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Coast-to-Coast for the Unborn

espite the weather forecast on Jan. 22, pro-lifers came out in droves — in church groups, campus contingents and the like, from near and far — witnessing to the value of all life at the March for Life in Washington.

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Washington: The 43rd annual March for Life rally featured a variety of speakers, including Super Bowl champion Matt Birk and Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina.

Tens of Thousands

3,500

St. Paul, Minn.: About 3,500 people gathered at the prayer service before the march at the Minnesota Capitol Mall.

5,000

15,000

Chicago: "The womb should not be their tomb," Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich said, condemning the abortion culture during the city's March for Life.

Los Angeles: At the second annual OneLife LA march on Jan. 23 in Los Angeles, speakers included Archbishop Jose Gomez and actress Patricia Heaton.

50,000

7,500

Dallas: Participants marched in

San Francisco: Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone addressed pilgrims during the Walk for Life West Coast on Jan. 23.

the city that gave America its infamous abortion rulings 43 years ago.

"A woman's capacity to have a child is an incredible, beautiful and amazing thing. It's

— March for Life President Jeanne Mancini, reflecting on the theme of this year's event — "Pro-Life and Pro-Woman Go Hand in Hand" — in a conversation with Catholic News Agency, the Register's wire service.

something inherent to women."

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SNOWY MARCH. Thousands attend the March for Life in Washington Jan. 22, ahead of the historic snowfall, with signs and banners held high. Jeffrey Bruno photo

'ABORTION HURTS WOMEN.' Balloons herald a banner at Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on Jan. 23. Darwin Sayo photo



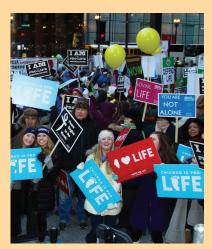


TOGETHER FOR LIFE. Couples for Christ participate in the Dallas Rally for Life at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas on Jan. 16. Diocese of Dallas Catholic Pro-Life Committee photo

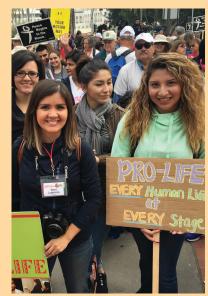
STOP SIGNS.
High-school
students from
St. Agnes High
School in St.
Paul, Minn.,
attend the Minnesota March
for Life at the
Minnesota Capitol on Jan. 22.
Susan Klemond photo







ILLINOIS 'HEARTS' LIFE. Signs show support for the unborn at March for Life Chicago on Jan. 17. March for Life Chicago photo



4 LIFE. Pro-lifers show their creativity for the cause at OneLife LA on Jan. 23. Archdiocese of Los Angeles photo

