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# Springfield Nativity Scene Committee

Greetings in the Lord,

As Chairman of the Springfield Nativity Scene Committee (SNSC), I am proud to announce a Nativity Scene will be on display in the Illinois State Capitol Building from December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. To my knowledge, The Springfield Nativity Scene (SNS) will mark the first time a Nativity Scene will be on display in the Illinois State Capitol.

Due to a landmark court decision titled, "Grutzmacher vs. Chicago Building Commission" in 1989, the SNSC will be partaking in its Constitutional right to fund, erect and maintain the Nativity Scene on government property.

It has been my honor to lead this effort. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the SNSC will hold a press conference inside the State Capitol to commemorate this historic occasion. However, we need the assistance of Christ's Church to help bless this effort and make it a success.

The SNS will be made possible through the financial support of the public. However, we are looking to the churches in Illinois to assist us in a different manner. Would your church consider passing out flyers or brochures pertaining to the event? Idealistically, if every church in Illinois would share information about the Springfield Nativity Scene with its congregation, it would be assured the prayers coming from such unity would result in something we would all be proud of, not only as Christians, but as citizens of our great state and nation.

For years, religious expression in the public square has been under attack from numerous groups who want to remove faith from the everyday lives of Americans. Your assistance to our efforts will demonstrate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is alive and well. This display will demonstrate the fact the right to religious expression thrives. And, with the Nativity Scene standing in the Capitol of our great state, it will give hope to other communities whose citizens desire to take part in these Constitutional freedoms. Therefore, the SNS will become a model for citizens in other towns, cities and municipalities.

How can your church become a part of this special event? Volunteers can help distribute flyers and brochures to your congregation and surrounding community. Or your church choir can participate in a noon-hour ceremony throughout the Christmas season. Or volunteers can help with tax deductible donations. The statues, representing baby Jesus, Joseph and Mary, cost in excess of \$7,000.00 alone. These costs, combined with other expenses, make contributions to the SNSC a necessity and we are counting on the public to help make this dream a reality.

To obtain flyers or brochures e-mail the SNSC at [springfieldnativityscene@xmail99.com](mailto:springfieldnativityscene@xmail99.com) or call Dan Zanoza at: (217) 314-0211.

Respectfully,

Daniel T. Zanoza  
Chairman

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Chicago-based Thomas More  
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*Eunice Conn*

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