

## *March for Life 2012*

The annual *March for Life* will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012 in Washington, D.C. This year marks the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. Over 54 million lives have been lost to abortion since 1973, and countless women and men have been deeply wounded by abortion's devastating aftermath. The *March for Life* is a prayerful event attended by people from all over the country each year to petition the President, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court to stop this intentional destruction of human lives and to pray for a restoration of the protection of human life in all its stages from conception to natural death.

January 22 (the anniversary of the Roe decision) is designated by the General Instruction on the Roman Missal to be observed by Catholics as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. (*When Jan. 22 falls on a weekend, as occurs this year, the March for Life is moved to the nearest Monday when government offices are open.*)

All are invited to attend the Respect Life Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral, 19 Chatham St., Worcester, on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Those participating in the March for Life in Washington will leave by bus after the Mass, returning at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

**The cost of the bus trip is \$80 per person for registrations received by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. After Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, the bus fee is \$90 per person. Save \$10 by registering early!** Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as registration forms and payments are received. If individuals or parish organizations wish to make donations to help defray expenses for our young people or others in financial need, it will be greatly appreciated.

Registration forms and student permission slips are available for download at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife) or may be obtained by calling the Diocesan Respect Life Office at (508) 929-4311, or by e-mail: [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org).

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