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There was no doubt about their feelings as a group of college students walked through Dawson County last week.

Wearing T-shirts proclaiming "PRO LIFE," the students are near the middle of a cross-country walk by Crossroads, an organization of college students founded in 1995 at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. Although it was organized at a Catholic institution, non-Catholics also participate.

The Crossroads website (crossroadswalk.org) says the yearly pilgrimages across the United States allow the students to "witness to the dignity and sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death."

Nick Doyle of Stuart, FL, and Patience Dayton of Sacramento, CA, said there are 11 walkers in their group that are on the road 24 hours a day except to stop to eat and for daily mass.

There are three concurrent walks occurring in the United States, each starting on the West Coast and ending in Washington, D.C. A fourth walk in Canada began in Vancouver and will end in Ottowa.

Each walk began May 22 and will end Aug. 15.