

Raise your hand...



...if you're Pro-Life!

### Did you know that...

- Over 100,000 abortions take place in Canada every year; over 13,000 in Alberta.
- Prior to 1969, all abortions were illegal in Canada.
- Canada is one of the few countries in the world that has no legal restrictions on abortion. A preborn child can be aborted at any stage of pregnancy.
- The heart begins to beat at 22 days after conception. All major organs are present and developing in the embryo at eight weeks.
- Up to 49 days of pregnancy, poison, such as methotrexate or misoprostol, is injected to induce an abortion. The poison causes the uterus to contract and expel the embryo or fetus.

- Between 6-8 weeks of pregnancy, most abortions are performed by suction aspiration. A suction machine is used to tear the baby into small pieces, which are sucked through a tube into a collection bottle.
- After 12 weeks of pregnancy, the Dilation and Evacuation (D & E) method is used. A plier-like instrument is used to seize a leg, arm, or other part of the baby, and with a twisting motion, tears it from the body. The skull is crushed and pulled out.
- After 20 weeks, a preborn baby in the womb feels the pain of being torn apart or injected with poison.
- Almost 600 preborn children are aborted every year at 21+ weeks of pregnancy (after the 7th month).
- Abortions in Canada are provided on request and funded by Medicare, at the expense of taxpayers.
- Canadians will pay for campaigns to legalize abortion in dozens of countries under our federal Liberal government's \$650 million, three-year commitment to implement "sexual and reproductive health and rights" worldwide.
- Since June 2016, when Canada legalized assisted suicide (euthanasia), in three years, over 8,000 Canadians ended their lives with medical help.
- Canadian law does not protect conscience rights for medical professionals.
- Only about 20% of Canada's population has access to palliative care. 90% of doctors working in palliative care in Canada oppose euthanasia.
- According to a recent survey, paediatricians are increasingly being asked by parents to euthanize disabled or dying children and infants.
- In Belgium, nearly 1 in 20 deaths is due to euthanasia. According to three recent stud-

ies: 32% of all euthanasia deaths were done without explicit request; 47% of all euthanasia deaths were not reported as euthanasia. Nurses are euthanizing their patients, even though the Belgium law limits the act of euthanasia to doctors only.

### Human Life is Sacred

Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, Who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstances claim for themselves the right directly to destroy an innocent human being (CCC, 2258).

### Contact Your MLA

Write a letter or make or visit your MLA before the March for Life. *Stay informed.* In upcoming elections, whether provincial or federal, find out which candidates are pro-life. Cast your ballot in favour of life! To find the address for your MLA, visit [www.campaignlife-coalition.com/voting-records/level/mpp/province/ab](http://www.campaignlife-coalition.com/voting-records/level/mpp/province/ab)

### Pray for Life

#### Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

God, we thank You for Your love which has given us life, a sacred gift from the moment of conception to our natural last breath. Guide us in our journey of life so that all people here and throughout the world will become instruments of Your eternal love to reverence the sanctity of all human life. Amen. — *Composed by Peter Kruczko, Love Life Ribbon Foundation*

**Code of Conduct:** *The Alberta March for Life Association does not allow any abortion imagery within, at, or surrounding our event in order to avoid disturbing the attendees. Representatives for the association will request that anyone displaying such images remove them from the event immediately, which includes the areas at which the event occurs (Alberta Legislature).*



13th Annual

# Alberta March for Life

Human Rights  
For All Human Life!

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Starting at the Alberta Legislature  
10800-97th Avenue, Edmonton

12:30 PM

# Alberta March for Life

## *What is the March for Life?*

The March for Life is a peaceful and inspiring demonstration that gives witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The right to life is a basic human right. In defence of that right, every year in May, women, men, young people and children gather to **CELEBRATE LIFE**. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death!

## *When and where will it take place?*

The Alberta March for Life will take place on **Thursday, May 14, 2020**. Pro-lifers will gather for a rally at 12:30 PM, before the Alberta Legislative building; and then march through the downtown area, escorted by Edmonton police and volunteer marshals, who keep the route safe and clear.



## *How did the March begin?*

The first Alberta March for Life took place in May 2008, as a small peaceful demonstration of about 400 people. Today, almost 4,000 people participate, representing Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Grand Prairie, St. Paul, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, and Lloydminster.

## *What does the March accomplish?*

The March for Life proclaims the pro-life message to provincial legislators, the media, pedestrians, and the general public. It informs and raises pro-life awareness; it inspires and encourages people to take action.

## *Who organizes it?*

The event is organized by *The Alberta March for Life Association*, an independent pro-life group whose **mission** is to promulgate the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death and the dignity of disabled people.

*The March for Life* is supported by the five Catholic Bishops of Alberta, who annually attend and participate.



## *Shall I bring my family?*

Yes! Bring your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Invite your relatives, other families, parishioners and friends.

## *Do I need to register to attend?*

No. However, if you do register, it helps us to know some numbers ahead of time to plan the March logistically. To register your attendance, visit our website: [albertamarchforlife.com](http://albertamarchforlife.com)

## *Should I book a bus?*

If you are larger organizing a group from a school or parish, you might consider booking a bus. If you are worried about not being able to fill a bus, invite other groups, schools or churches in your area. If you are bringing a busload of marchers, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can reserve a bus parking spot for you downtown.

## *How can I help?*

For more information, contact us at: 780-807-8972; [albertamarchforlife@gmail.com](mailto:albertamarchforlife@gmail.com); [albertamarchforlife.com](http://albertamarchforlife.com) (website); [twitter@MarchForLife3](https://twitter.com/MarchForLife3); [facebook@abMLA](https://facebook.com/abMLA). Donations are gratefully accepted: The Alberta March for Life Association, P.O. Box 4004, Edmonton, AB, T6E 4S8.

## EVENTS

### *Saturday, March 7, 2020*

- **Pasta Supper and Silent Auction Fundraiser, 5:30 PM**  
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Basilica  
10044—113th Street NW, Edmonton  
Tickets: \$20 per person, are available through the Knights of Columbus, CWL members or call 780-807-8972

### *Monday, May 11, 2020*

- **Prayer Service for the Sanctity of Human Life, 7:00 PM**  
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral  
10825—97th Street NW, Edmonton

### *Thursday, May 14, 2020*

- **Pro-Life Mass, 10:00 AM**  
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Basilica  
10044—113th Street NW, Edmonton

## RALLY AND MARCH

### *Thursday, May 14, 2020*

- Gathering at the Alberta Legislature, 12 NOON
- **Opening Prayer and Speeches, 12:30 PM**
- **March for Life, 1:15 PM**; Led by the Knights of Columbus, and police escort
- Closing Remarks and Prayer, 2:00 PM

## *Speakers*

**Rev. Father Dean Dowle**, *Master of Ceremonies*, Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, Alberta,

**Sarah Joy Walker**

**Alberta Bishops** — *Representative TBA*

**Physicians for Life** — *Representative TBA*

**Priests for Life** — *Representative TBA*

**Vince Reyes**, State Deputy (Provincial President), Knights of Columbus, Alberta-NWT State

**Judy Look**, President, Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council, The Catholic Women's League of Canada

**Oratory Contest Champion 2020** — *Winner to be announced*