

Pro-Life Youth Night

What you will need:

Several pieces of paper for each student

Pens or pencils for each student

An envelope for each Representative (to mail the letters)

Rosaries for each student

Copy of the Rosary Prayers for each student (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/pro-life-rosaries>)

Prepare:

Find out who all of your US and State representatives are for your area and list them out. Be sure to find out their stance on abortion

Make a list of each US and State Senator and Representative. Don't forget your Governor and the President of the US. Note whether they are pro-life or not. Make a few copies of these so the students know who they are writing to.

Print a few samples of the letters so the students can get some ideas for their letter.

Put the name and address of each representative on large mailing envelopes so the students can add their letters to the envelopes as they finish them.

Print out a copy of the Rosary Prayers for each student. You can create your own, or use the ones on the USCCB website (link above).

AFTER youth night, read over each letter for appropriateness. Make sure all letters are in the correct envelope and mail them to your representatives. It may be a good idea to write a cover letter from you to put in the envelope as well.

Pro-Life Youth Night Agenda

Prayer: O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality. Amen.

Announcements: Let your youth group know of any upcoming events, youth nights, or other activities they should be aware of

Letters:

Say: As I am sure you are aware, on January 22nd we observe the anniversary of the Supreme Court's tragic abortion decision in *Roe v. Wade*, which allows for legal abortions. Today, as a youth group, we will be writing letters to our representatives in support of pro-life. We will remind them that our lives, and the lives of all God's children are important and are worth protecting. I would like to break into groups. We will have one adult at each table to help assist with letter writing, spelling, and any other questions you may have.

1. Please address them by name on each letter: "Dear Senator _____", etc.
2. The Pro-Life Representatives should be thanked for their support of our life saving mission and encouraged to continue.
3. The Representatives that are not Pro-Life should be asked to help us in our life saving mission and to stop the senseless killing of our brothers and sisters.
4. Please sign at least your first name to each letter with your age (you can sign first and last name if you wish. We will not be giving out any other information with these letters)
5. You may use the sample as a guide, but please come up with your own words and write from your heart. No one else will read these letters, so your privacy will be honored.
6. When you finish a letter, put it in the correct envelope.

Rosary:

Pass out Rosaries and prayer sheets to each student. You could ask for volunteers to lead each decade or have an adult leader lead the group.

Blob Tag: This has been a pretty deep youth night. I like to end it with some active play! Choose a student to be "it" or the blob. The rest of the players will scatter within the boundaries. When you say "go", the blob will attempt to tag the other players. When a player is tagged, they must join the blob by joining hands with a player on the end of the blob. The blob must stay connected and attempt to tag other players to join the blob. The blob will only have two hands available for tagging (one on each end). Only the end players of the BLOB can tag others. The more players that get tagged, the larger the blob grows. The object of the game is to be the last player captured by the blob.

Pro-Life Sample for those already pro-life:

Thank you for your continued support of our life saving mission. I hope that you will stand strong on your position that every life has the right to thrive. I believe that all humans have the right to live and only God the Father has the right to call us to heaven. Please continue to support and strengthen laws that prevent federal funding of abortion and protect the rights of our religious and moral beliefs.

Sample for those NOT Pro-Life:

As a youth in today's society, I am writing to let you know that our generation will not stand idly by and watch the senseless disrespect of our brothers and sisters. It is my hope that you will support us in our life saving mission. Please help us be a voice for those who do not have one. Please end the senseless disrespect for human life by no longer supporting laws that allow federal funding for abortions and violate our religious and moral beliefs through healthcare mandates. Only God the Father has the right to call his children to heaven!

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