

# 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 of all abilities, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

## Why celebrate?

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).

## What does the March accomplish?

The March for Life proclaims the pro-life message to provincial legislators, the media, and the general public. There is an annual peaceful outdoor march and rally where invited speakers raise pro-life awareness to inspire and encourage people to take action and be a voice for the voiceless.

## Who organizes it?

Since 2008, the event has been organized by *The Alberta March for Life Association* and is supported by the Catholic Bishops of Alberta.

## Shall I bring my family?

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

## How may I help?

Join the March for Life!

Be a presence for the power of life!

Be a voice of hope for the voiceless!

Donate your time! Donate your money!

Give of your talents and volunteer!

Join a pro-life group!

Pray.

Words like 'termination', 'choice', 'women's rights', and 'dying with dignity' are deceptive, leading us deeper into a culture of death. Unfortunately, manipulative messaging creates a false sense of relief from suffering.

We need to grow a Culture of Life. Let your pro-life beliefs compel your heart to love and act justly. Participating in the March for Life is a powerful way to witness to our neighbours our grave concerns that their short-term relief brings even more long-term suffering in their lives.

Bring your convictions and heartfelt hope to strengthen the community of love and life.

## How may I contact AMLA?

To obtain more information contact us at the following:

Email: [albertamarchforlife@gmail.com](mailto:albertamarchforlife@gmail.com)

Phone: 780-812-9340

Website: [albertamarchforlife.com](http://albertamarchforlife.com)

Facebook: [facebook@abMLA](https://www.facebook.com/abMLA)

Donations are gratefully accepted:

The Alberta March for Life Association  
P.O. Box 4004, Edmonton, Alberta  
T6E 4S8

Or use Paypal with the link on our website

Or send an e-transfer to

[albertamarchforlife@gmail.com](mailto:albertamarchforlife@gmail.com)



## EVENTS

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

**Pasta Supper Fundraiser and  
Sister Elizabeth's Bake Table, 5:30 PM**

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Basilica  
10044-113 Street NW, Edmonton  
Tickets: \$25 per person. Children under ten, free.  
Available through the Knights of Columbus,  
CWL members or call 780-812-9340

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

**Prayer Service for the Sanctity of Human Life,  
7:00 PM**

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral  
10825-97th Street NW, Edmonton

**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**Pro-Life Mass, 10:00 AM**

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Basilica,  
10044 - 113 Street NW, Edmonton

## RALLY

**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**Gathering at the Alberta Legislature,  
12 Noon**

Supervised/controlled by Alberta Sheriffs and  
Knights of Columbus

Opening Prayer and Speeches, 12:30 PM

Closing Remarks and Prayer 2:00 PM

### Speakers

Reverend Dean Dowle, Master of Ceremonies

Catholic Bishops of Alberta

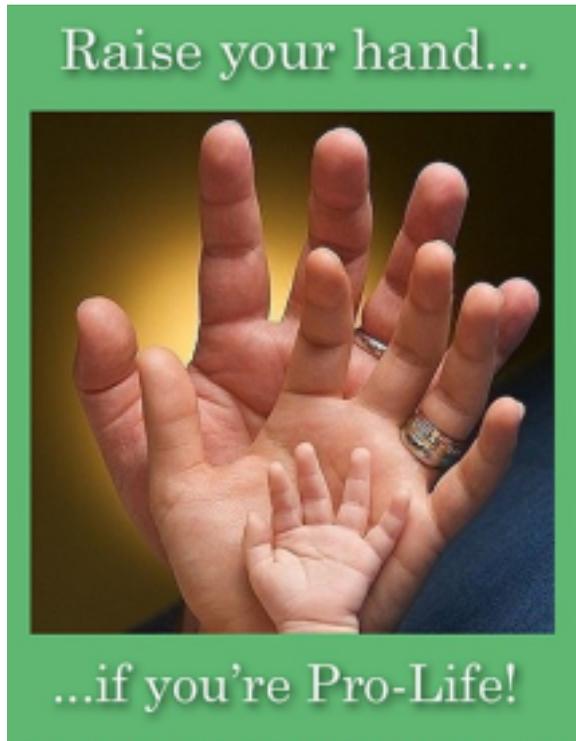
Speaker TBA

Sarah Joy Walker, Youth Speaker

Judy Look, President Alberta MacKenzie CWL

Ferdie Mendita, State Deputy,  
Knights of Columbus, Alberta-NWT

Pro Life Group Leaders - Introduction to the focus  
of other Pro Life groups who are active all year  
round.



### **Did you know...**

- Over 100,000 abortions take place in Canada every year; over 13,000 in Alberta
- 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.
- Almost 600 preborn children are aborted every year after the seventh 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 government's \$650 million three year commitment to implement "sexual and reproductive health and rights" worldwide.

### **Abortion: Did you know...**

- 22 days - The heart begins to beat at 22 days after conception. All major organs are present and developing in the embryo at eight weeks.
- 7 weeks - Up to 7 weeks of pregnancy, poison is injected to induce an abortion. The poison causes the uterus to contract and expel the embryo or fetus.
- 6-8 weeks - Up to 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.
- 12 weeks - After 12 weeks of pregnancy, the Dilation and Evacuation (D and 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.
- 20 weeks - After 20 weeks, a preborn baby in the womb feels the pain of being torn apart.

### **Euthanasia: Did you know...**

- Between June 2016, when Canada legalized assisted suicide (euthanasia), and June 2019, 13,946 Canadians ended their lives with medical help.
- 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 survey conducted by the *Canadian Paediatric Society*, pediatricians are increasingly being asked by parents to euthanize disabled or dying children and infants.

### **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*

### **Contact Your MLA**

Write a letter or make a visit to your MLA. Stay informed. In upcoming elections, whether provincial or federal, find out which candidates are pro-life. Cast your ballot always in favour of life!

### **Code of Conduct**

1. When faced with opposition or protesters, please respond with respect and civility.
2. 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 anyone displaying such images remove them from the event immediately.

### **Where can I park?**

A parking lot is located on 106st, east of the Legislature. If you are bringing a bus, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can reserve a bus parking spot for you.



## **All Lives Matter: From Conception to Natural Death**

**15th Annual  
Alberta March for Life  
Thursday, May 12, 2022**

The Alberta Legislature  
10800-97th Avenue, Edmonton  
12:30PM  
albertamarchforlife.com