

## Pulpit Announcement for March for Life UK/Lifefest 18

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. To date approximately 9 million unborn babies have legally been put to death in the UK since the law was passed. This is the foundation for the theme of this year's March for Life UK: '50 years too long, 9 million lives too many'. This year we want to encourage you to take some responsibility for changing this country for the better and what better way to start than by attending March for Life.

If you've never attended a March for Life before then here's what to expect: In the morning there are Masses/Christian services available for those who wish to attend them which are taking place around London. LifeFest 18 starts early at 9.30 in The Da Vere Connaught Rooms. Throughout the morning there will be multiple workshops going on that will educate, illuminate and motivate you into becoming more pro-actively pro-life. There will be pro-life educational stalls, live music, a prayer room that will have the 'cross-of-life', prayer ministry and confessions. A pro-life children's craft area with face-painting for the children (and adults), pro-life merchandise, and other surprises to be unveiled on the day. The morning festival will finish at 1.00 which will then lead straight on to the BIG MARCH. We will have a joy filled 'march' through the streets of Westminster proclaiming our central message of 'Life from conception – No exception' before we come together for a time of reflection and our keynote speakers in Parliament Square.

To be pro-life is to be pro-active about what we believe. Maybe you are not quite sure whether you are pro-life yet or have a few niggling questions . . . then come to March for Life as you will have your questions answered and your doubts put to flight. Maybe you have never done anything pro-life before . . . then come to March for Life as this is an easy way to start and once you get there you will find plenty of ideas of how to continue some pro-life activity. Maybe you used to do pro-life work but have had a break . . . then come to March for Life and let this be the year you take up the baton again - everyone is needed whatever your age or skills. Maybe you already participate in pro-life work . . . then March for Life is for you because all the pro-life groups from across the UK will be coming together as one voice.

So, how can you help?

Come to this years Lifefest and be a voice for the voiceless! If you can come together as a group or parish even better! Donating money to March fro Life will not only aid us in our mission to create culture of life, but it will save lives! Any amount no matter how small or big will be greatly appreciated. Link with us via our website marchforlife.co.uk or our social media platforms. Lastly and most importantly could you pray for us, our work is for the Glory of God, we can do nothing without His help!

Thank you.

<sup>&</sup>quot;You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion."
— Pope St John Paul II