



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 13th National March for Life will take place on Thursday, May 13, 2010 in Ottawa. This yearly event for respect for life and family is one of the most important demonstration held on Parliament Hill. Last year more than twelve thousand people, more than half of which were youth, participated in the march throughout downtown Ottawa.

The March for Life provides an ideal opportunity for all Catholics to come together in support of life. This year marks the 41st anniversary of this event with the theme being "Abortion - a Crime Against Humanity." Over three million abortions have been performed in Canada since May 14, 1969 when the Omnibus Bill was passed in Canada.

I will be attending again this year and invite all priests, deacons and lay faithful to participate with me. Coach buses will be leaving throughout the Diocese and to reserve your seating you are asked to contact the following:

Val Caron - Tim Horton's, Val Est Mall, 5:30 a.m. Contact Maurice Audette, 705-897-4429

Sudbury - Ste-Anne-des-Pins Church, 6:00 a.m. Contact Thérèse St. Denis, 705-566-0707

Sturgeon Falls - Sacré-Coeur Church, 7:00 a.m. Contact Richard St. Denis, 705-758-9547

North Bay - Staples Business Depot, 1899 Algonquin Ave., 7:30 a.m. Contact Nancy Tremblay, 705-474-3666

For information on travel arrangements in the Sault Ste. Marie area, please contact Bill Murphy at 705-759-6086.

Return time is approximately 10:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$20.00/person and if you are physically unable to participate in the march, you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the entertainment on the grounds in front of the Parliament buildings.

I look forward to being with you and give witness to our belief in the sacredness of life.

April 28, 2010
Sudbury, ON

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†Jean-Louis Plouffe
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie