

# March for Life



**The Fatima Center along with *Fatima: Your Last Chance Conference* attendees participated in the March for Life Procession from the Coliseum to the Vatican on May 13, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.**

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**S**unday, May 13 saw Rome's first major Pro-life March. It began at the Coliseum, went past Corso Vittorio Emanuele, wound its way to Castel Sant'Angelo, and ended at the Vatican.

The vast majority of participants were young people.

We were in Rome for Father Gruner's *Fatima: Your Last Chance Conference* being held the week of May 14-18. The Fatima Center formally took part in the March, showing up with its own flag and

banner.

The Pro-life March's organizers said the event "exceeded all expectations". An estimated 15,000 took part. Though most of the crowd were from Italy, the event included representatives from the United States, Canada, Belgium, France, Spain, Poland, Hungary and Germany.

A doctor at the March who was part of the Italian Catholic Obstetrics and Gynecologists said there are 125,000 abortions per year in the relatively small country of Italy.



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**Over 14,000 people joined in.**

When asked about the state of the pro-life movement in Italy, the doctor responded: "There are different opinions as to what is the best strategy to fight against the abortion movement. We think the direct manifestation of truth is the best way to fight against the anti-life forces. And we have to fight in all the fields; the scientific one, the legal one, and the spiritual one."

At least five million abortions have been carried out since Italy's law No. 194 was passed.

The participants held enormous flags, colorful banners, and signs such as "I regret My Abortion"; "Don't Kill Our Future"; "Every Abortion is a Dead Child"; "Enough with the Silent Genocide" and "194: 5 Million Dead Already". **FC**