



N A T I O N A L
**MARCH
FOR LIFE**
MAY 8, 2025
**PARLIAMENT HILL,
OTTAWA**



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2025 SCHEDULE

MAY 6 - 9

SELECT SUNDAYS

LIFE ON FILM SERIES - 8PM ET

Watch screenings on
[youtube.com/MarchForLife
Canada](https://youtube.com/MarchForLifeCanada)

TUESDAY, MAY 6

SONGS FOR LIFE COFFEE HOUSE 7 PM

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
20 Fairmont Ave, Ottawa
Free Admission + Baby Item
Drive/Free Will Offering

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL HUMAN RIGHTS MONUMENT - 9 PM

Pro-life Mass at 7:30 pm
St Theresa Church
95 Somerset St W followed
by candlelight procession
to monument
Holy Hour 10 pm - 11 pm
(St Theresa Church)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

MASSES - 10 AM

National Mass for Life - Notre
Dame Cathedral - Bilingual
(385 Sussex Dr)
St Clement - Latin
(528 Old St Patrick St)
Check website for more
prayer services

RALLY & MARCH ON PARLIAMENT HILL

12:30 pm - Rally on the Hill
1:30 pm - March downtown
Ottawa
2:30 pm - Silent No More
Awareness Testimonies
3:00 pm - Closing Prayer
Service: Metropolitan Andrey
Sheptytsky Institute

PRO-LIFE EXPO*

THURSDAY, MAY 8

5 - 6:30 pm & 9 - 11 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 9

8 am - 4 pm

FREE to attend!

THURSDAY, MAY 8

ROSE DINNER GALA*

Reception 5 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

TICKETS: \$150/person
Early Bird \$125 ends April 7th
Youth 18 and younger - \$75

SPEAKER:

EMILY STIMPSON CHAPMAN



Emily is a wife, mother, &
best-selling author. She
will be addressing what it
means to offer human beings
protection at conception,
including rejecting IVF and
abortion, even in the midst of
challenging personal struggles
like infertility.

NEW

FRIDAY, MAY 9

SAVE THE BABIES LEADERS SUMMIT*

9 am - 3:45 pm

TICKETS: \$20

Bringing together grassroots
activists from across the coun-
try to set out a plan to save
the babies through political,
legal, and cultural change.
Please note this summit is
for adults and registration is
capped at 100 attendees.

YOUTH SUMMIT*

UNWAVERING: PROTECTING EVERY LIFE

9:30 am - 2:45 pm

Optional Mass - 8 am

TICKETS: \$75 Youth**

\$85 General Admission

SPEAKERS:

MAYRA RODRIGUEZ



Former Planned
Parenthood Clinic
Manager turned Pro-Life
Activist and Whistleblower

FR. CALVIN ROBINSON



Fr. Robinson is a priest
and broadcaster
(LotusEaters.com)
and pro-life free speech
advocate

*Ottawa Conference & Events Centre (200 Coventry Road, Ottawa)

**Group discounts available

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IMPORTANT:

The May 7 Press Conference will be posted on CLC's X channel around noon that same day.
Please visit: <https://x.com/CampaignLife>

The May 7 Candle Light Vigil and the National March for Life will be live streamed by EWTN. This is a great way to follow these events from a distance.
Please visit: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/canada>

Photos from all events will be available at CLC's Flickr account shortly after events.
Please visit: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/campaignlife/>

Go to <https://marchforlife.ca/> for details about all events.

Please contact CLC's Comms Director Pete Baklinski for interview requests.
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Backgrounder: Questions and answers about abortion in Canada

Does a woman have the right to choose abortion in Canada?

No, there exists no court-defined or Charter right to abortion in Canada. Abortion was first decriminalized in 1969. Prior to this, committing an abortion was a crime (homicide) under the Criminal Code. In *R. v. Morgentaler*, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada made its landmark decision to throw out the 1969 abortion law on the basis that it was “unconstitutional,” ruling that the law’s detailed criteria for obtaining an abortion violated a woman’s Charter right to “security of the person.”

Neither the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms nor the Supreme Court of Canada established a right to abortion. The Supreme Court tasked Parliament in 1988 with creating a new law. This never happened, though an attempt was made in 1989 with the flawed Bill C-43 (An Act respecting abortion). Abortion in Canada still persists in a legal vacuum to this day, leaving the pre-born with no legal protection.

Is there such a thing as a “safe” abortion in Canada?

No, abortion results in the death of the child inside his or her mother’s womb. Abortion is never safe for the pre-born baby and poses serious risks to the woman’s physical and/or psychological well-being.

Is it only the woman’s body that matters when it comes to abortion?

No, there is also the body of the pre-born child that has DNA, brainwaves, and a heartbeat separate from the mother. If the child is male, he also has male testicles. His male organ cannot be part of the “woman’s body.” A new unique human life begins at conception, when sperm meets egg. The newly conceived human being needs only time and space for the miracle of his or her life to unfold. If a woman aborted her own body, she would be dead.

Should preborn children be protected in Canada?

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms states that “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person.” Canadian law deliberately excludes humans in the womb, stating that a child only “becomes a human being” when it has “completely proceeded [...] from the body of its mother.” This legal fiction is not only bad science, but it blatantly denies humanity to the pre-born, stripping them of their right to life. This is discrimination based on age and based on location. It is unjust. It is wrong. Because of this legal definition, abortion is permitted throughout all 9 months of pregnancy, for any reason or no reason whatsoever, up to the moment of birth.

Are there alternatives to abortion in Canada?

Yes, there is the option of adoption and there is also the option of parenting. There are about 150 pregnancy care centres across Canada to help women in numerous ways, including providing diapers, baby clothes, food items, housing, and a community that supports them. These groups exist to help meet pregnant women’s physical, emotional, legal, and spiritual needs throughout their pregnancy and following the birth of their child. They are a wonderful and needed resource in our country. Prime Minister Trudeau is moving to remove charitable status from these organization which could cripple many of them.

Do some women regret abortion?

Yes, there are groups such as [Silent No More Awareness](#) which provides a space where women who have had abortions tell their real-life stories about how it negatively impacted them. Numerous post-abortive women make clear the devastation that abortion brings to both women and men. There are many pro-life groups that seek to bring healing to post-abortive women who want help, such as [Rachel’s Vineyard](#) along with [Silent No More Awareness](#). Medical research organizations such as the [deVeber Institute](#) collect and publish information on the negative impact of abortion. Dismissing abortion regret is to ignore the lived experience of numerous hurting women.

Please check out Campaign Life Coalition’s Canadian Facts about Abortion webpage [here](#).