



AZ for Life March & Rally

Statement of Purpose

January 20, 2018 ■ Downtown Phoenix



As citizens of the pro-life State of Arizona, committed to unified support and action to celebrate and protect the sanctity of human life in our state and to be a model for our nation, we are marching to, and gathering at, our State's Capitol on January 20, 2018 for the following reasons:

1. We march to celebrate with gratitude the gift of life, a gift from our Creator, from whom we have received the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."
2. We march to mark this date, which 45 years ago, marked a radical departure from the duty of our nation to protect the first of these rights for the pre-born child. A decision which puts every human life on shaky legal ground, deeply damages the rule of law, and which the American people—certainly the people of Arizona!—have never accepted. Like the Dred Scott decision of 1857, which ruled that African Americans were property and lacked basic rights, Roe v. Wade cannot, in the end, stand. We mark this date with hope and confidence that a goodness remains in the American people to throw off this unjust law and to make abortion unthinkable as slavery is now unthinkable.
3. We march to acknowledge the pain inflicted on millions of women who have suffered physical and psychological harm as a result of their abortions, a reality that "legalizing the procedure" has done nothing to stop. We pledge to protect the safety and dignity of all women and to act so that women will not experience the tragedy and pain brought on by abortion. We also acknowledge the men who also have suffered lost fatherhood through the tragedy of an abortion decision. We resolve to do all we can to offer and provide hope and healing.
4. We march to engage memory. That we and our children and our children's children know the infamy of this date in U.S. history, the positive nature and vibrancy of the pro-life cause, and commit to prayerful actions to the overturning of this unjust law and a rebirth of a culture of life.
5. We march to stand in solidarity with all innocents whose lives are threatened. This includes our preborn brothers and sisters as well as the disabled and the elderly.
6. As we march, we commit to true compassion for those who are in crisis because of an unexpected pregnancy or family difficulty, supporting hope-filled alternatives to the tragic decision of abortion or euthanasia with our prayers, financial means and actions.
7. As we march, we pledge to call upon Almighty God for our legislators and leaders of government. Arizona is a strong pro-life state and will remain so under our watch.

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