

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 18th National March for Life will take place on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Ottawa. This year's theme is "When Faced with Hard Choices, LET LIFE WIN ✓." This yearly event for respect for life and family is one of the most important demonstrations held on Parliament Hill. Last year more than twenty-five thousand people, 80% of which were youth or young workers, participated in the march throughout downtown Ottawa.

The March for Life provides an ideal opportunity for all Catholics to come together in support of life. More than three and a half million abortions have been performed in our country since May 14,1969 when the Omnibus Bill was passed.

I invite all priests, deacons and lay faithful, especially the youth and teachers to participate. Coach buses will be leaving throughout the Diocese and to reserve your seating you are asked to contact the following:

Valley East - Contact Maurice Audette, 705-897-4429 Sudbury - Contact Thérèse St. Denis, 705-566-0707 Sturgeon Falls - Contact Richard St. Denis, 705-758-9547 North Bay - Contact North Bay Right to Life, 705-474-3666

Return time is approximately 10:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$20.00/person, however students are free. If you are physically unable to participate in the march, you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the entertainment on the grounds in front of the Parliament buildings.

I take this opportunity to thank the organizers of this event, and to all Pro-Life workers in our diocese who, day after day, give witness to our belief in the sacredness of life.

April 15, 2015 . Sudbury, ON †Jean-Louis Plouffe Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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