

March for Life

January 20 - 24, 2012
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois



Dear Friends,

The 2012 March for Life in Washington, DC is coming up soon and I would like to invite you to come with me to our nation's capitol to participate in this important event! As Catholics, we believe that all life is sacred. Participating in the March for Life is an opportunity to be advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves and to help our government understand why we believe life is so sacred. Below is information about the diocesan youth pilgrimage and how parishes, schools or other youth-serving organizations can participate in the March for Life. Please consider joining me this coming January for this event.

Charter buses will be loading pilgrims from various departure points throughout the diocese on Friday, January 20 in the early evening. Each bus will have a bus captain who will coordinate check-in and make sure everyone is accounted for on that bus at each stop. While traveling to Washington, DC overnight there will be opportunities for prayer and to learn more about life issues. Pilgrims will write letters to members of Congress that we will deliver later in the pilgrimage. Buses will drive through the night only to stop for rest breaks on the way to Washington, DC.

Once in Washington, DC the next day, your group will have an opportunity to spend some free time in downtown Washington as our hotel will not be ready for us until late afternoon. After checking in at the hotel we will have a meal together and then tour selected memorials as time permits. This meal is included with your registration. We will have prayer at the hotel at the end of the evening.

On Sunday, we will visit Arlington National Cemetery in the morning after prayer. We will then split up to go to either the Vigil Mass at the National Basilica, or the Youth Rally sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco at Nativity parish in Washington, DC. Both options conclude late in the evening and groups will return to the hotel at the end of either of these events. I am still working on providing one meal on this day and will update everyone on which meal is included in later correspondence.

Monday is our diocesan Mass. Bishop Paprocki is tentatively scheduled to be our presider. A breakfast buffet will be provided before leaving for our Mass. After Mass, we will be participating in the Pro-Life Rally on the National Mall. The March for Life Education and Defense Fund, Inc. is the host and sponsor of this rally. The peaceful demonstration on Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court begins immediately following the Rally. Scheduled visits to members of Congress are still being arranged, but we will all go to the Congressional office buildings after the March to deliver our letters. After our visits to members of Congress we will board our buses and begin the journey home. We will make a stop for supper outside of Washington. This meal is not included in the registration fee.

For the 2012 trip, I have received word that Bishop Paprocki will be running in a marathon to raise money for the diocesan pilgrimage. This money will be used for youth scholarships. Enclosed with this packet is information about how to apply for a scholarship.

The rest of this mailing is the forms needed to register for the March for Life. Instructions for each form is included below. These forms will be available on the diocesan website.

Please use the **Group Registration Form** to initiate registration for the March for Life. This form helps me identify who each group leader is and will help me forecast the number of pilgrims expected for the trip. You can use this form to reserve space on the trip at the early

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registration price (\$325) even if you are not sure who specifically wants to participate. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person should be submitted with this form. The deposit is transferable.

The **Hotel Room Assignment Form** is used to organize members of your group in specific hotel rooms. You do not need to fill in every space for a room if your group size does not come out even. I will fill in blank room spaces with pilgrims from other parishes as needed to make sure we use our hotel block as efficiently as possible. If someone from your group would like private hotel arrangements, please let me know immediately so I can block rooms accordingly. I will work with the hotel to keep groups together, but there are no guarantees that the rooms we get will be adjacent to each other.

If there are changes to your group due to cancellations or if you need to substitute people in your group, please use the **Cancellation / Substitution Form**. If you need to add more to your group, simply send in an adjusted Group Registration Form and deposit money.

The **Youth and Adult Registration Forms** and accompanying **Medical Consent / Code of Conduct Forms** are used for each individual pilgrim for the March for Life. These forms can be sent in with the Group Registration Form or at any time they are completed before the deadline. If copying locally, best to have these "front to back" rather than stapling them together.

The **Scholarship Application** and **T-Shirt Design Contest** forms include instructions.

I have included a list of **Important Dates** and a **Group Leader Checklist**. If you are collecting items from your group to send to me as a single mailing, please set your deadlines in advance of mine so you have enough time to get information to me by the deadline. These deadlines are necessary because there are a number of contracts that must be finalized for this event.

A draft of the itinerary is also included. Please note that our schedule is subject to revision as new information becomes available throughout the planning process. The next sheet is a list of common questions I receive about the trip. You are always welcome to contact me any time.

The enclosed **Packing List** should be copied and shared with all members of your group. The key for clothing is to dress in layers as winter weather in Washington, DC can go from one extreme to the next in a short period of time!

Finally, you have the option of purchasing addition March for Life apparel before the trip. The final page in this mailing details some options beyond the items that you will automatically receive with your registration, which are a t-shirt, hat and scarf.

I hope you consider organizing a group for the March for Life! May God Bless you and keep you always!

In Christ,

Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry
(217) 698-8500 x. 154

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<http://www.dio.org/youthministry>

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Group Registration Form

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Total cost per person is \$325.00 if registered by November 30, 2011
\$350.00 thereafter if space is available

Please send a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit per person with this form
Group Leader can send one check for the group, or each individual can send a check

Group Leader: _____ Group Name: _____
Address: _____ City/Zip: _____
Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Parish/School: _____ Email: _____
Sunday Activity Choice: Vigil Mass at National Basilica Salesian Youth Rally

Group Attendance Breakdown

(Note: Numbers reported here can be estimates to secure early registration prices)

_____ Youth (6th – 12th Grade students) ___ Female ___ Male
_____ Adults (21 and older) ___ Female ___ Male
_____ Young Adults (ages 18-20 and out of high school) ___ Female ___ Male
_____ TOTAL MARCH FOR LIFE DEPOSIT @ \$100 EACH = _____

Checks should be made payable to the Office for Catechesis – Multiple checks with this form are permitted

Fees:

Total cost per person based on 4 in a hotel room is \$325.00 if received by November 30. The registration deposit is due with this form and is non-refundable but it is transferable. Fee is \$350 after November 30.

Chaperone Ratio:

One adult for every six youth is required. A parent must accompany children younger than 6th grade. Any number of youth and adults can participate. Young adults, those ages 18-20 and out of high school, are welcome to participate but do not count as chaperones in your supervision ratio.

Special Lodging Requests:

Please make special lodging requests by November 30!

- 3 in a room – Registration fee is \$375.00 each
- 2 in a room – Registration fee is \$425.00 each
- Private room – Registration fee is \$500.00 each

NOTE: *You will only be charged these rates if you specifically request one of these options.
If your group does not fill a room, pilgrims from other parishes will be assigned as needed.*

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Hotel Room Assignment Form

Private Room Assignment due November 30 - Return by January 2, 2012

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- Use this form to list the participants from your group you want to room together at the hotel.
- Anyone 18 or older and out of high school at the time of the conference must be housed as an adult and comply with diocesan safe environment policies.
- Please list 4 people per room unless special arrangements have been made with the diocese. Extra fees will apply.
- If you want pilgrims from another group to room with your group, please write that group's name in the vacant areas for each room you wish filled by them.
- If your group does not fill a room, pilgrims from other groups will be assigned. You will only be charged extra fees for less than 4 in a room if you specifically request these arrangements by November 30.

Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Overnight Rooming Policy

- ▶ Male and female adult participants require separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.
- ▶ Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility.
- ▶ No youth will stay in the same sleeping facility as an adult other than his/her parent or guardian.
- ▶ Youth is defined as 18 year old high school students and younger.

YOUTH ROOM: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____	YOUTH ROOM: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
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Copy this form as necessary!

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Cancellation / Substitution Form



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If there are changes to your group, please use this form to notify the Office for Catechesis in writing as soon as possible. **No refunds for cancellations can be given after January 2.** Your group is financially responsible for all spaces still reserved after January 2. Copy this form as needed.

CANCELLATIONS: Fill out this section in its entirety for each cancellation. All deposits are non-refundable, but are transferable.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

SUBSTITUTIONS: Fill out this section if you need to substitute a previously registered pilgrim with a new participant. Updated Permission & Agreement / Medical Consent form(s) must be received as well. After January 2, substitutions can be made if appropriate space is available.

Remove the following pilgrim from my group:

Name _____ Address _____

Substitute with the following new pilgrim:

Name _____ Gender: M F Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Remove the following pilgrim from my group:

Name _____ Address _____

Substitute with the following new pilgrim:

Name _____ Gender: M F Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Remove the following pilgrim from my group:

Name _____ Address _____

Substitute with the following new pilgrim:

Name _____ Gender: M F Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Please send the Youth Registration Form as soon as possible.

A substitution is not considered complete until the Youth or Adult Registration Form is received.

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Youth Registration Form
Return by January 2, 2012



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Name _____ <small style="text-align: center;"><i>First and Last</i></small>	Name on Badge _____ <small style="text-align: center;"><i>First Name or Nick Name</i></small>	Gender: M F
Address _____	Grade _____	Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL
City _____	State _____ ZIP _____	Date of Birth _____
Home Phone _____	Cell Phone while on March for Life _____	
Parent/Guardian _____ <small><i>If Youth Participant First and Last Name</i></small>	Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
Home Parish or Church & City _____		Congressional District: _____

VIDEOTAPING AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHS

Video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes parental permission for the youth's participation in the videotape and/or still photographs which may be used for future promotional efforts.

CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANT

You are representing the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois during this event. Some expectations include:

1. Participants will honor the schedule by being on time for all curfews, departures, meetings, etc.
2. Participants are expected to demonstrate common courtesy and respect at all times. Inappropriate language/behavior will not be tolerated.
3. Socializing should always be done in public areas.
4. Dress should reflect the value of modesty. Writing on clothing should reflect Christian values.
5. Possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage and/or possession/use of any illegal drug is not permitted.
6. Smoking is not permitted.
7. Weapons and/or drug paraphernalia are not allowed.
8. If under the age of 18, prescription drugs need to be in the original container with prescription label and given to an adult from your group for storage and distribution.
9. Infraction of these rules can mean immediate dismissal with no refund. Participants will be responsible to local authorities as well.

As a participant on the Springfield March for Life Pilgrimage, I understand and agree to conform to the **Youth Code of Behavior** above. I also understand and agree that my parent/guardian will be notified at the time of any infractions requiring my dismissal from the March for Life and that I will be sent home at my parent's/guardian's expense. Among other things, possession of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or weapons is cause for automatic dismissal from the March for Life Pilgrimage.

Youth Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and request that my child participate in the 2012 March for Life Pilgrimage. I have read the Youth Code of Behavior with my child and we understand its terms. I further understand that the deposit is non-refundable and that no fees can be refunded after January 2, 2012.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Youth Medical Consent and Permission to Treat

Return by January 2, 2012



Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Doctor: _____ Doctor's phone # (____) _____

Insurance Carrier (attach a copy, front and back, of insurance card): _____

Policy Holder _____ Policy # _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

If I cannot be reached in an emergency, please contact: _____

Date of last Tetanus immunization: _____

Please list any allergies or medical conditions, such as medication or food allergies or asthma, which chaperones need to be aware of during this pilgrimage. Also include which interventions would be necessary should treatment be needed:

I hereby advise you of the following disabilities or physical or mental conditions, if any, that may affect participation in the March for Life activities:

My son/daughter is taking medication and will bring all medication with him/her in the original prescription container with the label still attached. Directions for taking the medication, including frequency, dosage, and storage are as follows: _____

I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication such as cough drops, Tylenol, etc. to be given to my son/daughter if necessary (please initial your response). YES _____ NO _____

I grant permission for the administration of First Aid to my child by the people in charge of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois March for Life Pilgrimage and those transporting him/her to and from the event as their judgment deems advisable. I understand I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or accident and prior to any major surgery, except when delay in such communication would endanger life. In the case of a medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery if deemed necessary for my child as well as give permission for the release of medical records to an attending physician in case of illness. I further understand that the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is not responsible for any damages or accidents that may result from my child's actions or the actions of others. To the greatest extent possible, I release the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and all those acting on their behalf, from all liability for damages to or caused by our child as a result of this trip and we agree to indemnify them for any such damages.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send a copy of BOTH SIDES of Health Insurance Card

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Adult Registration Form



Return by January 2, 2012
For pilgrims who are 18 years old or older AND out of high school

Name _____ <i>First and Last</i>	Name on Badge _____ <i>First Name or Nick Name</i>	Gender: M F
Address _____	Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL	
City _____	State _____	ZIP _____
Home Phone _____		Date of Birth _____
Cell Phone _____		Congressional District _____
Parish and City _____	Date of Protecting God's Children Training _____	

VIDEOTAPING AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHS

Video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This registration constitutes my permission for the use of videotapes and/or still photographs that may be used for future promotional efforts.

ADULT MEDICAL HISTORY AND INFORMATION

PRIMARY CARE INFORMATION

Doctor: _____ Doctor's phone # (____) _____

Insurance Carrier (attach a copy, front and back, of insurance card): _____

Policy Holder _____ Policy # _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

2nd Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Date of last Tetanus immunization: _____

ALLERGIES AND OTHER HEALTH CONDITIONS

Please list any allergies or medical conditions, such as medication or food allergies or asthma, that need to be known for participation in this event. Also include which interventions would be necessary should treatment be needed:

I hereby advise you of the following disabilities or physical or mental conditions, if any, that may affect participation in the March for Life activities:

Please notify the Office of Catechesis - Ministry to Youth and Young Adults at 217-698-8500, ext. 154 if you are exposed to any communicable disease during the three weeks prior to March for Life departure.

Please send a copy of BOTH SIDES of Health Insurance Card

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Adult Code of Conduct
Return by January 2, 2012



CODE OF BEHAVIOR

1. Each person will respect his/her dignity, self-worth and value in God's eyes.
2. Each person will respect the dignity, self-worth and value in God's eyes of other persons.
3. Each person will respect the physical property and possessions of other persons and institutions.
4. Each person has a duty to report violations of this Code of Behavior.

When in doubt, keep in mind the Greatest Commandment: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and will all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27).

Specific violations of the Code of Behavior include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Possession or use of alcohol or any controlled or look-alike illegal substance. An exception is noted for sacramental wine only if it is used for celebrating Mass.
- Sexual harassment or any inappropriate sexual behavior.
- Personal indignities such as sarcasm, nagging, name-calling, or other public humiliations.
- Using corporal punishment or inflicting any form of physical abuse.
- Theft and/or destruction of property.
- Any act defined as criminal under the laws of the state in which the event is occurring.
- Leaving the activity or activity location without permission.
- Wearing obscene, alcohol/drug related, or tobacco related clothing.
- Violence of any kind.
- Violation of lawful directives given by pilgrimage leaders.

CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

- Chaperones have an enormous responsibility to set a good example for our youth. Use the Code of Behavior as a guide; all chaperones are responsible for enforcing it.
- All adults on the March for Life are expected to help chaperone the youth who are participating. Therefore, adults must comply with Protecting God's Children policies by having the training and background check completed.
- Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Though not chaperones, high school graduates who are 18, 19 or 20 years old are expected to abide by these Guidelines.
- Chaperones will review the Youth Code of Behavior with the youth they are chaperoning.
- Chaperones need to know where their youth are at all times.
- Know the schedule!!! It is imperative that we respect others by staying on schedule.
- Chaperones are responsible for enforcing curfew and for keeping noise to a minimum in the hotel and any other facility we are patronizing. Curfew will be set by the pilgrimage coordinator and cannot be extended by Chaperones.
- Chaperones are expected to monitor hotel halls after curfew to make sure the young people stay in their rooms.
- For safety, please explain to youth that they must keep their hotel room doors locked at all times and keep room keys in their possession when they leave their hotel room.
- If a chaperone must go into a youth hotel room, a second adult must be present.
- Incidents must be reported to Pilgrimage Coordinator as soon as possible.
- At the end of each day and before curfew, gather your group to reflect on the day's experiences. This gives you some "downtime" together, and helps young people process the events of the day. Please encourage your group to journal.
- Have fun – enjoy yourself, and be proud of our wonderful group of young people.
- It is very important to BE FLEXIBLE!!! Situations may occur which require adjustments. Any changes will be announced as needed.

I have read this Code of Conduct, understand its meaning, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with its terms.

Signature of Adult Participant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Scholarship Application

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Phone (217) 698-8500 ext. 154 ♦ FAX (217) 698-8620

Deadline to Apply is October 17, 2011

Introduction

Bishop Paprocki is competing in a marathon in October and is collecting pledges that will go to support a scholarship fund for the diocesan March for Life pilgrimage. It is unknown at this time how much money will be available or how many awards will be given out. The March for Life management committee is tasked with finding the most equitable means for distributing these funds and will notify all applicants no later than October 31.

Procedure

To apply for this scholarship, please complete the information in the form below and meet with your pastor to request a letter of reference supporting your application. Pastors can refer up to two applications per parish. Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger at the time of the March for Life.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ ZIP _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Phone _____
Parish _____

Instructions for Pastors

The young person named on this form is asking for scholarship money to help with the registration cost for participating in the March for Life on January 20 – 24, 2012 to Washington, DC. Please write a letter of recommendation for this young person with your thoughts on how you think this young person will benefit from the March for Life experience and what this young person will do in your parish as a result of his/her experience. The main goal of this scholarship is to make the March for Life trip accessible to more people. So your thoughts on the financial need of the applicant will be of great value to the management committee when discerning who should receive scholarships and in what amount. Your letter will be kept strictly confidential.

Please send your letter with this form to the address above no later than October 17. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Holtgrave, Associate Director for Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois at (217) 698-8500 ext. 154.

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T-Shirt Design Contest

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Deadline to Enter is October 17, 2011

Calling all artists! Once again the March for Life management committee is looking for your creative ideas and artwork to have printed on the white, long-sleeve t-shirts for the diocesan March for Life pilgrimage. Artwork must be original, hand-drawn art on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper and include “March for Life” and “Diocese of Springfield, Illinois” in the work. Please allow a minimum ¼ inch margin on the sheet as well. Digital entries are allowed as long as the printed “hard copy” meeting the same requirements for paper submissions.

All entries become the property of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and must be received by close of business on **Monday, October 17** accompanied with the entry form below. The winning entry will be printed on the official diocesan t-shirt and the artist will receive a free trip on the 2012 Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage as sponsored by the Office for Catechesis. This contest is open to all students in 7th through 12th grades. A parent or guardian’s signature is needed for permission to participate.

March for Life T-Shirt Design Contest Entry Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____ Parish: _____
Parent’s Permission: _____ Date: _____

Mail entries to: Kyle Holtgrave, PO Box 3187, Springfield, IL 62708, or email: kholtgrave@dio.org



2011 Winning Entry submitted by Abby Howard from Routt Catholic High School

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Important Dates

Deadlines:

- October 17, 2011
- 1.) Scholarship Application
 - 2.) Art Contest
- November 30, 2011
- 1.) Group Registration Form and \$100 non-refundable deposit per person
 - 2.) Special lodging requests
- December 1, 2011
- 1.) Orders for extra March for Life Apparel
- January 2, 2012
- 1.) Youth Registration Form/Code of Conduct & Medical Consent
 - 2.) Adult Registration Form / Medical History & Adult Code of Conduct
 - 3.) Hotel Room Assignment Form
 - 4.) Cancellation/Substitution Form
 - 5.) Balance of registration fees

Group Leader Checklist

- Publicize trip and schedule fund-raisers
- Host an information night or other gathering to speak with interested youth and their families
 - o Consider inviting the pilgrimage coordinator to speak at this gathering ☺
- Collect deposit money and create a plan for meeting payment deadlines
- Copy and distribute forms to group members *(write your group name on your originals before copying)*
- Send Group Registration Form and deposit to Office for Catechesis by November 30
- Submit special hotel room requests by November 30 *(only needed if private lodging is requested)*
- Order any extra apparel before December 1 *(only for "extras", not what's included with registration)*
- Collect and forward by January 2 completed copies of:
 - o Youth Registration Form
 - o Youth Medical Consent and Permission to Treat Form
 - o Adult Registration Form,
 - o Adult Code of Conduct
 - o Hotel Room Assignment Form
 - o Cancellations/Substitutions Form
 - o Copy of both sides of health insurance card for each participant
- Send any additional registrations ASAP *(late fees may apply and space may be limited)*
- Send final balance by January 2 *(multiple checks with a payment are okay, just be sure it is clear to whom a check should be applied to)*
- Pray for favorable travel conditions!!!

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Draft Itinerary

(subject to change and further revision pending new information)

Friday, January 20

3:00 – 5:00 PM Buses Depart *(Locations will be announced later)*
9:00 PM Evening Prayer – *while traveling on the buses*

Saturday, January 21

8:00 AM Morning Prayer – *while traveling on the buses*
10:00 AM* Arrive in Downtown Washington, DC – *Groups have free time to explore Washington, DC*
Breakfast & Lunch are on your own **Time is approximate and will depend on travel*
4:30 PM Depart Downtown for Hotel
5:00 PM Check in to Hotel – *Hilton Arlington, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA (703) 528-6000*
6:00 PM Supper - *Included as part of the Pilgrimage*
7:30 PM Night Tour of Memorials - *Washington, DC and surrounding area (as many as time permits)*
10:30 PM Return to Hotel
11:00 PM Evening Prayer - *Hotel Meeting Room*

Sunday, January 22

Breakfast is on your own
9:00 AM Morning Prayer - *Hotel Meeting Room*
9:45 AM Depart Hotel for Arlington National Cemetery
12:30 AM Depart Arlington National Cemetery for Day's Events

Some groups will go to the National Basilica, others will go to Nativity Parish for a Rally and Mass

11:00 PM Return to Hotel - *(time is subject to evening event ending time and travel considerations)*

Lunch and Supper options are still to be determined for Sunday

Monday, January 23

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast Buffet – *Hotel Meeting Room- Included as part of the Pilgrimage*
10:00 AM Mass - *St. Peter Parish, Washington, DC*
Noon Pro-Life Rally, National Mall followed by March for Life Parade to Supreme Court
No Lunch - *please plan accordingly!*
4:00 PM Call on Elected Officials *(or when specific appointment times can be made)*
6:00 PM Depart for Home- *Bus pick-up location will be announced earlier in the day*
?:00 PM Buses stop for supper- *on your own*
9:00 PM Evening Prayer – *on buses*

Tuesday, January 24

9:00 – 11:00 AM Buses Return - *pending travel delays*

ITINERARY TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE –
REMEMBER THIS IS A PILGRIMAGE, PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE!!!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have to register as part of a group?

No. The “group registration” format is designed to facilitate better communication between the pilgrimage coordinator and groups as well as minimize mailing costs by sending information to group leads instead of everyone directly. Individuals can register and will be designated as a group of “1” on rosters. Youth must have an adult chaperone. If youth want to come on the trip but do not have an adult to be their chaperone, contact Kyle at the Office for Catechesis at (217) 698-8500 x. 154 to see if there are adults from other groups available to chaperone more people.

Where will the bus pick us up?

Bus departure points are based on how best to serve the needs of all the groups once the initial registration deadline passes. The goal is to make pick-up points as convenient as possible for the most people.

How do I find my Congressional District?

Please visit <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>. This site searches districts by ZIP +4 code.

Is there scholarship money available?

Yes. Thanks to a fund-raiser by Bishop Paprocki, money will be available for scholarships this year. The amount of a scholarship and the number of scholarships awarded will be based on the amount of money received. Applications for a scholarship must be received by October 15 and awards announced by October 31.

Are tours of the White House available during the trip?

Yes. There is time on our itinerary for groups to visit destinations of your choice on Saturday. White House tours must be arranged through your member of Congress and be made at least 21 days in advance. Since the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois includes five different congressional districts, each individual group must make their own arrangements. Submit your request as early as possible since a limited number of tours are available. Tours are free of charge. More information is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/tours-and-events>.

Are there other trips from the diocese to the March for Life?

Yes. Many other groups from this area plan trips to Washington, DC for the March for Life. The information in this packet is about the trip planned by the Office for Catechesis – Ministry to Youth and Young Adults. Contact information for other trip providers will be posted on the diocesan website: www.dio.org.

How much school will students miss?

Students will miss Monday, January 23 and at least part of the day on Tuesday, January 24. How much of the day on Tuesday will depend on travel time from Washington, DC. Buses will depart after the school/work day on Friday. Registered groups will receive a letter to school administrators from the pilgrimage coordinator explaining the educational and faith value of the trip.

Have more questions?

You are welcome to contact the pilgrimage coordinator, Kyle Holtgrave, at any time. Office: (217) 698-8500, x. 154, cell at (217) 622-4994, or email kholtgrave@dio.org.

March for Life


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Packing List

- ▶ Layers of clothing work best as you can add or remove items as needed.
- ▶ All participants will receive a March for Life scarf and hat as well as a t-shirt.
- ▶ Two nights of the trip will be spent on the bus. Make sure you have what you need for traveling with you on the bus to and from Washington, DC.
- ▶ There is an overhead compartment for carry-on items. Since we are traveling straight home after the March on Monday, remember to have clothing available on the bus to change into after the March.
- ▶ Suitcases stowed below the bus will not be easily accessible while traveling.
- ▶ Youth must turn all medications over to a responsible adult or group leader. Prescriptions must remain in their original pharmacy containers with original labels. Everyone may keep their inhalers in their possession.



<p>Carry on for the Bus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bible <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-held games, iPods, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain snacks & drinks are permitted* <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (<i>don't forget spare batteries!</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Homework or other reading material <input type="checkbox"/> Personal items you will need while traveling (<i>i.e. contact solution, toothbrush, flashlight, etc.</i>) 		<p>For the Hotel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Warm casual clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries (toothbrush, comb/hair brush, shaving kit, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping attire
		<p>For the March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Good walking shoes or boots <input type="checkbox"/> Rain poncho or umbrella <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Coat <input type="checkbox"/> Hat and Gloves



Groups may want to consider creating a sign or banner that identifies where you are from and why you are on the March for Life. Large banners are easier for your group to recognize in the crowd, too.

Emergency Contact Information

Pilgrimage Coordinator:

Kyle Holtgrave
Office for Catechesis
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Cell: (217) 622-4994

Hotel Information:

Hilton Arlington
950 North Stafford Street
Arlington, VA 22203
(703) 528-6000

NOTE: Food and drinks are permitted on the bus. These should be as "mess-free" as possible so we can keep the buses clean. Cans or bottles for drinks are ideal, whereas cups from restaurants will not be permitted on the bus as they spill much easier.