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As a freshman in college at Stony Brook, I have quickly come to realize that not everyone values life the way they ought to. It is an opinion that is not widely spoken about on a college campus, especially one in New York. Being “pro-life” is not something I am ashamed of, in fact it is something that I believe to be intrinsically correct, yet opportunities do not often arise to share these beliefs with others, especially when it is clear that pro-life ideals would not be widely accepted on a public university campus.

Coming to the March for Life, however, and seeing *hundreds of thousands* of other men and women, old and young, from so many different backgrounds and walks of life, marching for the same cause as me, was unbelievable. It reinforces that I am not alone in fighting for the unborn, that other people believe the same way that I do. The March for Life instills in the pro-life generation the knowledge that anything is possible when we come together, it gives us hope for the future and the confidence that we walk with each other to protect life and the unborn.

Society tells us that abortion is morally correct, that since it's the woman's body, then it is her choice. Society tells us that a woman should not have to carry the child in cases of rape and incest since it was not her fault. And yet society was responsible for slavery, the Holocaust, racial discrimination and religious persecution. Abortion is no different. Still, much of the world thinks otherwise. It is easy to start to become sympathetic or lax in fighting for the unborn when so many people think otherwise, but attending the March for Life refreshed me and reinforced that this is most definitely a cause worth fighting for. I believe the March ignites in people the desire to go out and try to make a difference and reminds us that no matter how hard, how unlikely, how difficult the task may seem to convince society to believe in the dignity and sacredness of human life, with God anything is possible. As a nation, our duty is to pray and fight until Roe v. Wade no longer exists, and hopefully, God-willing, one day the era of abortion is a distant memory and all stages of human life are cherished, from conception until natural death.

