

## Bethlehem Peace Light

**Some History**—In 2008 **Roger Knuteson** and **Joe Reding** of Troop 113 in Minnesota, brought the Peace Light to Chicago from JFK in NYC. **Joe Stocchero**, District Executive in Chicago Area Council and **Guntis Dabolins** of Chicago Latvian Church Scouts and representatives from Mexico held “Lighting of the Peace Light Services” at Chicago Area Headquarters. This was the first Peace Lighting in this area. In 2009, **Ernie Aguilera**, District Executive of Chicago Area Council and **Guntis Dabolins** brought the Peach Light to Chicago from where it spread to many churches and organizations and continues to spread throughout the North American Continent.

The Peace Light from Bethlehem is on the move again in 2011. Sara Schinwald from Munderfing Austria had her lamp lit by the Greek Orthodox Bishop of Bethlehem on Monday 11/21/11. On Wednesday Sara, along with a little help from Austrian Airlines brought the Peace Light back to Austria. On Saturday she will appear on the Euro Vision program “The Advent Festival of 100,000 Lights”. This is the 25th year the Peace Light has traveled to Austria, and when it arrives at New York’s JFK airport on 11/29/11 it will be making its 10th journey to North America.

As in years past, if you report where you have taken the Peace Light to <mailto://peacelight@peacelight.org> I will do my best to get your location on a tracking map as soon as possible.



On December 1, 2011, Joe Reding brings the Peace Light to Immaculate Conception Ukriiniian Church in Palatine where they held a distribution ceremony..

In the photo (left to right)

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