

Washington State March for Life

Dear Marcher for Life,

On Tuesday, January 17, 2012, the 34th annual March for Life and Rally will be held in Olympia at Noon. We come to witness that all life is sacred and worthy of all protection under the law. We meet on the Capitol steps to remind our elected and appointed government officials of their duty to protect human life in all its stages, and promote respect and dignity for all.

We come to remember the 39th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade—the January 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision that decriminalized abortion, took away the rights of millions of innocent children, and led the way to an era of death. Even before that landmark decision, in 1970, the people of our state passed Referendum 20 - making Washington the only state that has passed abortion-on -demand by a vote of the people. It is more important than ever to make our voice heard.

We gather on the Capitol Campus to show that the Culture of Life brings hope. Changing hearts and changing lives, one at a time, we are turning the tide in the state of Washington. You are needed in Olympia. Come by car, bus, or van. Bring a friend, a church group, a civic or campus group. Carry a red rose, the symbol of the pro-life movement and the victims of abortion. You are encouraged to bring a sign identifying the area you come from or the group represented. When you arrive, please send a designated representative to our information/check-in area near the front of the procession line. We want to acknowledge your group and provide you with a program of the day's events.

On the morning of the March, red roses will be delivered to our legislators and governor on behalf of our State's pro-lifers. Each and every elected official will be invited to join us on the Capitol steps. We encourage you to arrange a visit with your legislators before or after the March. You may want to designate someone as a spokesperson for your group. Please encourage and thank those who vote pro-life.

Planning your trip to the March: Please be aware that we do not arrange or coordinate buses or other transportation. We do like to know the groups of pro-lifers who stand with us on the Capitol steps. Please feel free to email or call us prior to January 16, so we can be looking for you. Passengers can be dropped-off at the Capitol Campus and then cars or buses can be parked in various areas around the Capitol. Visit http://www.ga.wa.gov/Park/visitor.htm to learn more. According to the terms of our permit, there can be no solicitations of any sort on the Campus. Please do not violate our permit.

Help Us! March for Life is run by volunteers and costs are rising. Money is needed to cover the costs of the annual event and year-round related activities. Contributions may be payable to Washington State March for Life and sent to P.O. Box 64275, University Place, WA 98464.

Call or email us if you have questions about the March in Olympia, WA or the National March in Washington, D.C., on Monday, January 23, 2012. We can be reached at 253-564-1497 and at our website, www.washingtonmarchforlife.org.

Thank you for your prayers and support. I look forward to marching with you on January 17, 2012.

Yours for Life,

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