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Memo

Date: April 23, 2018
To: Clergy/Parishes, Principals, Schools, Religious, Pastoral Centre Staff
From: Bishop Gary Gordon
Re: MARCH FOR LIFE – “USE YOUR VOICE” on Thursday, May 10, 2018

Dear Pastors and People of God,

This year's *11th Annual March for Life* with the theme “Use Your Voice” will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018. The celebration of Mass will be at 12 noon with Archbishop Miller presiding at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street, and I will be presiding at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The March begins at 1:45 p.m. from Victoria City Hall, at Centennial Square, and will proceed down Government Street to the B.C. Legislature for a Rally for Life at 2:15 p.m.

This demonstration of solidarity is of profound importance in our time when euthanasia, assisted suicide, and abortion have become standard practices and accepted in the social and moral fabric of Canadian society. These increasingly acceptable social mores erode the sanctity of life that threatens not only human life itself but the freedom of conscience and religion in Canada, both of which are listed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

We have a voice, and it is vitally important that we let our own voice be heard prophetically and loudly to all who would silence our cry for the respect and the preservation of life, especially on behalf of the weak and the vulnerable of our society.

I encourage you to close your parish offices on Thursday, May 10, 2018 to join me to march in solidarity for the preservation of the right and freedom to celebrate and honour the sanctity of life in this year's *11th Annual March for Life*.

SCHEDULE – May 10, 2018

12:00 noon – Mass

St. Andrew's Cathedral, 740 View Street
Bishop Gary Gordon presiding

12:00 noon – Mass

St. Patrick's Parish, 2060 Haultain Street
Archbishop Miller presiding

1:45 pm – March to Legislature

From Centennial Square

2:15 pm – Pro-Life Rally

In front of the Parliament Buildings

5:30pm – Pro-Life Dinner

\$40 each / \$25 for students – by May 6
St. Leopold's Church
youthprotectingyouth@gmail.com

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