

When is the next march?

Pro-life marches, walks and rallies are held every year and are organized by a variety of organizations including Knights of Columbus councils, local diocese, pregnancy centers and pro-life organizations. To learn more about events in your area, consult your diocesan Culture of Life Office, parish priest or local Knights of Columbus.

The March for Life in Washington D.C., (www.marchforlife.org) is still held every year on the Friday on or closest to January 22. For those not able to reach the east coast, other major regional events are held each year. Please visit kofc.org/march for more information.

The largest pro-life Canadian demonstration, the National March for Life (www.marchforlife.ca), is held in Ottawa on the second Thursday each May.

In the Philippines, pro-life advocates march in several major cities in late February and during the month of March. Visit www.kofc.org.ph for more information.



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The History of Marches for Life

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court officially legalized abortion through the *Roe v. Wade* decision. Exactly one year later, on January 22, 1974, the first March for Life was held on the West Steps of the United States Capitol Building to advocate for a pro-life civilization of love and “a world where every human life is valued and protected” (March for Life Vision Statement). The first March for Life drew an impressive 20,000 demonstrators, and a new tradition of peaceful protest began.

What started with a single March for Life in Washington D.C., has now become a worldwide phenomenon with marches held throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico and at least 20 other countries. Whether called a march, walk, or rally for life, pro-life supporters peacefully gather in great numbers across the world to oppose abortion and to pray in support of pregnant women and their unborn children.



Knights in Action. Faith in Action.

The Knights of Columbus stand at the forefront of the pro-life movement. Putting their faith into action, Knights and their families play a key and visible role at Marches for Life every year. Consider attending an upcoming march or rally for life in your area and encourage other families in your parish and community to join!

“I encourage you, then, my brothers, to confront the challenging issues of our time. Ever present within each of them is life as gift and responsibility. The future freedom and dignity of our societies depends on how we face these challenges. The innocent victim of abortion... the elderly or the sick who are considered a burden... at stake in all of this is the gift of God, of which we are noble stewards but not masters.”

– Pope Francis

How can I participate?

The Knights of Columbus urge all parish families to join them in marching for life on the national, regional or local level. Knights of Columbus members, their families, and all who join them are encouraged to proudly carry *Choose Life Signs* (#9341), council banners and to wear apparel representing the Order as they walk together in solidarity supporting the right to life.

