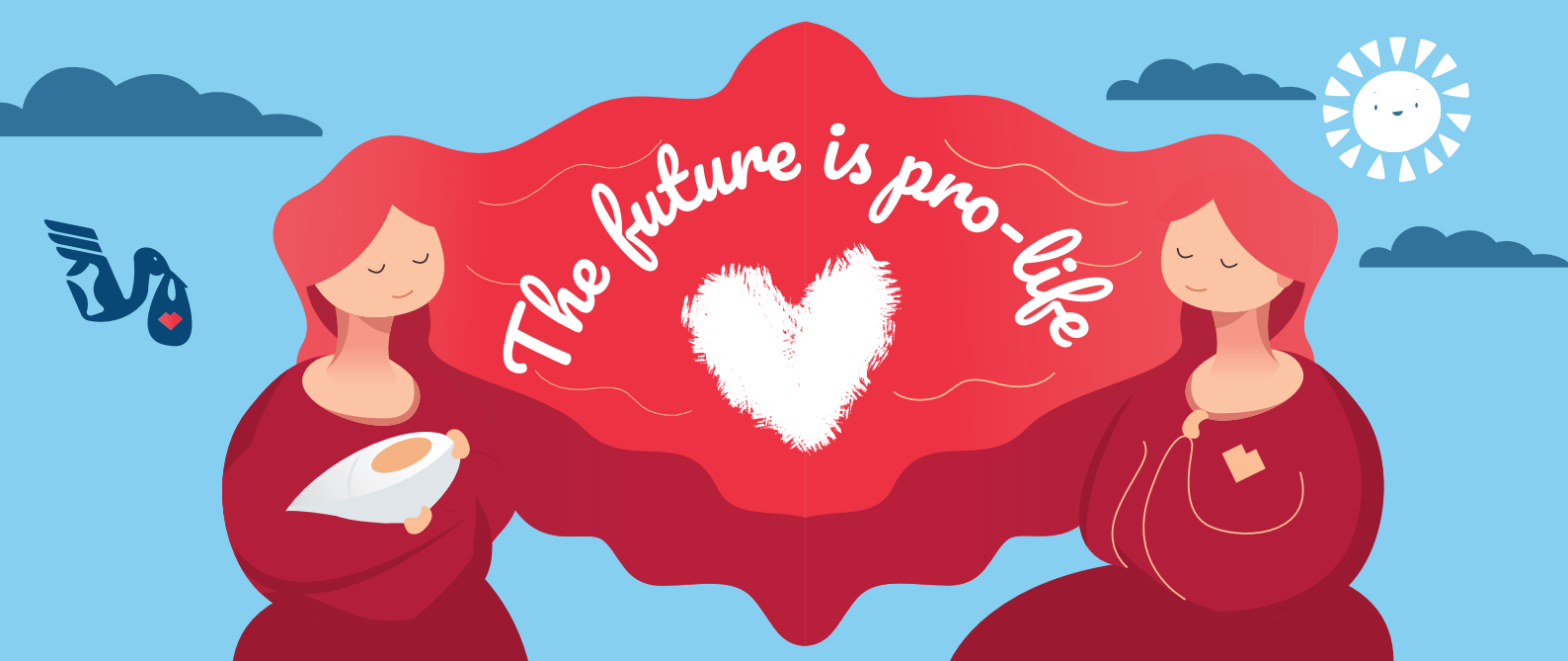


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The Month for Life 2023 runs from March 1 to March 31, culminating on Saturday, March 25, with the “The Future is Pro-Life” March for Life in Romania and the Republic of Moldova. This year marks the event’s thirteenth iteration in Romania.

The March is dedicated to preserving and safeguarding the lives of children from the time of conception. It strives to enhance society’s understanding of the full humanity of unborn children and the need to help women experiencing problems during pregnancy so they may give birth safely and confidently.

The inaugural March for Life was held in the United States fifty years ago. Then, throughout the years, Marches for Life have been conducted in most European and North American nations.





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March for Life - uninterrupted for half a century

On January 20, 2023, the 50th March for Life was held in Washington, DC, with 100,000 pro-life teenagers, youth, and adults in attendance.

Lynn Fitch, who won last year's lawsuit in which the US Supreme Court reinstated states' ability to establish their own abortion regulations, emphasised in her statement that the March for Life's journey has not ended.

The first March for Life was organised on January 22, 1974, after the Supreme Court forced all US states to legalise abortion on demand in the Roe v. Wade decision of January 22, 1973. Lynn Fitch argues that reversing this ruling in 2022 will not render the March for Life useless. Her remarks demonstrate that good is constructed gradually and foster a pro-life future:

"Life remains fragile and the embrace of human dignity remains aspirational. So it is our charge today, in this new Dobbs era, to channel that same determination and hope and prayer that has led you to these streets for 50 years. Use it to make changes!

Use it to make changes for women and children!

Use it to support women when they are pregnant, when they are nurturing a young family!

Use it to make more affordable quality childcare; make it more accessible!

Use it to promote workplace flexibility; use it to improve child support to make fathers equally responsible for their children!

Use it to upskill, educate and provide resources for women, and use it to fix adoption and foster care systems that fail our children!"

Hope and determination in the present are two pillars of a future that celebrates life, so "The future is pro-life" will be the subject of the March for Life in Romania and the Republic of Moldova in 2023.

This theme aims to raise awareness and engage participants and society in building a pro-life future - a future in which every pregnant woman in need will be supported to give birth to her children and in which the life of every born and unborn child will be valued fully, regardless of age or health status, whether boy or girl.

A society that does not protect its children and care for their potential offspring will have no future.

We address all individuals, which is why our approach is apolitical, and nondenominational; it does not advocate the prohibition of abortion and opposes any women's exclusion.

The pro-life future starts now

Being pro-life is comparable to participating in a rescue effort. This does not occur within a week, a month, or a few years. A rescue mission is happening now. There is a sense of urgency because, for some, the hourglass of life is running out more quickly than we may realise.



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That is why now is the optimal moment to act. Without delay, because every second of delay means that hundreds of children lose their lives and hundreds of women go through a preventable drama that will mark their entire lives.

A genuine pro-life future, present in the heart of every person

We can only do good for someone if they accept our good intentions and collaborate with us. Since only then will society change for the better, we want to bring about a shift in the hearts of individuals.

We and everyone who joins us shoulder-to-shoulder in the March for Life are aware and conscious that we are part of a transformation, yet, this transformation is the product of a worthwhile, sustained effort. With this endeavour, progress is being made in the correct direction.

March for Life supporters are so committed to the cause that they believe they may not see results in their lifetime. But, this is reasonable since whatever we do today will have consequences for future generations, including our children and their families.

A few years ago, Lila Rose, the president of one of the world's major pro-life organisations, Live Action, stated that political reform is fleeting unless substantial cultural and mental shifts accompany it:

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- Establishing support centres for pregnant women, where women can receive free psychological counselling, coaching, social assistance, or whatever support they need to overcome difficulties arising during pregnancy;
- Training medical staff and providing complementary non-medical support that addresses the needs and well-being of women during birth.
- Granting an allowance to a pregnant woman after the 14th week of pregnancy to cover special needs – this can be done by extending the child-raising allowance during the last months of pregnancy;
- Granting a child-raising allowance at the level of the minimum wage to women who have not worked in the last 12 months before giving birth;
- Creating the legal possibility for a pregnant woman who considers that she cannot raise the child to start the adoption procedure from the time of pregnancy, with a time limit after birth in which she can change her mind, following the model of adoption from birth used in the USA, UK, and Australia;
- Legislating open adoption, which could make it easier to place for adoption or accept for adoption children who cannot be cared for by their parents or biological relatives;
- Supporting pregnant teenagers to complete their pregnancy and encouraging the mentality that such a pregnancy can be a chance for a foster family to provide a child with a beautiful life;
- Enhancing the value in society of all those involved in adoption to eliminate the contemptuous mentality towards adopted children, adoptive parents, and, above all, towards mothers or parents who place their children for adoption when significant difficulties affect their ability to take care of their upbringing properly;
- Developing programmes for the prevention of violence, abuse, and sexual offences that respect the developmental stages of children and parental rights when addressing minors, and support and protection programmes for victims; sexual abuse and sexual offences are traumatic events that are extremely difficult to overcome and lead to a spiral that often ends in a crisis pregnancy;
- Legislating the placement of special 'baby box' facilities in the outside walls of hospitals, where mothers who feel they cannot care for their babies can safely place them - as a last resort in a crisis, they can prevent the pre-killing and abandonment of newborn babies; these devices are legal in many countries around the world.





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Who can offer a helping hand to women in a crisis pregnancy?

Many people can help, and their help can transform the road from death to life.

Anyone can help. They just have to do it:

- Men can support vulnerable pregnant women, even if they are not the fathers of the children.
- Women who have overcome a pregnancy crisis can even anonymously confess what this really means.
- Women who have had a similar experience understand that other women need support.
- Public figures can shape public attitudes and help implement social protection measures.
- Ordinary people who know women in a crisis pregnancy can help them in various ways.
- You who pray for those who risk losing their lives and for those on whom their lives depend, you also help unborn children and their parents.

We have the power to support a woman in a crisis pregnancy to find the peace of mind she needs, the same peace of mind she can embrace with hope the child she is carrying.

No help is too insignificant; everyone can help according to their love and availability.

Any help in a crisis pregnancy is a step towards a better, more life-giving future - a pro-life future.

The Month for Life (March 1-31) provides an optimal opportunity to carry out activities that give practical expression to the above ideas. We attach a list of possible actions, and the love and responsibility of each local organiser can create further awareness-raising and support activities.

If you are planning to organise a March for Life 2023 or a Month for Life 2023 activity in your community, please email us at contact@marsulpentruviata.ro or call +40 751 859 467 to receive the organising kit and put your locality on the map of the Month for Life 2023 - "The Future is Pro-Life" locations.

Local organisers are independent of each other. Each organiser takes responsibility for both the activities organised and the message conveyed.

In Bucharest, the March for Life 2023 - "The future is pro-life" is organised by the "Students for Life" Association in Bucharest and the "Romania for Life" Association and will take place on Saturday, March 25, starting at noon, on the route Unirii Park - Tineretului Park.



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List of possible activities that can be organised in the Month for Life 2023 "The future is pro-life"

1. **Post, share, and promote** pro-life banners, testimonials, articles, news with messages and activities related to Life Month 2023 - "The Future is Pro-Life". www.marsulpentruviata.ro, <https://www.facebook.com/MarsulpentruViata>.
2. **Challenge for life online.** Social media users are invited to post videos of their answer to the question "What does a pro-life future mean to you?" using the hashtags #mpv2023 and #thefutureislife. Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
3. **Online campaign "And my heart beats for a new life"** - Supporters of the campaign are invited to post a photo of their hands held in the shape of a heart using the hashtags #myheartbeatsforanewlife #mpv2023 and #thefutureislife. Thursday, March 2, 2023.
4. **Pro-life film screenings.** The list of pro-life films and their descriptions can be found on marchforlife.co.uk. To receive the movies, you can send an email to filmeproviata@romaniapentruviata.ro.
5. **"Tell me a story for the soul".** Pro-life book reading workshops for children, coordinated by teacher Ioana Revnic. Contact: spuneopovestepentrusuflet@gmail.com.
6. **Charity campaign "Support for centres - support for life".** Pro-life teens, young people and adults of all ages are encouraged to join forces and support the nearest Pregnancy Help Centre. You can donate nappies, baby care products, food, and money.
7. **Charity pro-life cake fair** to support women in a crisis pregnancy. Supporters of life are invited to make cakes with their loved ones and decorate them with pro-life messages. These can be used to organise the Pro-life Charity Cake Fair, and the funds raised from donations can be donated to a support centre for women in crisis pregnancy.
8. **"Flowers for Mothers".** Pro-life volunteers give flowers to pregnant women and mothers in a maternity ward or maternity home. The flowers are accompanied by the message, "Mum, thank you for giving birth to me!". Wednesday, March 8, 2023.
9. **Online campaign "Mother, thank you for giving birth to me!"**. Campaign supporters are invited to post their profile photo with their birth year and the message, "Mum, thank you for giving birth to me". Posters can be downloaded at this link: <http://www.marsulpentruviata.ro/resurse/pancarte/>. Wednesday, March 8, 2023.
10. **Online pro-life banner workshop for teens.** Young people can learn how to easily edit banners with pro-life messages they can share on social media.



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11. **National Pro-Life T-shirt Day.** Teens and young people are invited to print or paint a t-shirt with a pro-life message, take a photo of themselves wearing the t-shirt and post it on social media with the hashtag #tricotproviata. Saturday, March 4, 2023.
12. **Pro-life poster workshop for teenagers.** High school and university students will design their own pro-life banner which they can carry to the March for Life in their locality or photograph and then share on social media with the hashtag #pancartaproviata / #bannerforlife.
13. **Conference with a pro-life guest.** Current or former presidents of pro-life associations, gynaecologists, pro-life social workers or priests, and other pro-life leaders working in different fields can be invited.
14. **Run for Life.** Charity event organised to promote life through running. The Run for Life includes the Family Run (3km) and the Children's Run.
15. **Plant a tree** to remember those who never had the chance to be born. Children, young people and adults of all ages can plant a tree in memory of abortion victims in their locality.
16. **Visiting a children's or senior centre** with teenagers and young people in the community.
17. **Walk for Life**, organised with teenagers and young people who have been involved in organising the Month for Life 2023, aims to strengthen the bond created between them and build a team that will organise

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