



National March for Life Pilgrimage

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Youth Ministry in the Office of Catholic Education

Saturday, January 22, 2011 – Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How do I register for the March for Life Pilgrimage?

A: Youth should speak with their parish youth minister or school campus minister to obtain a registration form. Forms should be completed, signed by a parent or legal guardian, accompanied by a check, and returned to the parish youth minister, school campus minister.

Registrations must be received by December 21, 2010. Registrations received after December 21, 2010 will be assessed a \$10 late fee with no guarantee of an Archdiocesan shirt.

Q: How much does the March for Life Pilgrimage cost?

A: Early registration is \$175. To be considered “early registration”, forms must be entered online by the parish or school by December 21, 2010. Regular registration is \$185 and must be registered by January 7, 2011.

Q: Are there additional expenses?

A: Participants should bring a sack breakfast *and* lunch for the bus trip to Washington D.C. We will be boarding the buses after early morning Mass at the Cathedral, so please remember to keep the fast prior to Mass. You should also bring money for two meals on your own in Washington D.C. and any snacks you wish to purchase. A recommendation of an additional \$30-\$50 is suggested.

Q: Can participants bring their cell phones?

A: We **encourage** all participants to bring their cell phones to help maintain contact in the event that someone gets separated from their group or is late to a meeting area. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is not responsible for the safe-keeping of phones, so please keep them in a safe and secure place on your person.

Q: Can participants bring other electronic equipment on the trip?

A: CD players and iPods are permitted if they have earphones only. No DVD players are permitted. Inappropriate music or games will not be tolerated. The Archdiocese is not responsible for any lost or damaged items brought by the participant.

Q: What if the participant needs medication?

A: All medication (prescription and non-prescription) should be brought in the original container, clearly labeled, and turned in at registration. The pilgrim directors and bus captains **are not permitted** to stock and dispense over-the-counter medications.

Q: What if a youth does not have a chaperone?

A: Contact Archdiocesan Youth Ministry and the youth will be paired up with another parish that is going.

Q: Other needs

A: If the participant has dietary (*including food allergies and vegetarian requirements*), physical, emotional, or psychological needs, or medical conditions that could require attention or action on the part of the pilgrim directors or bus captains, these should be noted on the registration form under the appropriate section.

Q: What should I keep in mind as the pilgrimage approaches?

- A: There are a number of things to remember as you pack and plan for the pilgrimage to Washington D.C.:
- This is a pilgrimage advocating pro-life issues, not a vacation to Washington!
 - It is in January – there is a good possibility it will be cold!
 - Comfortable shoes for walking are highly recommended.
 - Check the weather reports for Washington D.C. in advance and pack accordingly.
 - The trip is 3 days long (we get back early in the morning Tuesday), so please have enough clothes.
 - We will be traveling through the day on Saturday by bus and returning overnight on Monday – plan clothing options accordingly.
 - Don't forget your sleeping bag and pillow! Pillows may be used on the bus.
 - Sleeping attire, as with all clothing, must be appropriate. Sleeping arrangements will be in a large room (separated by gender), not private rooms in a private setting.
 - Air mattresses are allowed if you wish to bring them.
 - Showers are locker-room style; please pack a swimsuit, towel, shower supplies, and a plastic bag for wet articles after you shower.
 - Packing toiletries in a bag and keeping them in a bag you bring on the bus is also recommended rather than packing them under the bus. You never know when you might need them!
 - Bring snacks, drinks, and a sack breakfast and lunch for the bus ride out to D.C.
 - If you wish to take pictures, an inexpensive camera is recommended.
 - Drop off your baggage and supplies between 6:00-6:30AM in Assembly Hall at the Catholic Center. Enter the Catholic Center from the parking lot entrance and park along the perimeter of the Catholic Center parking lot. The buses will be arriving during Mass and need to park in the middle of the lot.
 - If you are leaving your vehicle in the Catholic Center parking lot, you must fill out the Catholic Center Overnight Parking Form. This can be found at www.archindy.org/youth/MarchForLife.html

*A departure Mass will be celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral (across from the Catholic Center) at 6:45AM. You should be at the Catholic Center between 6:00AM and 6:30AM to drop off your bags and prepare for Mass prior to departure. If you are leaving your car in the Catholic Center parking lot, the form mentioned above must be turned in at the front desk. Departure from the Catholic Center is set for 8:15AM on Saturday, January 22, 2011. We will be returning early in the morning of Tuesday, January 25th.

**If you have questions, feel free to contact Youth Ministry in the Office of Catholic Education at
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