

# 5 Steps To Cemetery of the Innocents

Remember the unborn victims of abortion, educate your campus and recruit new members with a Cemetery of The Innocents display.

**1. Choose a date and location, notify the school and campus security.** Try to do your display during good weather. Reserve a big lawn in a high traffic area on campus. One group was not allowed to use the lawn, so they sidewalk chalked 4,000 hearts along with the words “abortion stops a beating heart” and “these 4,000 hearts represent 4,000 American children aborted each day.” Notify the campus security of your event. **Don’t make the mistake of thinking that vandalism and violence won’t happen on your campus.** Ask campus security what you can do if you witness somebody vandalizing your display. Make sure to have their number on hand, so that you can call quickly if anything happens.

**2. Decide what you want your display to represent.** There are many possibilities, the number of babies killed by abortion each day in America or in your state, women killed by abortion, number of babies killed since Roe. V. Wade, etc. **A good source of statistics is the Alan Guttmacher Institute.** The AGI is a research institute that is associated with Planned Parenthood. Few pro-aborts will try to dispute statistics from the AGI. Remember that you can have each grave marker represent 10 or 100 etc.

**3. Gather your materials.** Choose your grave markers. Most groups use white crosses, others use flags. You can usually **borrow these grave markers** from a local church or pro-life organization that does the cemetery display. Or you can build or purchase your own. If you are using flags or crosses you will also need measuring tape, twine and stakes to space out the rows. **Fliers and posters that explain the display are essential.** You will be most effective if you give a flier explaining the display to each student who walks by.

**4. Prepare a volunteer schedule.** You need volunteers in the morning to help set up the grave markers. As soon as you decide to do the cemetery display start recruiting members to take shifts during setup and take down and through the whole day to guard the display, talk with passersby and to hand out fliers. Make sure **everybody gets a copy** of the schedule, have at least two people scheduled at all times.

**5. Set up and get to work!** Several volunteers should set up the display early in the morning before classes start. To achieve a well laid out, orderly cemetery, start at one end of the lawn, let’s say it’s the north end. Pound stakes into the ground, one at the northeast corner and one at the northwest corner and tie a line of twine tight between them. This if your starting line. Use the measuring tape to space out the markers evenly along that line. When the first line is complete, pull up the stakes and move them back a few feet to mark the next line. Stagger the rows. Once set up is complete start passing out fliers to all who pass by the display. **Talk with people, and sign up new members.**

