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National March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. 2019 Frequently Asked Questions

When is the actually National March for Life in Washington, D.C.?

The National March for Life in Washington, D.C. is on Friday, January 18, 2019. The Archdiocese of Chicago group will be leaving Chicagoland for Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, January 16 with a gathering starting at 6 p.m., and will return in the Chicagoland from Washington, D.C. on Sunday, January 20 (approximately 7 a.m.).

Where will the sending out gathering/rally be for the March for Life Pilgrimage? St. Cletus Parish in La Grange, Illinois (600 West 55th Street, La Grange, Illinois 60525). We will check group leaders in at the venue and start an energy filled rally led by some seminarians and teen leaders. We plan to be on the road before 9 p.m. soon after a sending off prayer and loading our buses. There will be parking available for those planning to leave their vehicle at the gathering site. *(Please park closest to 55th Street.)*

What is the name of the hotel the group will be staying in Washington, D.C. area? Our Archdiocesan Group will be staying at the Marriott Tyson Corner, Virginia (8028 Leesburg Pike, Tyson Corner, Virginia 22182) tel. 708.734.3200.

What is the ration of Adult Chaperones to Teen Participants? For the first 10 teen participants, 2 adult chaperones are required. For every 5 teen participants after the initial 10, one additional chaperone is required.

Example: 15 teen participants = 3 chaperones OR 20 teen participants = 4 chaperones

Do Adult Chaperones need to take the bus or can they drive separately? They need to be with their Teen Participants on the bus. There will be set sessions and activities that is part of the Archdiocesan Group Pilgrimage. We expect all of the groups to comply with the Archdiocese of Chicago's schedule of events.

How old do you have to be to participate in the Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to join the National March for Life? This trip is geared for High School Teens (14-18 years of age) and not Junior High aged teens. Again, all teen participants need to be in High School.

Who is in charge of the teens' behavior during the pilgrimage? It is understood that this trip is an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to join the National March for Life. We ask those who will attend to participate in all the activities/sessions/rallies that the Archdiocese of Chicago provides for the group. It needs to be understood that the group leader, along with his or her fellow adult chaperones need to always be the guardians of their teen group during the trip. There will be Bus Captains (which are seminarians from St. Joseph College Seminary) with a specific and different role from the Group Leader/Adult Chaperones of teens.

How much would it be for transportation, registration, and room accommodations combined?

Early Bird Price:

Quad: \$325.00
Triple: \$430.00
Double: \$480.00
Single: \$640.00

Regular Price (after October 26, 2018):

Quad: \$350.00
Triple: \$455.00
Double: \$505.00
Single: \$665.00

What are the deadlines for the rooming assignments? Rooming assignment forms need to be completed before the December 7, 2018 final deadline. All rooms are understood to be of Quad price and Quad occupancy. Group leaders are responsible to fill the rooms to avail for the Quad Rooming Price. Failure to fill the deemed Quad Rooms with 4 persons will result in the groups being charged accordingly. **The Archdiocese of Chicago OHDS will not fill the remaining room spots with participants in other groups to fill a Quad occupancy room rate. This responsibility falls on the group leader.**

Payment for the Pilgrimage:

*All monies are transferable, but non-refundable.

*All monies due with all forms submitted to Raymund Pingoy by Friday, December 7, 2018 as the final deadline.

*Payments can be made by paying by credit card or mailing a check to the Meyer Center.

National March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. 2019 Costs include:

- Hotel accommodations
- Coach Bus travel to and from Washington, D.C.
- Dinner and session with the St. Joseph Seminarists
- Youth Rally and Lunch in Arlington, VA
- Send Off Rally and Gathering at St. Cletus Parish, La Grange, Illinois

By when does my registration need to be completed?

To avail to the Early Bird Price, all Group Reservation Forms need to be turned in on or before **Friday, October 26, 2018**. All forms (including rooming list) and payments need to be submitted on or before **Friday, December 7, 2018**. Please refer to the Step by Step Registration Process for registration purposes.