

THE 5th ALL-IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE

SATURDAY • 2nd JULY 2011 • PARNELL SQUARE • DUBLIN



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



SCHEDULE:

- 12.30pm** Rally for Life Mass, St. Saviour's
- 1.30pm** Assemble at Parnell Square
- 2.00pm** All-Ireland Rally for Life Kick-off
- 3.30pm** Rally for Life Close at Dáil Éireann

WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome you to the 5th All-Ireland Rally for Life - the most important date on the Irish pro-life calendar. We really hope you enjoy the day as we Celebrate Life together. Against all the odds, by uniting together, we have kept abortion out of Ireland, despite threats from the EU, the United Nations and International Planned Parenthood. Your participation in the All-Ireland Rally for Life is crucially important.

You are standing up for the weakest and most vulnerable in our society, and you are protecting mothers and babies from abortion. Thank you for being a voice for Life. And, while the Rally is a wonderful celebration of Life, we come here today with a serious message. A message that brings together the pro-life community across Ireland and shows the extent of pro-life feeling that exists in this country. **Today, we are asking our Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, to keep the pro-life promise he made in Election 2011 - and to protect Ireland's pro-life laws from outside interference.**

We hope and pray that today will be the biggest and best Rally for Life yet! See you next year, please God, in Belfast!

Slán agus beannacht,

The Rally for Life Team

SUPPORT FOR THE RALLY:

"His Holiness will remember you and your associates in his prayers, and invokes upon you God's abundant blessings."

Message to the Rally for Life from the Vatican Secretary of State

"I commend the All Ireland Rally for Life Committee on the marvellous work you are doing. Supporting the fundamental right of life for the unborn child is so important and it is good to gather people to celebrate the precious gift of life. I send you my best wishes as you celebrate the Rally for Life, in Dublin on 2 July 2011, and wish the event every success."

Cardinal Seán Brady, Archbishop of Armagh

"Life is our most precious gift. "The All-Ireland Rally for Life" is a celebration of life. To attend or take part in it in any way is a worthwhile endeavour to pursue as Catholics. We stand up for God's gift of life."

+Philip Boyce O.C.D. Bishop of Raphoe

"The people of the Diocese of Clogher are happy to join you in celebrating and cherishing the gift of life in all its forms and wish every success to your Rally for Life on 2 July in Dublin.

+Liam S. MacDaid, Bishop of Clogher

"I am confident that this year's rally in Dublin on 2nd July will be equally successful in highlighting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. I am happy and honoured to give my unequivocal support to this year's "Rally for Life" in Dublin on 2nd July."

+Noel Treanor, Bishop of Down and Connor

"In a rapidly changing society one of the values we need to uphold with constant vigilance is respect for life at every stage of its existence. Life is a very precious gift. It deserves reverence, nurturing, protection. May I wish every blessing on your rally in Dublin in 2nd July. I hope that it will, like last year, be a festive occasion, a true celebration of the great gift of life that God has given us."

+Martin Drennan, Diocese of Galway



THE ORGANISERS:



YOUTHDEFENCE

is Ireland's only pro-life organisation that is led and run by young people. Whether we are students, nurses, brickies or teachers, we've one thing in common; we know that abortion is wrong. That's why we work to protect mothers and babies from being exploited and killed by the abortion industry.


Our campaigns and activities reach people on many levels; on the streets, on college campuses, on the web, in schools and outside abortion referral agencies. We aim to provide real information on abortion, and to find new ways of getting that information to the public. Most of all, we believe that Ireland can be kept abortion-free.





Precious Life is the largest pro-life group in Northern Ireland and works actively on the streets and at clinics every day. We are composed of people from all sections of the community who care deeply about unborn children and their mothers.

By exposing the lies surrounding abortion; by educating the public with the truth about abortion; and by campaigning against abortion - we are saving babies, mothers, and indeed this country, from the silent holocaust that is brutally destroying 50 million lives worldwide every year.

 **LIFE INSTITUTE** is a crucial and influential lobby for life and family in Ireland today. We have emerged as a key voice in recent important debates on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, embryo research and the protection of the family. Our main focus is on researching, informing, and building a Culture of Life.

Life Institute is a broad-based initiative with supporters throughout the country. We have been particularly successful in bringing people together to work for life and family. We work to protect human life from fertilisation to natural death, and we research, inform and campaign on crucial issues to protect the most vulnerable in society.



SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT:

DANA ROSEMARY SCALLON from Derry is a former MEP and singer. She was elected as a Member of the European Parliament in 1999, representing Ireland's Connacht-Ulster constituency, and during her time there, was a very active and outspoken advocate for the unborn child. She was the first woman to be awarded the highly acclaimed San Benedetto Award for her outstanding work in defending family and life - and was honoured to be personally congratulated by the then Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.



Dana has long been established as one of Ireland's most successful entertainers, having enjoyed outstanding acclaim through best selling recordings, top-rating television appearances, and headlined major concerts both in Ireland and abroad. She was famously Ireland's first winner of the Eurovision Song Contest, with the song, 'All Kinds Of Everything'. In the midst of a very successful career in music, Dana started to speak publicly about her faith, and she and her husband, Damien, began writing Christian songs together. Dana has remained close to her Irish roots, and her music and witness to life and family values has earned her respect as a spokesperson for the Christian family and the pro-life movement. In February 2011, Dana joined with Kathy Sinnott and over 30 pro-life and community groups in Ireland to form All-Ireland United for Life.

ALSO SPEAKING:

CAROLYN O' MEARA | YOUTH DEFENCE

BERNADETTE SMYTH | PRECIOUS LIFE

NIAMH UÍ BHRIAIN | LIFE INSTITUTE

DANIEL MC CABE | PRECIOUS LIFE YOUTH





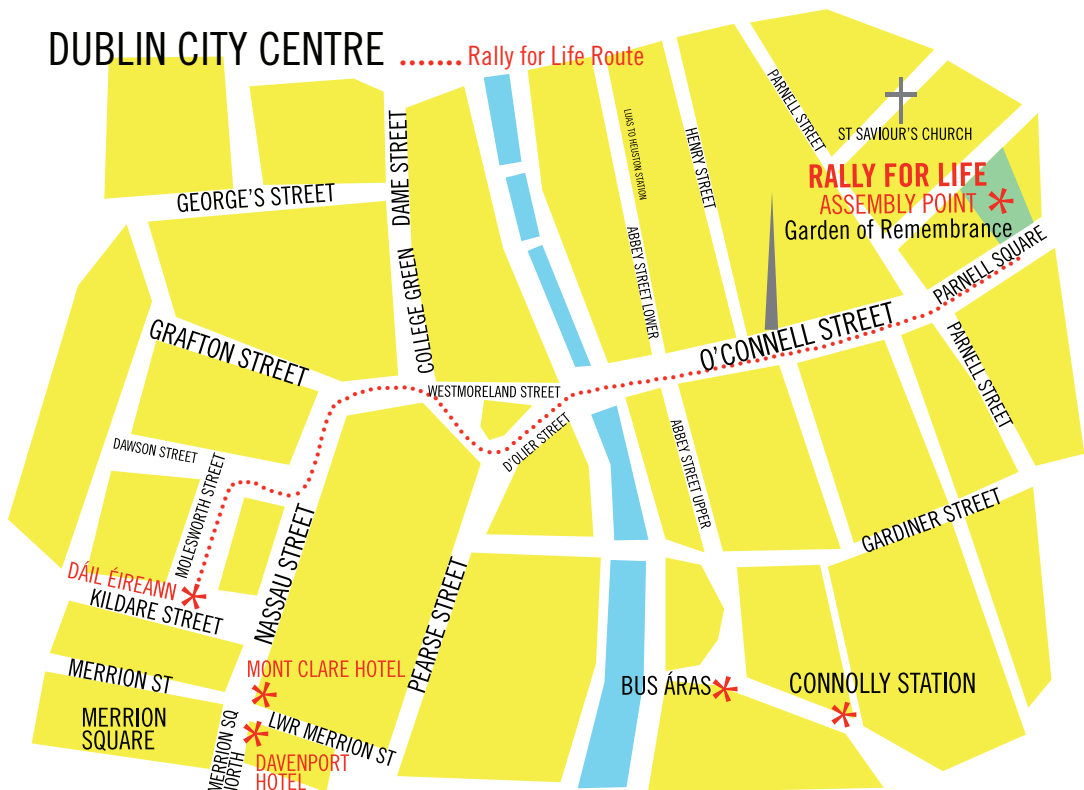
KEEP IRELAND ABORTION-FREE

10 easy things you can do:

- 1.** **Keep** up with what's going on by 'liking' our pages on Facebook and recommending us to your friends.
- 2.** **View** our pro-life videos on our YouTube Channel - share them on Facebook, email them around, show them to your family and friends. www.youtube.com/youthdefence and www.youtube.com/therallyforlife
- 3.** **Send** an evite to your friends from our site www.youthdefence.ie/evite/ and **register** for our weekly ezine to keep up to date with pro-life news and issues www.youthdefence.ie/news/newsletter/. Recommend it to friends!
- 4.**
- 5.** **Check out** our information site, Truthtv, at www.truthtv.org and recommend it to your friends.
- 6.** If you have a website or blog, link to our sites: www.rallyforlife.net, www.youthdefence.ie, www.preciouslife.com, www.lifeinstitute.net and www.truthtv.org. We can link back to share information with our site users.
- 7.** **Read** our newsletter, Solas, and other publications and circulate them to your friends
- 8.** **Invite** a pro-life speaker to come speak in your local area, parish, or prayer group. We'll provide the speaker if you can provide the venue and the crowd!
- 9.** **Volunteer** with Youth Defence, Precious Life or the Life Institute. There's plenty of work for everyone, whether you would like to take part in a street information session, be a presence outside of an abortion referral clinic, or just help out in the office; we'd be delighted if you could get on board. Just give us a call or drop us an email!
- 10.** **Organise** a fundraiser in your area for pro-life activities such as the Rally for Life or for prolife action days. Without your help, we can't complete our live-saving work.

DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

Rally for Life Route



Thanks for coming!

See you next year at
the 6th All-Ireland Rally for Life
CUSTOM HOUSE SQUARE
BELFAST CITY CENTRE
SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2012

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