

Hope For Life

“We are the pro-life generation,” the crowd of tens of thousands chanted, voices building to an overwhelming crescendo with each repetition of the line by the tens of thousands who packed onto the National Mall across the street from the White House Friday January 27th at the 44th annual March for Life. In good weather and in bad, crowds swarm the Mall every year to protest against the country’s abortion laws and to advocate for the protection of unborn life.

Every year the March makes evident just how phenomenally young and vibrant the pro-life movement is. Even though young faces dominated the crowd, people of all ages and genders and races united in



the belief that this country’s women and children and families deserve better than abortion on demand. The March for Life has always been a highly inclusive event, with ‘Feminists for Life’ and ‘Atheists Against Abortion’ standing shoulder to shoulder with Catholic priests and nuns, Protestant ministers, and rabbis. And NFL players too: Baltimore Ravens tight end Benjamin Watson was one of the featured speakers at this year’s rally. “Any time I

can advocate for life — whether it’s pre-born, whether it’s post-born, whatever it is — I want to stand for life and for those who can’t stand for themselves,” he said.

Three pro-life politicians, representatives Chris Smith, Mia Love, and Senator Joni Ernst, spoke at the rally. Mia Love’s address was particularly poignant, as she tearfully spoke about how her parents chose not to abort her. “I am certain that this couple would never have thought that that child would become the first black, female Republican ever elected to Congress,” she declared. Love spoke eloquently about the limitless potential each child has: That child may become a friend that saves a peer from suicide, or a mom who strengthens her family, or a neighbor who volunteers and eradicates hunger, or a teacher who inspires a struggling student. Every time we kill a child through abortion, we kill our potential. Every time we kill a child, we — all of us — suffer. We lose a little of ourselves and a whole lot of our future.

Perhaps Love’s remarks best capture the perpetual hope of the pro-life movement: hope for a future free of the horrific violence of abortion, hope for each mother to embrace the child within her, hope for the potential and promise of every unborn life. It is this hope that impels thousands to travel here to stand in the snow and wind and rain every January, and it is this hope that fuels their joyful belief that they will one day bring an end to the brutal practice of abortion in America.

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