

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### **Day of Prayer for Palliative Care**      **this week of May 8, 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.

Write, call or visit your MP and voice your opposition to MAID.



### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual National March for Life**      **May 11, 2023** [www.marchforlife.ca](http://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](#)

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](http://www.cwl.on.ca)  
BEE there!



**World Youth Day** **August 1-6 2023 Lisbon, Portugal**  
<https://worldyouthday.com>

World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated About every three years in a different country. WYD is open to all young people as a festive encounter with their peers centered on Jesus Christ.



**National Convention** **Sunday, August 13-15, 2023**  
in Saint John, New Brunswick

[www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

**NOTE:** All are welcome to view the livestream of the proceedings August 14 & 15. Please click here to register:

<https://event.gotowebinar.com/event/53508b5b-88c1-4451-8fa6-a5306f798b9d>

**Grandparents Day** **Sunday, September 11, 2023**

[www.grandparentsday2023](http://www.grandparentsday2023)

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.

**National Seniors Day** **Sunday, October 1, 2023**

This is an occasion where members can celebrate older adults. Encourage members and your council to acknowledge seniors and their vast contributions to society and show how much they are appreciated every day of the year.



**Life Chain** **Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
<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."