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Washington Post: New Generation of Activists Is Assembling Across College Campuses

Notes how Pro-Life Movement Gets Youth Infusion

The Washington Post today profiled Students for Life of America's 21st Annual Conference:

Despite the steady drop in abortions across the United States in the three decades since the Supreme Court legalized the procedure in 1973 in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, a new generation of activists is taking up the cause with conviction and sophistication. There are Students for Life chapters on more than 400 college campuses nationwide.

This week, thousands of activists are gathering in Washington for the annual March for Life tomorrow afternoon. The event will cap three days of speeches, prayer vigils, Masses and other activities across the city.

The campus conference hall buzzed with intensity yesterday. Clusters of students chatted near displays of literature while motivational speakers offered tips on how to lobby members of Congress and recruit on campuses.

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A common theme was the need to focus on the challenges of being a mother. Several participants said the antiabortion movement has evolved in that direction, partly to counter criticism that it was indifferent to the hardships of raising a child in poverty or alone.

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He noted that the antiabortion movement is becoming predominantly youthful while the abortion rights movement is aging. "This conference shows that the youth *are* not the future of the pro-life movement," he said. "We are the movement."

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