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OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

October 2019

Dear Pilgrim:

Your participation in this year's Pilgrimage for Life is vital! We are so very grateful that you are considering to travel, pray, and walk this journey for an end to the culture of death. A pilgrimage is not just a trip, it is a journey. Pilgrimages have been happening since the Old Testament! Those making the journey have always walked to celebrate their Faith in places that indicate a memory of our Lord or in sites representing important moments in the history of the Church. From Adam to Abraham to Moses and the prophets to Christ, all were on pilgrimage. Therefore, we join with the ranks of them all and make this journey for a specific purpose, **TO DEFEND ALL HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH!**

I encourage you to make this pilgrimage not just a fun experience where you will get to SEE A LOT, but a time for YOU to grow in YOUR FAITH and in a greater zeal to pray for the millions of babies whose lives have been taken by abortion. PRAY also, for the conversion of all those who support, administer, and advocate abortion and contraception in all its forms. We also keep in prayer the handicapped, those born with abnormalities, and the aged who are not always protected and given the right to life.

With this letter is an "Information Page" and "Tentative Itinerary" for the Pilgrimage. Please see these pages for all of the details. **REGISTRATION WILL BE ONLINE.** You can find all of the details and a link to the online registration on our website at <https://diolc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/>

Each minor will need to be connected with a parish or school group to ensure correct chaperone coverage. All youth must be accompanied by adults and all adults, age 18 and out of high school and older, must complete a background check and the Safe Environment Training.

If you need financial assistance, please contact us ASAP!!! **You must** try some means of fundraising before applying for scholarship from the Diocese. Many individuals pay very little because of fundraisers so we encourage your group to let others know why you are going in January! Thank you for joining us on this journey and may God bless you for the sacrifices and prayers you will make for all those who cannot defend themselves.

Peace,

Chris Rogers

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Diocese of La Crosse

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PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2020**



Information Page

When: Leave **About 4:00pm** on Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Return Sunday, January 26, 2020 to Wisconsin
Details of pickup points will be available upon receipt of your registration form.

Who: Anyone 13 years old to Adult. (Please know that we do a great deal of walking and ride a charter bus overnight to and from D.C.)

Where: This is an opportunity to be a witness in Washington, D.C. to the dignity of life for the unborn, elderly, and those who society regards as useless.

Cost: The “Early Bird Price” is **\$350 per person. (This includes chaperones.)**

This price will be valid for each person in your group whose forms and information: including medical release form, current background check and safe environment training dates for all adults (age 18 and out of high school & older), and full payment are **ALL** in our office by the **January 6, 2020 deadline**. A person is not considered to be registered until **ALL** of these items are in our office.

Therefore, if you have people who register late, delay in turning their paperwork, money, etc. for whatever reason, only those late registrations will forfeit the “Early Bird” price. The “Regular Price” is **\$370 per person**. This price will be valid for each person in your group whose forms and information: including medical release form, current background check and safe environment training dates (age 18 and out of high school & older), and full payment are **NOT ALL** in our office by the **January 6, 2020 deadline**. A person is not considered to be registered until all of these items are in our office.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Have each participant register and complete all necessary forms online through the link given on our website. *This is a new process.*
- Parish/School Group leaders will be given access to view the online forms for the people in their group.
- These prices **DO NOT** include the red Dioceses of Wisconsin Sweatshirt. If you need a sweatshirt, please indicate that on your Medical release form and **add \$35** to your total price.
- There will be no refunds given after **January 6, 2020**.
- The cost includes 5-day trip by motor coach, 2 nights at Hotel, 2 breakfasts at the hotel, and lunch on Friday.
- You will need extra spending money for all other meals, souvenirs, metro passes, etc.
- *Priests and Religious go for free!
- Please make checks payable to: **Diocese of La Crosse**.

INTERESTED? Please call:

Chris Rogers at 608-791-2659/crogers@diolc.org or Jen Mickschl at [608-791-0161](tel:608-791-0161)/jmickschl@diolc.org

**Chaplains, Pastors, Deacons, Youth Ministers and Deanery representatives,
please gather a group from your parish/school and join us, please contact us to work out pick up points.**

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Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Bring lots of snacks and water!!!

Load bus at destinations at **about 4:00pm**

- We encourage all groups to have Mass before departing for Washington, DC.
- Please eat before getting on the bus, or bring a sack dinner to eat on the bus.
- The bus will stop at about every 4 hours to do a driver change.

Thursday, January 23, 2020

8:30am Breakfast in Breezewood, PA

10:00am Depart Breezewood, PA

***We will stop for some historical or religious excursion: TBD**

3:30pm Mass: Location TBD

5:30pm Dinner at the Pentagon City Mall Food Court

7:00pm Check in to Hotel

THE WESTIN TYSONS CORNER

7801 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22043

11:00pm Everyone in your assigned room and lights out please!

Friday, January 24, 2020

5:15am Eat breakfast – Breakfast Sandwiches and fruit will be available for pilgrims to eat.

**This is included in the cost.*

7:30am Depart Hotel for the “Life Is Very Good” Rally and Mass

11:00am Depart “Life Is Very Good” Rally and Mass to travel to the National Mall.

****Lunch is included and will be eaten on the bus on the way to the National Mall for the March for Life.***

1:30pm March for Life to Capital

****After the March, each group will have dinner on your own, then use the Metro’s Silver Line to the Tysons Corner Station for direct access to the shopping center via a covered walkway and access across The Tysons Corner Plaza. We will have our buses there to shuttle you back to the hotel.***

7:30pm Come hear Pro-Life speakers in the conference room at our hotel.

9:00pm Free Time in our Conference Room or your own hotel room.

11:00pm Everyone in your assigned room and lights out please!

Saturday, January 25, 2020

- 8:00am Eat breakfast – Breakfast Sandwiches and fruit will be available for pilgrims to eat.
*This is included in the cost.
*Load all luggage onto buses.
- 9:00am Buses drive groups to Planned Parenthood site to pray.
- Buses drive groups to pray at Planned Parenthood **The Carol Whitehill Moses Center 1225 4th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002**
- 10:00am Everyone will go to the National Mall where touring groups will gather to tour Museums.
- Lunch will be on your own as tour groups.
 - Depending on how much travelling around the city you do via metro, it may be wise to have each person in your group buy an all-day pass to speed up your travel time and be more cost effective.
 - Most museums hours of operation are 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
- 5:00pm Meet at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Mass in the Upper Church.
- 5:15pm Mass in the Upper Church.
- 6:45pm Load buses to travel to Union Station for supper.
- 8:00pm Load Buses at Union Station to begin the journey home.
- 12:00am Bathroom Stop then Lights out! Time for sleep!

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Arrive back at original pick up points early afternoon.

Upon arrival at your point of origin we invite you to organize a Thanksgiving Holy Mass. Please see arrival times on the “Diocese of La Crosse Bus Itinerary” Sheet when it becomes available.

Thank you for being witnesses to Life!

Times and events may be subject to change.

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