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MARCH
FOR LIFE

MAY 7-9, 2025
OTTAWA



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Dear Educators,

We are writing to present to you a wonderful opportunity, aimed at growth in the Christian faith and participation in ending the world's greatest injustice, abortion. We invite you and your students to join us in our nation's capital of Ottawa for our National March for Life events taking place from May 7-9, 2025.

Our goal is to achieve protection for all human beings from the moment of conception until natural death. To achieve this, we must change hearts and minds: those of mothers and fathers in difficult situations when an unplanned pregnancy occurs, of politicians who are afraid to stand up for the rights of children before birth, of doctors who offer abortion as the answer to social, mental, physical, or economic crises, and of loved ones who may encourage a woman to gravely sin, disobeying the Lord's Fifth Commandment, as given to Moses at Sinai, by killing her unborn child in the womb.

Your presence as Christian educators and students is a calling from Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who in His purest love for children, the most innocent among us, commanded His apostles, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This trip planner was created for your benefit, to make organizing a trip to attend our events as simple as possible. If you require any additional guidance, do not hesitate to contact us. We deeply appreciate your dedication to Catholic education and promoting Catholic values to the next generation of leaders. We ask you to pray for the success of the National March for Life in Ottawa, the many regional Marches across the country, and for an end to the violence that is abortion.

For life,

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National March for Life Youth Organizers



DATES AND EVENTS



PRO-LIFE MASSES & PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesday, May 7th

7:30 pm – Mass, St. Theresa Parish

9 pm – **Candlelight Vigil, The Canadian Tribute to Human Rights Monument**

Every year, hundreds gather to pray for victims of abortion and to listen to personal testimonies.

10 pm – 12 am Eucharistic Adoration, St. Theresa Parish

Thursday, May 8th

10 am – Mass, St. Patrick's Basilica

10 am – Bilingual Mass, Notre Dame Cathedral

10 am – Latin Mass, St. Clement Parish



RALLY AND MARCH THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

Rally on the Hill

12:30 pm

Thousands will gather on Parliament Hill to call upon Parliament to protect the human rights of all human beings – born and preborn.

March for Life

1:30 pm

Silent No More Testimonies

2:45 pm

Closing Prayer Service

3:45 pm - Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute



ROSE DINNER

Thursday, May 8th, evening (time TBA)

Ottawa Conference and Events Centre

Ticketed Event - Students: \$75.00

YOUTH SUMMIT

Friday, May 9th, full day (9:30 AM - 2:45 PM)

Ottawa Conference and Events Centre

Students: \$75.00 Adults: \$85.00

Group discounts available

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.
To purchase, go to marchforlife.ca. or reach out to maeve@campaignlifecoalition.com to place a group ticket order.

**Please note that all these events are subject to change.
Visit marchforlife.ca for up-to-date information.**

PLANNING CHECKLIST

- Draft your itinerary with the help of dates and times listed herein.
- Determine your ideal group size, projected costs per person, and fundraising goals. Consider how many your bus can accommodate.
- Create a trip information page for participants, including a permission letter for minors. Be sure to state that your information is subject to change.
- Advertise and sign up participants. (See tips on page 6.)
- Raise funds. (See tips on page 6.)
- Confirm attendance and solidify the number of participants.
- Purchase Rose Dinner or Youth Banquet & Summit tickets.
- Arrange lodging. (See suggestions on next page.)
- Arrange transportation. (See suggestions on next page.)
- Make an appointment for your group to meet with your MP while you're in Ottawa to ask him/her to support pro-life initiatives.
- Share your experience using #marchforlife and #whywemarch on social media.

OPTIONS FOR BUSES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

BUSES

Visit: www.marchforlife.ca/bus-schedule/
(For info on registered buses travelling to the March for Life.)

www.bus.com
(Only available in certain cities in Ontario.)

Great Canadian Coaches
www.greatcanadiancoaches.com/groups/#school

Coach Canada
www.coachcanada.com/charters

Badder Bus
www.badderbus.com



ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn by Hilton Ottawa
www.hilton.com/en/hotels/yowcnhx-hampton-ottawa/

Courtyard by Marriott Ottawa East
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yowoe-courtyard-ottawa-east/

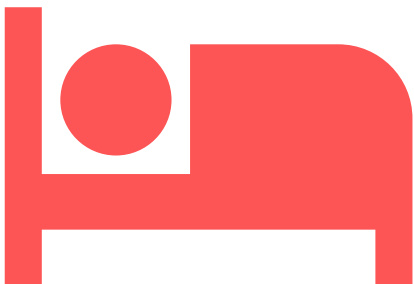
Holiday Inn Ottawa East
www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/ottawa/yowoe/hoteldetail?

Capital Hill Hotel and Suites
www.capitalhill.com

Adam's Airport Inn
<https://www.adamsairportinn.com/>

University of Ottawa Residence
www.uottawa.ca/housing/summer-accommodation/group-reservations

Airbnb (for smaller groups)
www.airbnb.ca



GROUP RATE BOOKING: PROWAY TOURS

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THURSDAY May 8 , 2025 OTTAWA, ONTARIO

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Proway Tours has provided bus transportation for schools, group and churches over the last 16 years to the March for Life Rally in Ottawa. (Last year, an estimated 25,000 pro-lifers assembled on Parliament Hill and marched through downtown Ottawa to inform Canadians that we are the only western nation with no protection for the unborn.)

We are one of the largest providers of motor coach charter bus services across Canada. We have been in business for more than 25 years and we pride ourselves in providing our customers with the ultimate customer service. We offer you quality, accessibility, and flexibility with one of the largest and most modern fleet of motor coaches in Canada. Whether it is our 47 or 56 passenger deluxe motor coaches, we are confident your group requirements and high standards will be met, while keeping costs competitive!!! (Safety and reliability are two of the most important factors to us when servicing our Student Groups)

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Whether you need us for a 1 day trip or a multiday tour to Ottawa, allow us to provide competitive pricing along with exceptional service. (one call does it all!) We're confident that we will exceed your expectations of a ground transportation supplier.

Please contact Doug at 416 503 0204 or our toll free number 1-866 318 0771 to plan this seasons March for Life Rally and receive your special group rates.



TIPS TO INCREASE TURNOUT AND FUNDING!

The process isn't as daunting as it seems!
Remember that you can draw participants from not only your group, but surrounding schools and churches. Below are some suggestions that can help you increase attendance and secure financial aid.

See if local church communities are sending a bus and if they would be willing to collaborate with yours to save on costs.

Register your bus with Campaign Life Coalition, and let us know how many empty seats you have. We'll suggest your bus as a possibility for people who call.

Contact neighbouring pro-life groups to see if you can join forces to open your bus up to more people and to lower costs.

Promote March for Life speakers and events individually in the months leading up to the March via social media and email to increase interest.

Approach churches and service groups like the Knights of Columbus for additional financial support.

Hold fundraisers to help defray costs and raise awareness.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT YOUR NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE ORGANIZERS

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To purchase tickets for the Rose Dinner or Youth Summit go to www.marchforlife.ca.

