

Nebraska Walk for Life to feature former actor Mario St. Francis

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Nebraska Right to Life will hold the 41st annual Nebraska Walk for Life at 10 a.m. Saturday on the north side of the State Capitol.

Mario St. Francis, a former actor and model, is the keynote speaker. St. Francis, the spokesman and public relations director for WorldYouthDay.com, speaks around the world about his conversion story and works with youths in the anti-abortion movement.

The annual walks began in 1974 after the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion.

Gov. Pete Ricketts, U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse and other elected officials will begin the event at the Capitol.

After speeches, participants will walk the seven blocks north along 14th Street to the Nebraska Union at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for St. Francis' keynote speech, which is scheduled to go from noon to 1 p.m.

Hot beverages, baked goods and informational booths will also be at the event, which will be in the union's Ballroom and Centennial Room.

Last year, an estimated 3,000 people attended the event.

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