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TO: Youth Ministers/Campus Ministers
FROM: Adrian Jackson

Each year, concerned citizens opposed to abortion have gathered at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., to raise their voices against the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision and to give witness to respect for all human life. The Archdiocese of New Orleans, through the Office of CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry, began offering a trip over twelve years ago to all area high school students. This has now grown into 500 teenagers from 19 Catholic high schools and numerous parish youth ministry delegations. We join hundreds of thousands of mostly young people to peacefully march as witnesses to the sanctity of life. Archbishop Gregory Aymond supports this opportunity, and will be attending with us again this year. We are excited to be able to offer this life changing experience.

However, due to the ongoing pandemic, there will be several modifications to our 2022 Pilgrimage:

- **Students and Chaperones will be required to provide a negative PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of departure regardless of vaccination status, and be free of symptoms at the time of departure. Rapid Tests will not be accepted.**
- **Federal law requires that all passengers wear masks while traveling on buses.**
- **Masks will be required at all indoor gatherings and activities with the exception of meals. Masks will not be required in the individual hotel rooms.**
- **Our MFL pilgrims will not participate in the "Geaux Forth Rally" nor the "Life is Good Rally", but instead will have the opportunity to participate in inspiring special events with "The Vigil Project" at our hotel. This will mitigate risk by further eliminating possible exposures outside of our group.**
- **If a student tests positive for COVID-19 while on the trip: Parents of the student as well as his/her roommates will be notified and will be responsible for traveling to Washington DC and receive custody of their child before the group departs Washington DC on Saturday January 22. We cannot place a COVID positive individual on a bus or a plane. Given our other safety precautions which we have in place, including the PCR test, we hope this can be avoided.**
- **Anything under contract with a third party will be non-refundable. (hotel, charter buses, food accommodations, etc.)**
- **All COVID related trip policies are subject to change depending on current mandates and restrictions, and what changes or remains in effect in January.**

As we travel, each motor coach is accompanied by various religious, a priest, deacon, and/or seminarian, as well as a program designed to strengthen our understanding of pro-life catechesis and delve deeper into our prayer lives. Each day/night is packed with historical, educational, and spiritual opportunities for our youth to encounter Jesus Christ through the richness of their Catholic faith.



Because of the tremendous growth of the trip over the years, our basic registration procedures are as follows:

- 1) **ELIGIBILITY:** The trip is open to students in grades 8-12 registering as part of either a Catholic high school or a church parish youth ministry delegation; schools/parishes may impose additional criteria at their discretion
- 2) **REGISTERING:** To register a group, a group leader should submit a group roster, the individual registration slips, and the corresponding deposits to the CYO Office.
- 3) **PAYMENTS:** At the beginning of the registration process, the group leader must decide whether trip participants will pay directly to the CYO Office (i.e., sending a bundle of checks) or whether the parish school will collect payments and then cut one check to the archdiocese. Please do not switch back and forth.
- 4) **TEENS WITHOUT A GROUP:** Teens whose parishes/schools are not going may register as individuals with a surcharge. Special consideration will be given to members of Teen CROSS, the Archdiocesan Youth Council. Contact the CYO Office to discuss.
- 5) **CHAPERONES:** The trip will be chaperoned by the CYO office and adult staff from the parishes and high schools. Adults, including parents, may not register for the youth pilgrimage without the approval of the school or parish where their child attends, and must complete necessary safe environment training.

With space limited to 500 people and the trip selling out each year, we ask that young people and their parents please make decisions soon. Please keep in mind the modifications put in place for this year due to the pandemic. Complete information will be made available at www.cyo-no.org, including trip flyers, itinerary, packing list, and various permission forms. Trip meetings to submit these forms will take place in December on the southshore and northshore. Paid deposits hold space on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the CYO Office at 504-836-0551.





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Archdiocese of New Orleans
Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage, March for Life 2022
GROUP ROSTER

To help the CYO Office verify that group leaders are aware of what teens are registering to travel with them on the archdiocesan youth pilgrimage, please list all names below. Duplicate this form as needed. This form should be bundled with the individual registration slips and the corresponding deposit payment, and sent to the CYO Office by the October 11, 2021, deadline. Earlier registration is advised since the trip does fill up and registration is on a first come, first served basis.

HIGH SCHOOL/CHURCH PARISH GROUP _____

GROUP LEADER NAME _____

GROUP LEADER E-MAIL _____

GROUP LEADER CELL PHONE _____

STUDENTS (Groups are not limited to 24. Use additional paper if necessary.)

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2022 March for Life Pilgrimage



What: A life-changing pilgrimage that includes the 48th Rally & March for Life, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, St. John Paul II National Shrine, Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Lincoln Memorial, Supreme Court, nightly prayer and youth ministry, and more!

Where: Washington, D.C.

When: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (evening departure) – Sunday, January 23, 2022 (evening return)

Cost: **\$650** includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations based on 4 students or 2 adults per room, 10 out of 14 meals, and all activities/admissions. Any fees under contract with a third party vendor (i.e. hotel, bus company, etc.) will be non-refundable.
*Teens registering without a sponsoring parish/school group add \$100 to cost.

Payments: **By Check** **All checks should be made payable to SCC and be turned in to Campus Minister, Ryan Foulon.**
\$220 due by Oct 11
\$230 due by Nov 9
\$200 due by Dec 7 **Please note that all Comets registering to attend must have a 2.5 GPA and must be in good disciplinary standing.**
*** Note: Anything under contract with a third party will be non-refundable.**

More Info: Detailed itinerary, permission forms, packing list, and school absence letters from archdiocese will be sent to each participant and will be available soon at www.cyo-no.org. Forms will be due at a **December trip meeting**; complimentary notarization will be available.

Name _____ E-mail _____ Student's Cell # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone # _____ School/Church Group _____ Adult Leader Name _____

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