

Calendar of Special Events



Grandparents Day **Sunday, September 11, 2022** [Google – grandparents day 2022](#)

This is held annually on the first Sunday of September after Labor Day honoring grandparents.

In 1956, an American woman was trying to plan a celebration for the elderly members of her community. She made the sad discovery that many of the senior citizens in the nursing home didn't often receive visits from their families. So, she set out to designate a day to honor and appreciate grandparents. Grandparents Day became an official holiday in 1978.



40 Days for Life Campaign **September 28-November 6, 2022** www.40daysforlife.com

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting and peaceful community outreach. Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request. People of faith are also invited to fast. The visible, public vigil is a peaceful and educational presence to send a powerful message about the reality of abortion.



Life Chain **Sunday, October 2, 2022** <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>

Life Chain consists of pro-lifers standing at intersections across the country for an hour, silently praying for an end to abortion while holding signs with messages like: "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," "Adoption, the loving option," and "Life, the first inalienable right."



World Day of Prayer for Vocations **Sunday, April 30, 2023** (also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday") www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com

"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God." ~Pope Francis



Day of Prayer for Palliative Care to be announced - **May 2023**

<https://www.cwl.ca>

With the legalization of medical assistance in dying (MAiD) in 2016 and the ever-changing restrictions to MAiD, which allow for more accessibility, it is important that members storm the heavens with prayer in support of palliative care.

That all Canadians have access to quality hospice palliative care, Lord hear our prayer.



26th Annual National March for Life

May 11, 2023

www.marchforlife.ca

The National March for Life, typically the largest annual protest on Parliament Hill, takes place in May to mark the Day of Infamy, when the 1969 omnibus bill passed under Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, decriminalizing abortion. Pro-lifers rally in front of our Parliament building and march through downtown Ottawa, demanding that our elected representatives fight for the right to life of every human being.

International Family Day

Monday, May 15, 2023

[Google International Day of Families](https://www.google.com/search?q=International+Day+of+Families)



International Day of Families is a UN observance every 15 May. The day has been observed since 1995. It is a time to remember the crucial role the family plays in our world's cultures and societies.

For the past several years, the CCCB has used the **National Week for Life and the Family** as a key opportunity to propose ideas related to its national pastoral initiative for life and family. The annual celebration of the National Week for Life and the Family takes place in many dioceses across the country and always coincides with the United Nations' International Day of Families ([resolution 47/237](#)) on **May 15** of each year.



OPC Convention

Sunday, July 9– Wednesday July 12, 2023

in Alexandria/Cornwall

www.cwl.on.ca



World Youth Day

August 1-6 2023 Lisbon, Portugal

<https://worldyouthday.com>

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated about every three years in a different country.

WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ together with their peers. This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church.