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Youth Mass for Life to Gather Young People for Celebration

*Witness talks, prayer, music and a conversation with Cardinal Robert McElroy
will highlight January 23 event*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Ahead of the annual March for Life, local Catholic youth will gather tomorrow, Friday, January 23, 2026, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC for a joyful celebration of life.

The morning will begin with music, prayer, witness talks, and an opportunity for participants to engage in a conversation with **Cardinal Robert McElroy**. The gathering will conclude with the celebration of Mass, with Cardinal McElroy serving as the principal celebrant. **Father Danny Morrison**, parochial vicar at the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md., will give the homily.

Media are welcome to attend in person or make use of the livestream for reporting purposes.

Livestream link

Youth Mass for Life

January 23, 2026

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

Schedule

- **7:30 a.m.** – Doors Open
- **8:00 a.m.** – Music, Reconciliation
- **8:30 a.m.** – Witness Talk
- **9:00 a.m.** – Conversation with Cardinal McElroy
- **9:20 a.m.** – Music
- **9:30 a.m.** – Mass

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is home to more than 655,000 Catholics, 140 parishes and 90 Catholic schools, located in Washington, D.C., and five Maryland counties: Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's.