2020
MARCH FOR LIFE
CHICAGO CONVENTION

COORDINATOR’S PACKET
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NEWS & MEDIA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Each year, the March for Life Chicago has an increasingly enormous impact. The joyful message of the March echoes locally, nationally, and internationally. The March for Life Chicago has frequently attracted widespread coverage from the media. The news stations, networks, and publication companies who have either wrote about or broadcasted the event to the public are the following:

TELEVISION

- abc7
- FOX News Channel
- NBC
- CBS
- EWTN Global Catholic Network
- Chicago's Very Own WGN 9

PRINT / ONLINE CIRCULATION

- Business Insider
- Chicago Tribune
-WND
- Chicago Sun-Times
- LifeSite
- Charisma News
- Medill Reports Chicago
- LifeNews.com
- National Catholic Reporter
- Chicago Reader
- CRUX

RADIO

- One News Now
- Moody Radio
- Relevant Radio
ABOUT THE MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO

The March for Life Chicago is an annual event that takes place during the month of January. It is held near the anniversary of the tragic day on which the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion in the United States in 1973. Thousands of people from diverse ethnic, social, and religious backgrounds come together and march through the streets of downtown Chicago, commemorating the many innocent lives lost after this decision. Through marching, they share a message of love for life, hoping to reclaim for our state and nation the respect that all life deserves and promote a culture that values life, from the moment of conception until natural death.

VISION

We mark with deep sadness the great tragedy of the legalization of abortion in the United States along with the devastating social, moral, and legal consequences that have followed. Marching together in hope, we call upon religious, civic, and community leaders to renew every effort to build a nation that affirms the authentic dignity of women, the gift of children, and a culture dedicated to protecting life at every state of development in law and love.

PURPOSE

Our purpose is to provide an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social, and religious backgrounds dedicated to defending and protecting all human life.
ABOUT THE MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO CONVENTION

In 7 years, the March for Life Chicago grew from 150 to 8,000 marchers!
Building upon this, the March for Life Chicago board recognized the opportunity to further active marchers. The board also needed a path to build its future to keep up with the growth.

Leading in solving this need and opportunity, weDignify stepped up to create the inaugural March for Life Chicago Convention to connect marchers to protect life! This collaborative event offers something for many ages. From a youth rally in the morning to a banquet and dancing in the evening, you won't want to miss this!

For 2020, the Convention has doubled the number of pro-life organizations involved in the March for Life Chicago and are drawing organizations from over 10 states!

ABOUT WEDIGNIFY

MISSION

weDignify teaches students how to effectively save lives on their campus. We mentor college students into skilled, virtuous, pro-life leaders, so they can build and nurture a culture of life on campus and in their future communities.

VISION

weDignify dreams beyond the tragedy of abortion and into a culture of life. We envision college campuses to be centers for a culture of life where people treat life with love, new life is welcomed with joy, and people suffering from abortion are led to healing hope.
2020 MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO MARCH & RALLY SPONSORS

Archdiocese of Chicago
Lake County Right to Life
Pro-Life Action League
weDignify
Couples for Christ – FFL
Illinois Right to Life
Orthodox Christians for Life
Southside Pregnancy Center
Thomas More Society
Relevant Radio
Spirit Juice
The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland
Aid for Women
Catholic Conference of Illinois
Diocese of Gary
Knights of Columbus
St. James Parish – A.H.
Students for Life of America
Holy Cross, Batavia
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary

Indiana Lake County Right to Life
Diocese of the Midwest Orthodox Church in America
Pro-Life Champions
Queen of All Saints Basilica Parish
Holy Name Cathedral
St. Clement Church
Old St. Patrick’s Church
Couples for Christ, Inc
St. Raphael. Naperville
St. Patrick Parish, Lemont
Holy Cross Parish -Deerfield
St. John Brebeuf Church
Our Lady Mother of the Church
St. Linus Pro-Life
Our Lady of Lourdes
St. Patrick Church (Lake Forest)
St. Joseph & St. Francis Xavier (Wilmette)
St. John Cantius
St. Mary of the Angels Church

BOLD = THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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weDignify
Illinois Right to Life
Moody Radio
Catholic Vote
Knights of Columbus Illinois State Council
Archdiocese of Chicago
Rest in His Arms
And Then There Were None
AAPLOG
Human Life International
twentyTHREE61
American Solidarity Party
Bethany Christian Services
Biking for Babies
Choose Life Marketing
Consistent Life Network
Crossroads Pro-Life

LIFE Runners
Liturgical Institute
Lutherans for Life
Priests for Life
Rehumanize International
Save The 1
Secular Pro-Life
Students for Life of America
Vision 2020
Wisconsin Right to Life
Women’s Care Center
The Women’s Center of Greater Chicagoland
Catholic Conference of IL
## EVENT INFORMATION

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### JANUARY 11, 2020

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<td>Dancing * &amp; Cocktails</td>
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*Requires Ticket Purchase

Registration for the Convention is free and required for entry. Tickets for the Banquet, Cocktail Hours & Dancing are available for purchase online at: [www.MarchForLifeChicagoConvention.org](http://www.MarchForLifeChicagoConvention.org).
**REGISTRATION**

To receive continuous updates on the 2020 March for Life Chicago Convention, sign up online for email updates!


**CONVENTION**

Meet incredible pro-life organizations from all over the U.S., including Abby Johnson’s And Then There Were None! Registration for the Convention is free and required for entry. Registration is available at the Convention at the Congress Plaza Hotel on January 11, 2020. We encourage you to register online for the Convention for fast and easy entry prior to January 11, 2020!

**BANQUET**

The Banquet at the March for Life Chicago Convention will feature a very exciting keynote and many special guests! The banquet builds both the future of the march and the movement by benefiting the March for Life Chicago and weDignify. This is your opportunity to connect with people around the Midwest and across the country!


**DANCING**

Join us for an evening of dancing to celebrate the joy of life! Enjoy music played by a wonderful band. Learn the steps of Swing from talented instructors. Ticket purchase is available online!
SPEAKERS

This year we have an exciting line-up of speakers coming to share their stories, experience and love for life! Speakers will be announced on the website!

The official March for Life Chicago website is: www.MarchForLifeChicago.org

The official March for Life Chicago Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/MarchForLifeChicago

CONGRESS PLAZA HOTEL

There is a special room block for travelers to the March for Life Chicago at the Congress Plaza Hotel.

EVENT HOTEL RATES

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To reserve rooms at the special March for Life Chicago Convention rate, visit http://bit.ly/MarchForLifeChicagoHotel. Booking rates and more information can be found online at the Congress Plaza Hotel website.

OTHER INFORMATION

Signs: We encourage you to bring your own signs! We will have official March for Life Chicago signs on a first come, first serve basis!

Families: The March for Life Chicago is a family friendly event.

Accommodations: The route for the March is all wheel chair accessible.
TOP 8 REASONS TO MARCH

1. The March for Life Chicago saved 2 babies! The March gave two young women, faced with unplanned pregnancies, the courage to choose Life!

2. In 2016, we reached an estimated 600,000+ people, through media coverage alone.

3. The March for Life Chicago brings together Midwest religious leaders and members of all faiths and cultures.

4. Attending the March for Life Chicago can increase your group’s attendance at the National March for Life in D.C. It’s a great first step to spark your group’s enthusiasm to attend the National March. (Pitch your pilgrimage to the 2020 National March for Life in D.C. to your group while on your way home from the 2020 March for Life Chicago.)

5. We’ve inspired communities throughout the nation to host their own marches for life.

6. The number of first-time marchers increases every year, giving more Midwesterners the opportunity to proudly display their pro-life values.

7. You can be a part of the largest pro-life event in the Midwest! Our goal is to increase the number of marchers from 8,000 to 10,000 this year.

8. Who doesn’t love dancing in the streets of Chicago during the middle of January? This is a great way to have fun with your friends and make new friends too.
TRANSPORTATION

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CTA)

Chicago Transit Authority maps and directions are available on Google Maps. More information about bus and train service in and around Chicago is available at www.transitchicago.com.

METRA

On weekends, the $10 Weekend Pass is good for unlimited rides on all Metra lines. All Metra lines end at two stations in Chicago. More information about Metra train service into Chicago is available at www.metrarail.com.

BUSES

Below are a couple of options. Be sure to mention that you are participating in March for Life Chicago. Important note: Please confirm parking information with your bus company ahead of time.

USA Bus Charter – Phone (800)979-4498
Tristate Travel – Phone (800)779-4869
Your local school bus company may also offer an affordable alternative.

Drop off

Convention: Congress Plaza hotel (520 S Michigan Ave- Michigan & Congress)
Convention runs from 8am-12:00pm & 3:00pm-5:30pm

March & Rally: Daley Plaza (on Clark between Randolph & Washington - approx. 101 N Clark)

Pick up

Congress Plaza Hotel (520 S. Michigan Ave - Michigan & Congress)
**PARKING**

**BUS PARKING**

Please ask your bus company for parking information. Parking may be available on East Congress Plaza Drive and on South Columbus Drive. This is at the discretion of the bus company.

**CHICAGO PARKING MAP**

The Chicago Parking Map is an easy and free guide to parking garage locations in the Chicagoland area. Visit [www.chicagoparkingmap.com](http://www.chicagoparkingmap.com) for more information.

**SPOT HERO**

Prepay and reserve your parking garage space or valet at discounted pricing with Spot Hero. Visit [www.spothero.com](http://www.spothero.com) or download the Spot Hero App for more information.

**CHICAGO PARKING METERS**

Chicago Parking Meters is a guide to Chicago’s on-street system, locations and rates. Visit [www.parkchicago.com](http://www.parkchicago.com) for more information.
CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SEE YOU AT THE MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO CONVENTION!