

For Life



Solidarity for Both

♥ Love beyond the
Diagnostics

♥ Sorrows of Mothers
in Romania

♥ Life in a Large
Family

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We believe in respecting the right to life of all people from conception to natural death and consider that, through support for both mother and child, responsible young individuals can be formed for family and society.

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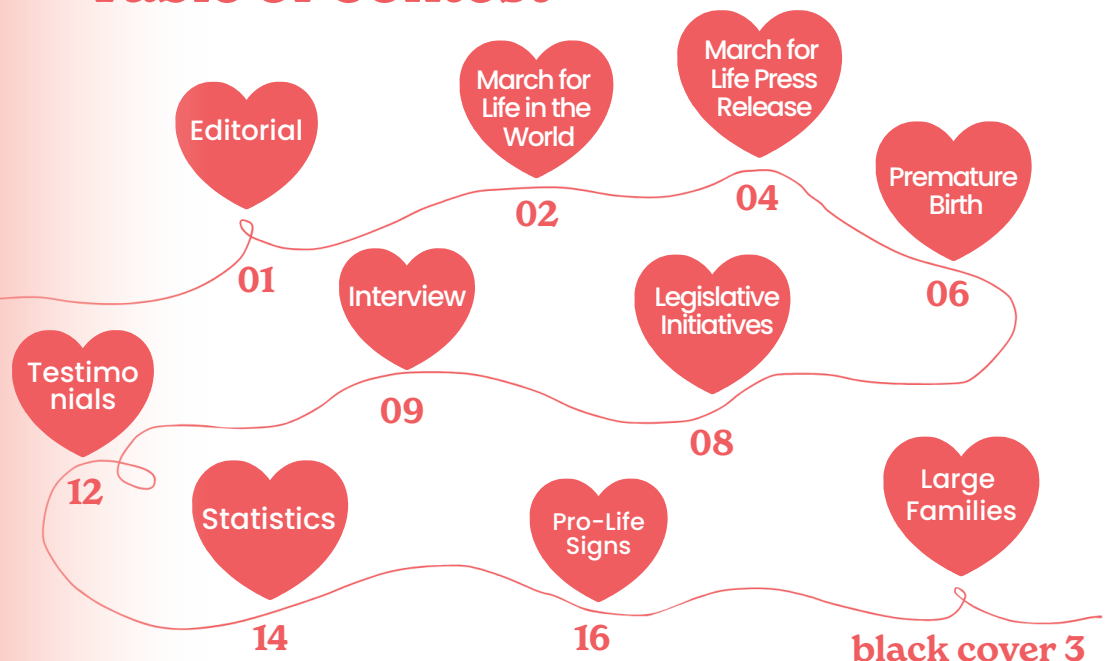
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Solidarity that makes a difference: from words to action.

by Teodora Diana Paul, President, Students for Life Bucharest

I want to tell you a story about solidarity—about how caring for others can change lives. Solidarity is not an abstract concept. It is (self-)taught, put into practice, and has a concrete impact on people's lives:

June 2025. Andreea, a volunteer at Students for Life, calls me. Her roommate, Maria, a master's student, was pregnant. She had argued with her boyfriend and was considering an abortion. She didn't know how she could take care of the child on her own. At the same time, she felt that abortion was not a good decision. I spoke to Andreea and asked her to tell Maria that she could receive support during her pregnancy and after giving birth, and that she was not alone. In fact, abortion seems like a solution because of lack of support, not because a woman wants it. In the long run, most women realize that it was the mistake of their lives. Three days later, she was calm—she had written to me that Maria made up with her boyfriend. Hm, this calm is on the waves... **July 2025.** Maria is in another crisis with her boyfriend, and Andreea gives her my number so she can call me directly. She told me that she knows abortion is not right, she believes it is a serious sin, and she doesn't want to do it, but she sees no other solution. She was scared, she felt alone, her boyfriend wasn't supporting her, and they were arguing a lot. We talked for almost an hour. Summary: "The difficult, critical situation you are in is temporary. It will pass, even if you can't see how right now. Sure, life with a child isn't easy, but you have the chance to develop a relationship with this child, a chance that abortion irreversibly takes away. There is support, centers where you can get help. **You are not alone.**" In the end, she told me she was keeping the baby. That evening, I put her in touch with the **ROUA Centers—she wanted professional counseling.** There, too, the community of mothers stood by her. **November 2025.** We had become friends, so I plucked up the courage to ask her: "If we hadn't met, and you hadn't had the support of ROUA, would you have had an abortion?" "Yes. Because, at that moment, I was extremely scared and all I wanted was to get out of the situation I was in, and abortion was the only option I knew. I had no idea about support." **January 2026.** Maria was struggling with contractions and, after, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy..



I think about how much information mattered in this case. If Andreea hadn't been with Students for Life, would she have known where to refer Maria for support? Without it, Maria would have had an abortion out of fear and lack of alternatives. Concrete solidarity—from a volunteer, a community, those who know how to be there—made the difference between life and death. This is the theme of this year's March for Life, "Solidarity for Both": about the child and the mother, about being there for them and not letting fear or lack of resources decide for them.

The March ^{for} LIFE

AROUND THE World 2025 2026

The world's first March for Life was held in Washington, D.C., on January 22, 1974, in response to the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions of January 22, 1973. At that time, the Supreme Court required all US states to legalize abortion on demand, essentially throughout the entire pregnancy. Five decades later, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court issued its ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, restoring to the states the right to legislate abortion at the state level.

📍 WASHINGTON | „Life Is a Gift”

January 23, 2026, over 100,000 participants
Debbie Biskey, CEO „Options for her”

The pro-life movement is not just about opposing abortion. It is about standing for life in all its beauty. We stand for babies. We stand for women. We stand for families. We stand for truth.

Starting from the 1970s, as the pro-abortion mentality has taken hold in many countries, more and more people have felt it their call and duty to do something to protect the lives of unborn children, support women in pregnancy crisis, and raise awareness in society about this greatest violation of human rights. This is how Marches for Life came into being in all corners of the world. Here are some examples from last year.

Mike Johnson, US House Speaker:

*We all have a reason that we believe so strongly in this principle, and my life story is that one. And in two sentences, I was the product of an unplanned teen pregnancy. And a lot of people tried to convince my very young parents that they should just **take care** of that problem. But I am eternally grateful that they allowed me the chance at life.*





📍 PARIS | „What If Dignity is Protecting Life?”

January 18, 2026, 10,000 participants
Marie-Lys Pellissier, spokesperson

Our fundamental objective remains the same: to remind people that human life is endowed with dignity from beginning to end. Life is not to be eliminated, but accompanied by real compassion and developed palliative care, when needed.

📍 LONDRA | „Human Rights for all Humans”

September 6, 2025 > 10.000 participants
Carla Lockhart, Member of the UK Parliament

If human rights mean anything, they must be consistent; they must apply to every human being at every stage of life. And if we are here to see change, we must each play our part.

📍 ZAGREB | „Chose Life! Both Mother and Child!”

May 10, 2025
Željka Markić, organizer

Abortion is not a solution, but a tragedy. We must choose life—the life of the mother in a difficult situation and the life of the child that already exists. A society that supports mothers, that offers them real help—financial, psychological, medical—is a society that chooses life.

📍 SLOVAKIA | March for Life

September 20, 2025, 3,000 participants
Rebeka Lukáčová, spokesperson

You should not be afraid of motherhood, nor should you put it off unnecessarily. It will give you much more than you can imagine. You will discover a strength and patience within yourself that you never knew existed.

📍 DUBLIN | „Vote for Life”

May 5, 2025, thousands of participants
Eilís Mulroy, CEO Pro Life Campaign, main speaker

No sincere pro-life effort is ever in vain. We hear you. We will continue to fight for you. This is just the beginning. Stay strong. Stay determined. Let's continue to march together for women, for children, for life.





Solidarity for Both

A message about real support for mother and child, before and after birth

The 16th annual March for Life will take place on Saturday, March 28, 2026, in Bucharest and other cities across Romania and the Republic of Moldova, marking the conclusion of the Month for Life campaign, held between March 1 and 31. Under the theme *Solidarity for Both*, this year's edition highlights the need for real support for both mother and child, before and after birth, as a shared responsibility of society.

♥ The March for Life is the largest annual pro-life event in Romania and the Republic of Moldova. Its purpose is to raise awareness and foster solidarity with pregnant women and their children who face difficult circumstances.



Through its message, the event encourages community responsibility and the development of tangible support that addresses the concrete needs of mothers and children.

♥ This year's theme expresses solidarity with both the pregnant woman facing a difficult decision and her unborn child. The message also emphasizes the role of those around her—partners, family members, friends, and community members—who choose to be present, to support, and not to judge. Solidarity is understood not as a slogan, but as responsibility



and care expressed through real support and concrete solutions. In many cases, women are not seeking to give up, but to find a viable path forward, and timely support can change their life trajectories and restore their confidence.

♥ The March for Life is a civic initiative open to the whole of society, built on respect and shared responsibility. The event is open to all who wish to express solidarity and willingness to support women, children, and families when support truly matters. Participation represents a form of civic engagement through presence and commitment, bringing together individuals and communities united by concern for life and social responsibility.



♥ The March for Life is organized in a non-political and non-denominational framework. It does not call for the legal prohibition of abortion, does not support in any way the exclusion of women, and promotes dignity and respect for women and children at every stage of life, encouraging community involvement as a response to difficult realities.

“Solidarity is understood (...) as responsibility and care expressed through real support and concrete solutions.”



♥ This commitment also involves adapting public policies to the real-life circumstances faced by pregnant women. Therefore, we present a series of proposals aiming to provide concrete support for pregnant women and appropriately recognize their contribution to society.



PRESS RELEASE

Pregnancy loss and premature birth: invisible sorrows of mothers in Romania.

The loss of a pregnancy leaves behind a void that is difficult for outsiders to understand. For many mothers, the possibility of burying their child and saying goodbye is an essential step in healing. Unfortunately, by ignoring the pain and the natural possibility of easing it, in today's Romania, children lost before 28 weeks of pregnancy are considered medical waste, without recognition of their human dignity, and parents are not allowed to take them from the hospital to bury them. As a society, we need to learn how to value the baby from the very first stage of its development and to offer parents the chance to say farewell to their lost child.

♥ „Burying my little child.“

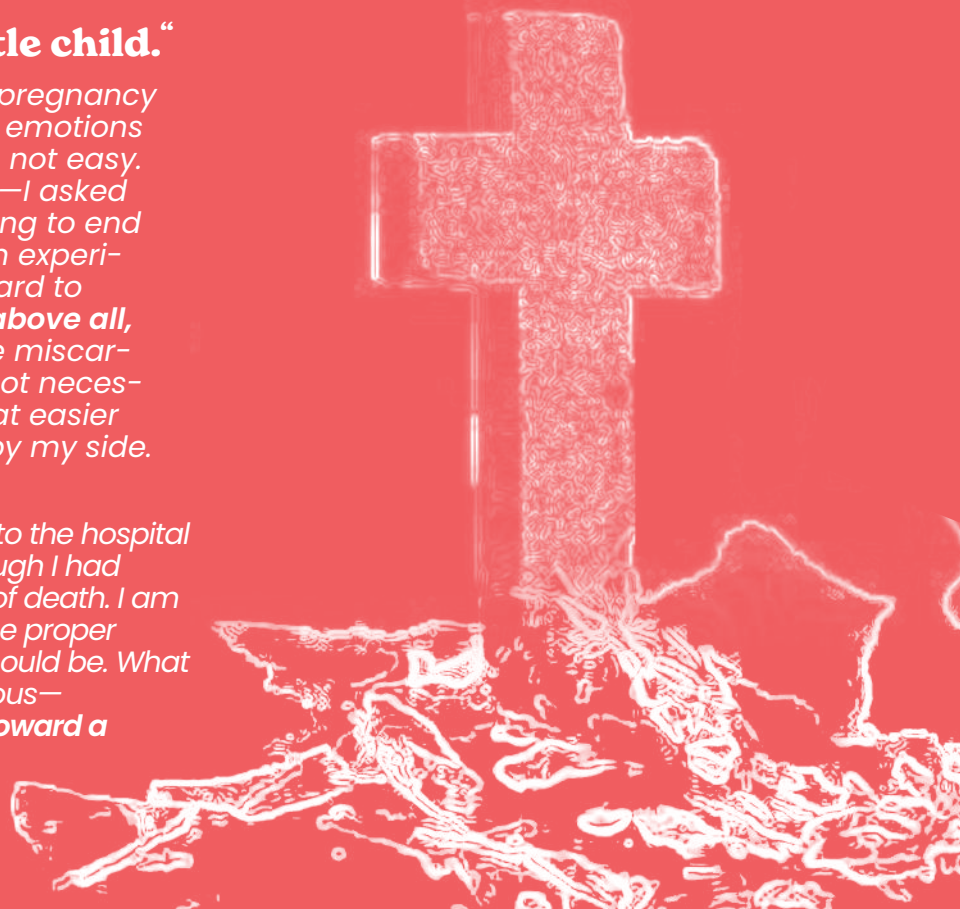
*Every time I speak about pregnancy losses, I relive the intense emotions from those moments. It is not easy. The **first feeling** was **guilt**—I asked God what I had done wrong to end up going through such an experience. It is **a pain** that is hard to describe—**physical, but, above all, spiritual**. In two of the five miscarriages, a curettage was not necessary, and it was somewhat easier because my family was by my side.*

*However, when I had to go to the hospital for a curettage, I felt as though I had entered the antechamber of death. I am a nurse, and I knew what the proper conduct of medical staff should be. What I experienced was outrageous—**a contemptuous attitude toward a person in suffering**.*

*They did not even give me the time for the anesthesia to take effect. It was done while I was fully conscious, in a heart-breaking atmosphere of humiliation. **A more humane attitude would have greatly eased my suffering**, including the way they received the idea of my burying my little child. In the pregnancies lost at home, it was easier, being under the care of my family and being able to bury what could be buried.*

Pregnancy losses leave behind an immense emptiness and a longing for the souls you never had the chance to know. But God, Who turns all things toward good, filled every void through the coming of another child and through a deeper appreciation of life!

Daniela B.





As for **medical support**, we were regarded with skepticism; the case was very difficult and full of challenges, but **the doctors and nurses made tremendous efforts.**

As for **society's support**—it is hard to say what it meant or did not mean. We **received genuine understanding especially from our church community**, where **a child is understood as a joy and a blessing for the family.** Otherwise, at times, the reaction you read between the lines is: “Why did you need another one? Didn’t you already have three?”

The strength to move forward in difficult moments I found only in hope in God, to Whom

*I saw many miracles in the hospital, but also many mothers who went home without their little ones. My message to other mothers going through similar situations is to **have hope, to pray with all their heart, and to stay close to their child, body and soul.** The child feels that the mother is with him.* Anca B.

Last year, I met this child. I did not know about the struggle he had gone through to survive as a premature baby, but it seemed to me that he had a special joy, which he shared with those around him. He came up to me and, although he did not know me, he told me about his family. I was impressed by his easygoing manner. When I learned the story of his life, I thought that this child might not have survived if the doctors had not done their work well, if his mother had not been by his side, if those around him had

♥ **Our story**

begins at 22 weeks of pregnancy, my fourth pregnancy, preceded by three cesarean sections and three full-term births. After the membranes ruptured and I lost amniotic fluid, hospitalization was decided upon, in the hope that the pregnancy could be carried to 32–34 weeks. However, at 29 weeks, the scar on the uterus gave way, and I underwent my fourth cesarean section, an intervention that was highly risky both for me and the child.

Our baby came into the world weighing 1,400 grams. He was intubated, and a period of struggle for survival followed. After four months of hospitalization, we went home with a baby weighing 1,600 grams. The family went through a very difficult period. My husband came to the hospital every day during those four months. The other three boys were extremely understanding. They were eagerly waiting for the baby to come home.

I give thanks that I did not fall into depression during the four months of hospitalization and continuous struggle.

not prayed for him and his family. Premature birth is no less overwhelming. These are critical moments both for the child and for the mother who finds herself powerless to do anything for her baby.

With every help we offer, with every prayer we say for pregnant women, for those who have lost their children, for those who give birth prematurely, we bring light into their lives, and God will repay our sacrifice tenfold!

Article by Nectaria Vlăescu

PREGNANCY LOSS

3 public policy proposals for the future

We believe that every life deserves protection from the very first moment. In Romania, many vulnerable mothers and families face difficulties that jeopardize their well-being and safety. Our proposals offer concrete solutions to ensure that every mother is supported and every child has a dignified start in life. The complete list of proposals can be read at marsulpentruviata.ro.

Protection of pregnant women who are under pressure

Problem: Current legislation does not provide a clear protective framework for pregnant women subjected to pressure, coercion, or psychological violence related to pregnancy decisions.

1

♥ **Solution:** Introducing the possibility of getting a protection order when a pregnant woman is faced with pressure or threats related to her pregnancy.

Financial and social support for parents

Problem: The child-raising allowance is currently granted only after birth and only to parents who have earned income for at least 12 months in the two years preceding the birth. This creates disparities among children and limits the state's ability to support all families equitably.

2

♥ **Solution:** Granting child-raising allowance for all families, even if the parent has not worked at least 12 months in total in the previous 2 years. Extending the child-raising allowance to start with the 6th month of pregnancy, to cover costs related to medical monitoring, food, and

Respect and protection of dignity in pregnancy loss

Problem: Current legislation allows parents to request the child's body for burial only if the pregnancy has exceeded the threshold of 28 weeks.

3

♥ **Solution:** Extending the parents' right to request the child's body for burial regardless of gestational age, at the mother's express request.

By investing in support for mothers and children, Romania is protecting its future. These measures bring dignity, security, and equal opportunities for all children, while supporting parents in their most important mission.

Read the full proposals here:



“The only One Who never abandons us is God”



There are families who live daily what for others is only a news item or a statistic. Six children, two diagnosed with a severe genetic disease, therapies, fundraising campaigns, short nights, and much prayer. In the context of the theme of the 2026 March for Life – “Solidarity for Both” – we spoke with a mother for whom solidarity is not a slogan, but a lived experience—both when it is present and when it is absent.

♥ **You are the mother of six children, and two of them are facing a serious illness. What does an ordinary day in your family look like, in concrete terms?**

In the evening, together with the children, we prepare their clothes for the next day. My husband takes them to school in the morning and picks them up at noon, and, on some days, I help as well.

At home, I stay with Matei (the 11-month-old baby), Nicolae (who attends school in the afternoon), and Teodor. We also have help—a lady who has known us for a long time and **loves the children very much**. Twice a week, I take Teodor to therapy in the morning. Every evening, from Monday to Friday, my husband, Cristi, takes Ioan and Teodor to physical therapy.

The day ends late, after all the children go to bed, and I remain to tidy up the kitchen and take care of the activities related to **the campaign we currently have underway**.

♥ **What reactions do you encounter toward you and toward your children with disabilities?**

I noticed that some people had a more distant attitude toward me when I was with Ioan, compared to moments when I was not with him. The image of a child with a disability can be difficult for others to handle, and sometimes people withdraw without offering support, perhaps also **out of fear of being emotionally affected**. On the other hand, this distance was nonetheless civilized: no hurtful things were said; they simply did not step in. There were, however, beautiful exceptions—**true friends who remained by our side and supported us in concrete ways**.

♥ What would parents at the beginning of a similar journey — who feel alone, overwhelmed, or perhaps even judged — need to hear?



♥ What would you say to those who do not know the reality of a family with children with disabilities, in order to encourage greater understanding and respect?



We are still in this struggle, and things are recent: ten months ago, we learned that **Teodor is also ill**. The only One Who never abandons us is God.

It is important for parents to **value the support of friends and family** who remain by their side and to seek medical solutions if they exist. If they do not exist, **they must accept reality and learn to live with it**. It is **easy to say and very difficult to accomplish**.

♥ The theme of the 2026 March for Life is “**Solidarity for Both**”—mother and child. **When did you feel solidarity the most, and where is it lacking today?**

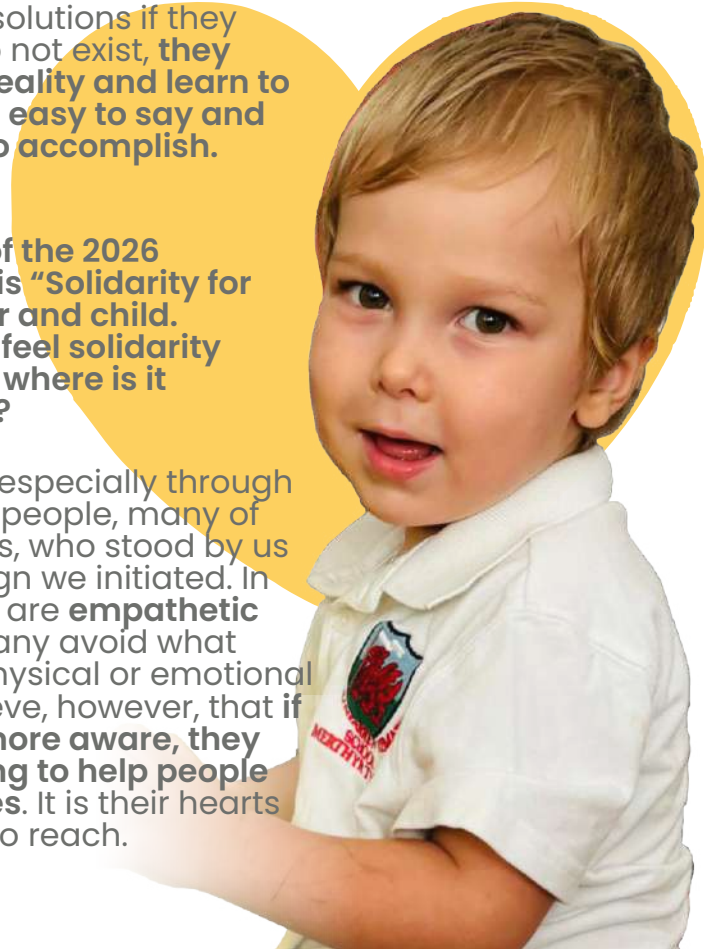
I felt solidarity especially through the support of people, many of them strangers, who stood by us in the campaign we initiated. In daily life, there are **empathetic people**, but many avoid what affects their physical or emotional comfort. I believe, however, that if **people were more aware, they would be willing to help people with disabilities**. It is their hearts that we hope to reach.

„It is their hearts that we hope to reach.“

That they are fortunate. That health is a gift and that anyone can become ill. The last thing that could help a family with children with disabilities is to be judged.

I believe that **good people are strong people and that goodness is a strength**. It is easy to harm, but to do good, you must make an effort. It takes strength to stand beside the sick, to overcome the pain of seeing a child suffer, and to think about how difficult it is for the parents and for that child who cannot walk. Then you must have patience: to stay next to him, to grow tired lifting him, or pushing his wheelchair.

All these things can be overcome through love: love for these children, love for God, and by **seeing in every person who suffers the image of God**. I believe, as Balzac also said, that **a person in suffering must be respected precisely because he suffers and because he carries such a burden**.



Your support **MAKES** a difference for Ioan and Teodor ♥



The Rusu family is currently conducting a **fundraising campaign** for the treatment of Ioan and Teodor. The two children can be saved if they receive a genetic treatment worth approximately 2 million dollars. At present, approximately **800.000 dollars** are still needed to stop the progression of the disease and offer them a chance at recovery.

Teodor has the possibility of a full recovery!

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about pregnancy crisis

♥ *Dr Eliza Maria Clotea: A pregnancy crisis after a computed tomography (CT) scan*

I remember Elena*, a little girl born in February 2023. Her mother, not knowing she was pregnant, underwent a pulmonary computed tomography (CT) scan when she had pneumonia. A few weeks later, she discovered she was 11 weeks pregnant. Shock, fear, denial.

Attempts 1, 2, 3 ...

The first and the second doctor she went to immediately recommended that she have an abortion, telling her that the baby would be seriously affected by the CT exposure. The third doctor told her that the baby would probably not be affected, but offered to perform an abortion if she wanted.

Correct information

When I got in touch with her, I promised to help her find accurate information and that I would support her whether the baby would be affected or not. I didn't know the details of the implications of a CT scan during pregnancy, so I started researching. Time was of the essence—the woman had an abortion appointment in two days.

I shall forever be grateful to **The Health Physics Society**, a medical website dedicated to popularizing science related to **radiation exposure**. They explain:

- 1 Any X-ray examination that does not target the pelvis (the area where the uterus and pregnancy are located) does not affect the baby;
- 2 A pelvic CT scan contains only 1/10 of the dose that would cause harmful effects.

At that moment, I felt that **KNOWLEDGE WAS POWER**: the information I gave Maria* helped her gain strength. She canceled her abortion appointment. In February, Elena was born, healthy, strong, and a joy. Thank God for every opportunity to help those around us!

* The names have been changed to protect identity.



♥ *For me, abortion is not something abstract. It is the reality in which I was one step away from losing my life.*

I was in my first year of college. I used to tell my parents what I was doing in the dorm, where they knew I was spending time with both boys and girls. One day, out of the blue, my mother said to me:

– You know, it wouldn't be a problem at all if a girl were to get pregnant. Surprised, I asked her in a slightly irritated tone what she meant by that. My mother replied:

– Nothing, just that I would be happy to raise another child.

My father said nothing, he just smiled faintly. And I ended the discussion by telling her that this would not happen.

Two days later, when I was alone at home with my father, he asked me:

– Do you know why your mother told you that a child would not be a problem?

– Why?

– She cried a lot when she found out she was pregnant with you—but not from happiness. Throughout the entire pregnancy, she wanted to have an abortion, because **we were not in a good financial situation**, we were both around 40 years old, and your older brother was preparing to enter high school. No matter how much I tried to encourage her that everything would be fine, she would not listen. So I told her something serious: that if she had an abortion, we would divorce—I knew she wouldn't do it and that we wouldn't actually divorce, of course, but it was the only way to pull her out of the panic that had taken hold of her.

Hearing this, I understood my mother's words and why my father was smiling: it was as if my mother was confirming to him once again that he had done the right thing two decades earlier. For me, **abortion is not something abstract**. It is the reality in which I was one step away from losing my life—and the reality in which, unfortunately, millions of children lose their lives every year around the world.

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“I knew the right thing was to give birth to children, that they were given by God, but, at the moment, I only felt fear of what would happen and was only thinking of abortion.”

My name is Marina. I am now 74 years old and retired. For decades, I was a nurse, first in the public system, and after 1990 in the private sector. I **married**, in my youth, **a faithful young man**. When I was seven months pregnant with my first child, I developed appendicitis. They operated on me as an emergency case; it was difficult. They also removed my right fallopian tube, because it was full of pus. I gave birth with great difficulty. The surgical wound healed slowly. God helped me, and I gave birth safely to a boy, who later became a priest.

After the birth, the doctors told me it would be **very difficult to become pregnant** with only one fallopian tube. But **after some time, it happened**. I was very afraid because of that surgery. I immediately thought about having an abortion. I knew **the right thing was to give birth to children, that they were given by God**, but at the moment, all these things were erased from my mind. I **only felt fear of what would happen** and was **thinking of abortion**.

The Dream

The following night, I dreamed of a very beautiful little girl who pulled me toward her and kissed me on both eyes. She had in her hands a large black scarf, and a voice was asking for the icon of the Savior that I had in my room.

It was easy for me to have an abortion, being a medical professional. I found a doctor and had the abortion, even though it was not legal at that time. In the 50 years that followed, my life was a continuous suffering.



My family fell apart.

When I became pregnant with the little girl, my husband said that if I gave birth to her, out of joy, he would go on his knees all the way to work and back. You can imagine that I did not take into account either him or what we had thought at the beginning of our marriage—that we wanted a beautiful family life and several children... I have cried for her my whole life. If I had been wise, I would now have two living children. I probably would have been happier, more content.

Marina | Abridged version of a testimonial published in the "Heart of the Storm: Testimonies about Pregnancy Crisis"

Life Statistics

Underreporting of abortion in Romania: high numbers on paper, even higher in reality.

In Romania, between 1958 and 2023, state institutions recorded 23,046,154 legal abortions. This number does not include abortions performed in private clinics and in some state hospitals that do not report data, chemical abortions, abortions performed by Romanians working abroad (most of whom are of childbearing age), illegal abortions, or situations where abortions are performed on demand but are recorded as curettages for pregnancies that have stopped developing. Recording these in official statistics would probably double the official number of abortions.

The phenomenon of underreporting is not a thing of the past, but continues today. For example, in the first nine months of 2025 (January–September), zero abortions on demand were officially reported in the counties of Călărași, Hunedoara, and Ilt, which raises serious questions about the accuracy of the statistical data.*

Since 1958, when it was legalized, and up to the present day, the incidence of abortion has been higher than in Western countries, regardless of Romania's political regime or the legal status of abortion!

- 7,521,100 abortions during the liberalization period 1958–1966 (9 years)**;
- 7,298,402 legal abortions during the period of restriction 1967–1989 (24 years)**;
- 8,226,652 abortions during the period of liberalization 1990–2023 (34 years)***.

After Russia, Romania ranks second in the world in terms of the ratio of abortions to the existing population.

In Romania, the national average is three abortions in a woman's lifetime, while in Western countries it is at most one abortion. In 1965, Romania held the record for the highest abortion rate per 1,000 women in the history of abortion internationally, with 252 abortions per 1,000 women. That year, 1,112,704 legal abortions were performed.***

Sources:

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Year	number of registered abortions	abortion percentage	birth percentage	number of live births
1958	112.100 [1]	22%	78%	390.500 [1]
1959	578.000 [1]	61%	39%	368.007 [1]
1960	769.776 [1]	69%	31%	352.241 [1]
1961	859.533 [1]	73%	27%	324.859 [1]
1962	961.679 [1]	76%	24%	301.985 [1]
1963	1.034.987 [1]	78%	22%	294.886 [1]
1964	1.097.932 [1]	79%	21%	287.383 [1]
1965	1.112.704 [1]	80%	20%	278.362 [1]
1966	973.447 [1]	78%	22%	273.678 [1]
1967	205.783 [1]	28%	72%	522.900 [1]
1968	220.193 [1]	29%	71%	526.091 [1]
1969	257.496 [1]	36%	64%	465.764 [1]
1970	292.410 [1]	41%	59%	427.034 [1]
1971	341.740 [1]	44%	56%	400.146 [1]
1972	380.625 [1]	49%	51%	389.153 [1]
1973	375.752 [1]	50%	50%	378.696 [1]
1974	334.621 [1]	44%	56%	427.732 [1]
1975	359.417 [1]	46%	54%	418.185 [1]
1976	383.220 [1]	48%	52%	417.353 [1]
1977	378.990 [1]	47%	53%	423.958 [1]
1978	394.636 [1]	49%	51%	416.598 [1]
1979	403.776 [1]	50%	50%	410.603 [1]
1980	413.093 [1]	51%	49%	398.904 [1]
1981	427.081 [1]	53%	47%	381.101 [1]
1982	468.041 [1]	58%	42%	344.369 [1]
1983	421.486 [1]	57%	43%	321.498 [1]
1984	303.123 [1]	46%	54%	350.741 [1]
1985	302.838 [1]	46%	54%	358.797 [1]
1986	183.959 [1]	33%	67%	376.896 [1]
1987	182.442 [1]	32%	68%	383.199 [1]
1988	185.416 [1]	33%	67%	380.043 [1]
1989	193.084 [1]	34%	66%	369.544 [1]
1990	992.265 [2]	76%	24%	314.746 [2]
1991	866.934 [2]	76%	24%	275.275 [2]
1992	691.863 [2]	73%	27%	260.393 [2]
1993	585.761 [2]	70%	30%	249.994 [2]
1994	530.191 [2]	68%	32%	246.736 [2]
1995	502.840 [2]	68%	32%	236.640 [2]
1996	455.340 [2]	66%	34%	231.348 [2]
1997	346.468 [2]	59%	41%	236.891 [2]
1998	270.930 [2]	53%	47%	237.297 [2]
1999	259.266 [2]	53%	47%	234.600 [2]
2000	257.267 [2]	52%	48%	234.521 [2]
2001	253.426 [2]	54%	46%	220.368 [2]
2002	246.714 [2]	54%	46%	216.261 [2]
2003	223.914 [2]	51%	49%	212.459 [2]
2004	189.683 [2]	47%	53%	216.261 [2]
2005	162.087 [2]	43%	57%	221.020 [2]
2006	149.598 [2]	41%	59%	219.483 [2]
2007	136.647 [2]	39%	61%	214.728 [2]
2008	127.410 [2]	37%	63%	221.900 [2]
2009	115.457 [2]	34%	66%	222.388 [2]
2010	101.271 [2]	32%	68%	418.185 [2]
2011	102.896 [2]	34%	66%	196.242 [2]
2012	87.477 [2]	31%	69%	201.104 [2]
2013	85.742 [2]	30%	70%	214.932 [2]
2014	77.806 [2]	30%	70%	202.501 [2]
2015	70.447 [2]	25%	75%	206.190 [2]
2016	63.085 [2]	23%	77%	209.641 [2]
2017	55.931 [2]	21%	79%	205.835 [2]
2018	52.018 [2]	20%	80%	206.575 [2]
2019	47.167 [2]	19%	81%	203.109 [2]
2020	31.681 [2]	13%	87%	211.273 [2]
2021	29.066 [2]	13%	87%	203.418 [2]
2022	28.420 [2]	14%	86%	182.083 [2]
2023	29.584 [2]	15%	85%	164.004 [2]
2024	29.391 [2]	16%	84%	157.270 [2]

In Vitro Fertilization: how many lives are actually born?

In recent decades, In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) has been presented as a modern solution to infertility. Less discussed, however, is the human cost of these procedures: the very large number of embryos created that never make it to birth.

A meta-analysis published in 2019 by Professor Bart Fauser, a gynecologist at Utrecht University (Netherlands), in the journal *Reproductive Biomedicine Online*, shows that globally, approximately 2.5 million IVF procedures were performed annually, resulting in around 500,000 births.

Given that, on average, approximately 7–8 embryos were created in an IVF cycle, it follows that between 17.5 and 20 million embryos were conceived annually. Of these, only about 2.5–3% were born.

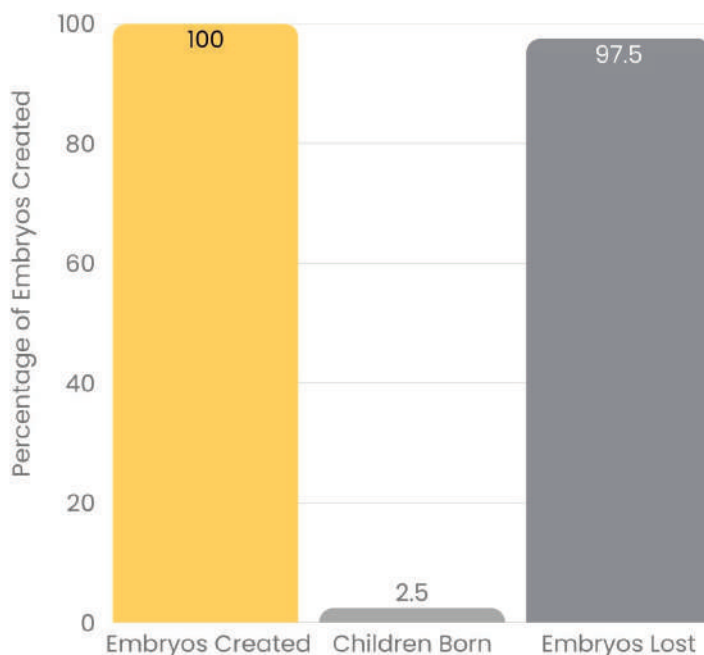
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This means that between **96%** and **97,5%** of embryos created through IVF procedures lost their lives before birth. Some died naturally during the implantation process, others were eliminated through genetic selection, and others were considered “surplus” and destroyed or frozen indefinitely.

These data raise a fundamental question: **can a technology that involves the systematic loss of most of the lives it creates really be considered humane?**

In the context of Romania, also discussing public funding for IVF procedures, without clear protection for embryos, this reality cannot be ignored. Support for the family cannot be separated from respect for human life that starts from its very first moment.

Global Outcomes of IVF Procedures (Fauser, 2019)



Written with love,
held up with courage:
signs from the world's largest March for Life.



Every year, over 100,000 people participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., and thousands of them bring hand-made signs. They capture the essence of the pro-life message as understood and lived by the participants: personal testimonies, slogans, statistics, or Bible verses. We have carefully selected a few of them to inspire those who read them to support pregnant women, mothers, and children.



Young people from large families in France: “You never feel alone”

In the summer of 2025, I participated in a pro-life camp in France where, together with my friend Teodora, I spoke with several young people from large families about the blessing of growing up in such a family, about the joys but also the challenges they encounter, and about the fight for life they carry on in a society that has largely lost its moral bearings.

What is it like to live in such a large family?

“Family life is truly a life full of joy and love. Without my siblings, I would not be the person I am today; it helps you grow. We teach the younger ones many things, and they also teach us a great deal.” (Mathilde, 3 siblings)

“There is a strength in large families; you never feel alone.” (Anastasius, 7 siblings)

“We have a bond with our brothers and sisters that we do not have with others because we did not choose them. The family is the place of unconditional love, even when we make mistakes.” (Marie-Lys, four siblings)

Where do you think your parents found the strength to raise so many children?

“My parents are a true model of love for me. They managed to raise the four of us thanks to this love.” (Mathilde, three siblings)

“I believe it is a grace given by God. Since He granted my parents to have so many children, it means He considered them capable of fulfilling this mission.” (Anastasius, 7 siblings)

“They received every life that was offered to them with great love. In fact, starting with the third child, the fourth, the fifth, it became easier and easier.” (Capucine, 8 siblings)

What would you say to parents who are afraid they would not be able to handle an unexpected child?

“To let that unpredictability become a strength. Even if the child comes unexpectedly, it is a mission, it is a true gift from God.” (Anastasius, 7 siblings)

“The child is already here, even if the pregnancy is still ongoing. I believe we must know how to face unforeseen situations, because every pregnancy has an aspect that surprises us. And perhaps we are not ready to receive the child immediately when we find out about the pregnancy, but, after nine months, there can be growth. We must have courage!” (Clotilde, 6 siblings)

Why are you pro-life?

“For the simple and good reason that every life deserves to be lived. We do not have the right to say who is legitimate to live, and who is not.” (Anastasius, 7 siblings)

“I cannot consider that this human being is more or less human than another. And since I am against taking the life of a person who is already born, whether 20, 30, or 50 years old, the same applies before birth.” (Capucine, eight siblings)

“A human life begins at conception. It is enough to look at the scientific definitions of a fetus, and we shall immediately see that it is a human being. And I believe it is a destruction of our nature to resort to abortion. It is something that wounds us deeply.” (Marie, five siblings)



“Don’t Tell!”, by Veronica Iani, is a story about an ordinary child put in a situation seemingly normal at first. A renowned photographer, a contest, a gift, “helpful” messages and, step by step, the pressure builds: “Don’t tell anyone”.

The book explores how the manipulation of a child does not begin suddenly, but through small gestures and gradual steps—compliments, secrets, favors, isolation, control over their phone. The reader sees what the child feels: confusion, shame, fear, paralysis. And offers the way out: to tell the parents what is happening.

At the end, the book includes two clear and practical appendices:

♥ Appendix for children – simple safety rules (in real life and online), explanation of “body signals,” concrete steps to follow, and a list of trusted people.

♥ Appendix for parents, teachers, and counselors – explanation of manipulation mechanisms, control patterns used by abusers, normal reactions of children, and recommendations for safe conversations.