

Dear Archbishop Martin,

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the Rally for Life and the pro-life message throughout the year.

**We're writing with news of a special initiative for the Rally for 2023 - the 17th annual Rally for Life which will take place on July 1st and is the biggest pro-life event of the year.**

While the number of young people attending the Rally every year is impressive, we know that growing those numbers is key to ensuring the pro-life message has a future.

From an audit we undertook of students and other young people we found that, for many under-35s, the pro-life message lacks visibility - while others say they don't feel connected to the movement.

So, this year, we will be undertaking **a special initiative** to empower young people to become boldly pro-life, by enabling them to attend the Rally and then harnessing that energy to shape and empower new courageous and compassionate activists for life.

Already last year, a pilot scheme of sorts, enabled with the help of the wonderful Dominicans in Cork, saw a very successful 'youth bus' to the 2022 Rally for Life.

We are hoping to organise a similar youth bus from as many dioceses as possible this year, and to also host a special youth leadership/motivation event around the Rally to maximise the return of youthful energy and commitment the event typically produces.

While not every young pro-lifer is a person of faith, it is certainly our experience that those who are informed by their faith bring a special charisma to the cause of protecting both mother and child.

**A highlight of the Rally every year for many attendees is also the Rally Mass in St Saviours the morning of the big event. As always, we would be delighted to have you join us then.**