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Good afternoon, March for Life.

I am Kellyanne Conway. Thank you.

I am a wife, a mother, a Catholic, counselor to President of the United States of America, and, yes, I am pro-life.

It is such an honor to stand with the Vice President of the United States, and with so many leaders, families, and students from places near and far to defend the unborn. Your courage, your conviction, your resolve, and your faith are impressive -- and consequential.

This is a new day, a new dawn for life.

Why are we here? What does it mean to stand together to be part of this incredible movement -- to face criticism, ridicule, laws and lawmakers that diminish and erode our most basic right and the bedrock of our society?



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It means, to protect and to promote the most precious the most precious gift in the world: the gift of life.

It means, to stand up, stand tall, and stand together against the indifference and the indefensible; and to stand up, stand tall, and stand together on behalf of babies in the womb.

It is no coincidence that the first right cited in the Declaration of Independence is the right to life. It is a right. It is not a privilege. It is not a choice. It is God-given. It -- It is unique and it is beautiful.

This dismissive notion of "out of sight, out of mind" is over. Science and medicine have joined religion and morality in causing many Americans to rethink just how fragile and how triumphant human life truly is.

Look at a sonogram. Meet a thriving toddler who was born at 24 weeks and who, with proper medical intervention, goes on to have a long and healthy life. Speak to the many women who have faced challenges becoming and remaining pregnant -- and then welcomed a miracle. Talk to the couples who are now parents because adoption, not abortion, was the best choice.

Every day is a fight for life, yet today is also a celebration of life. It is a time to lift your voices and lift your spirits.

Steps away from here in the White House, a President and a Vice President sit at their desks and make decisions for a nation. As they sit there, they stand here with you. Their impassioned defenses of life as presidential candidates showed a nation that courage and commitment can overcome indifference and insults. And their decisive action as President and Vice President will further this conversation and this cause.

This is a time of incredible promise for the pro-life, pro-adoption movement. Our message and our positive action must also reach those women who face unplanned pregnancies. They should know they're not alone; they are not judged. They, too, are protected and cared for and celebrated. So, to the March for Life 2017, allow me to make it very clear: We hear you. We see you. We respect you. And we look forward to working with you. And, yes, we walk, we march, we run, and we endeavor forward with you.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.