

SVDP Church Members Walk for Life in San Francisco

No matter what side of the issue on abortion you take, we should all be proud and supportive of the march that took place in San Francisco on Saturday, January 23. This march is truly emblematic of the freedoms we can exercise in this country. The idea of a government allowing a public demonstration of this size to express support of a controversial topic is far more the exception than the rule in most countries of the world.

The Walk for Life route was from Justin Herman Plaza (across the Embarcadero from the Ferry Building) to Marina Green just short of the Golden Gate Bridge. This 2.5 mile walk was a slow procession of quiet, yet resolute people.

The hallmark of this walk for life was the peaceful nature of those participating. The stream of humanity stretched from the Ferry Building all the way to Fisherman's Warf, was note worthy for the number of people professing their faith by a continuous praying of the Rosary. The opposition to the Pro-Life march had a very small turn out. Some estimates put the number of the pro-abortion advocates at a few dozen to less than two hundred. Crowd numbers are difficult to estimate. Five years ago at the advent of this event only 5,000 participants were in the Walk for Life. This year's Walk for Life was estimated by some to be close to 35,000 on the high side to over 22,000 on the low side. One can easily see the number of participants has grown very quickly in the last five years with over 200 buses bringing in people from all over Northern California. At least one husband and wife, carrying their nation's flag, came from Canada.

Rancho Murieta's St. Vincent De Paul Church had a number of people represent their stand for life. Among the St. Vincent De Paul participants were Steve Haidet, Kathleen Black, Mike Himmelmann, Connie Laxague, Connie Doyle, Janis Perschler, Lynn King, Dennis Berg, and three members of the Fisher family, Richard, Gena and Meme. Pictured below are some of the participants before the return trip to Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Elk Grove where their day began with a Mass.



Left to right: Kathleen Black, Janis Perschler, Connie Doyle, Connie Laxague, Lynn King, Dennis Berg & Mike Himmelmann.