

Resolution 012
A Resolution Requesting the University to Cancel All Classes for the Entire
Day of the March for Life
Sponsored by: Senator Galassi

Whereas,

The March for Life is an annual rally and march promoting “the beauty and dignity of every human life.”¹

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America looks “forward to marching and praying in solidarity, as a Catholic University community, for a consistent ethic of life at the annual March for Life.”²

Whereas,

Nearly 600 Catholic University students participate in the annual March for Life. In addition, nearly 100 students volunteer to assist the Office of Campus Ministry in hosting the Pro-Life Overnight. During the Pro-Life Overnight, the University provides humble overnight accommodations and hospitality for over 500 high school students across the nation who stay at the Raymond A. DuFour Athletic Center. Catholic University students also volunteer overnight at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Whereas,

In 2019 and 2020, the University canceled classes from 11:00am-3:10pm; however, the March for Life rally program and march hours range from 11am-4pm.³ The cancellation period does not account for adequate transportation and meal times for students who have classes immediately before and/or after the cancellation period. For this reason, classes and the March for Life compete for students’ top priority, preventing students from attending or completing the March.

Whereas,

Other Catholic universities such as Franciscan University,⁴ Christendom College,⁵ and Thomas Aquinas College⁶ cancel classes for the entirety of the day of the March for Life.

¹ <https://marchforlife.org/about-the-march-for-life/>

² <https://service.catholic.edu/pro-life/march-for-life/index.html>

³ <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>

⁴ <https://franciscan.edu/events/march-for-life-2020/>

⁵ <https://www.christendom.edu/2020/01/09/christendom-college-to-cancel-classes-to-protest-abortion-at-march-for-life/>

⁶ <https://thomasaquinas.edu/event/march-life>

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that the University cancels all classes for the entire day of the March for Life yearly.

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

Brendan Dillon
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