



Diocese of La Crosse
Office For Family Life

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Hello!

Your participation in the 2024 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 our Pilgrimage. Please note that **REGISTRATION WILL BE ONLINE** using our new registration software through Argenta. Please follow the hyperlink and read carefully the process detailed in the "[Argenta Welcome Letter](#)."

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 (age 21 and older) and all adults, age 18 and out of high school and older, must complete a background check and the Safe Environment Training.

There are limited scholarships available. **You must** try some means of fundraising before applying for a scholarship from the Diocese. 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 the Office for Family Life
Diocese of La Crosse

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PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2024



Information Page

When: Leave **About 4:00pm** on Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Return Sunday, January 21, 2024 to Wisconsin
Details of pickup points will be available upon receipt of your registration form.

Who: Anyone 13 years old and older. **We are encouraging families to make this pilgrimage together and have discounts for families of 3 or more! (see below for details)**
(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:

· **Individuals (Adults and Youth): The “Early Bird Price” is \$400 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 for all adults (age 18 and out of high school & older), and full payment are **ALL** in our office by the **January 5, 2024 deadline.** A person is not considered to be registered until **ALL** of these items are in our office. ***Please note that \$100 of this price is nonrefundable and will be paid online by each person at the time of registration. This will be deducted from their total fee and parishes/schools will be billed the remainder of the fee. Participants will pay the remainder of their fee to the parish/school, then the parish/school will send one check to our office made out to “Diocese of La Crosse.” No refunds will be given after January 7, 2024.**

· **Families (This includes Parents, their children, and grandparents.)**

This pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity for families to travel and pray together. It is a memory your family will never forget. **Therefore, any family (parents, their children, and grandparents) of 3 or more will have an “Early Bird Price” of \$385 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 for all adults (age 18 and out of high school & older), and full payment are **ALL** in our office by the **January 5, 2024 deadline.** A person is not considered to be registered until **ALL** of these items are in our office.

***Please note that \$100 of this price is nonrefundable. No refunds will be given after January 7, 2024.**

January 8, 2024, the price will increase by \$20 for each person whose registration material(s) come in after the January 7, 2024 Deadline. 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” for individuals is \$420 per person and the “Regular Price” for the Family Discount will be \$390 per person.

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PLEASE NOTE:

- Registrations will be done online using our new registration software through Argenta. Please follow the hyperlink and read carefully the process detailed in the “[Argenta Welcome Letter](#).”
- 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 \$50** to your total price.
- The cost includes 5-day trip by motor coach, 2 nights at Hotel, 2 breakfasts at the hotel, and lunch on Friday. o You will need extra spending money for all other meals, souvenirs, metro passes, etc.
- Priests and Religious go for free!
- Please have each parish/school collect all money from your people then write one check for your parish/school group.
- Please make checks payable to: **Diocese of La Crosse**.

Questions? Please call:

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**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.**