



# The Roman Catholic Archdiocese *of* Washington

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The Youth Rally and Mass for Life 2023 has been cancelled. After a consultation process that involved dialogue with other dioceses, ministry leaders and the partners who assist the Archdiocese in hosting the annual Rally and Mass, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington has decided not to move forward with hosting the larger multi-Diocese Rally.

During this consultation process, we heard from many dioceses who shared that they are turning their efforts to their state's March for Life now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned. We certainly support their local work and pray for their success.

For over twenty-five years, the Youth Rally and Mass for Life has blessed us with the opportunity to host and minister to thousands of our local youth and hundreds of thousands more from across our great nation.

As difficult a decision as it was to cancel, we encourage groups traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National March for Life at the National Mall and to attend the Vigil Mass at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please be sure to plan ahead accordingly for your carried items and transportation needs. Security restrictions are always heightened during large events in the city.

Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, would like to express his deepest gratitude for the support and participation of Archdiocesan youth and young people who traveled to Washington, D.C. over these past twenty-five years.

Cardinal Gregory invites youth from The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington parish and school groups to join him for a Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving at our Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle on January 20, 2023.

May God guide you, protect you and bless you always!

If you have any questions about the Youth Rally and Mass for Life, please contact Joaquin Trejo at 301-853-4467 or [trejoj@adw.org](mailto:trejoj@adw.org).