibits, and afternoon workshops are all free and open to the public. The lunch and keynote begin at 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon offers seven dynamic workshops addressing a wide range of life topics including adoption, fetal development, end-of-life issues, and pro-life successes in states across the country. For a complete listing of workshops and for more information about the convention, visit archstl.org/respectlife.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis was the first diocese in the nation to establish what was then the Pro-Life Committee, now called the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA), following the landmark Roe v Wade decision in 1973. Every October, which is Respect Life month, the RLA hosts its annual convention. The purpose of the convention is to gather, listen, and discuss efforts to respect the dignity and sanctity of life and efforts to build the “Culture of Life” in our society.

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