

Information for Group Leaders - MARCH FOR LIFE 2012

REGISTRATION FORMS (three types): (forms can be downloaded at www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife)

1. **Individual Registration** – to be filled out by those traveling alone or in small groups (includes adults not chaperoning students under age 18); also for families attending together who are not going as part of a parish or school group.
2. **Student Permission Slip** – to be completed for each student, age 18 and younger, attending as part of a school or parish group. All students must be assigned to a chaperone. We recommend no more than 6 to 8 students per adult.
3. **Chaperone Registration** – to be completed by each adult attending with students from schools and parishes. Note: all chaperones must have a CORI form on file with the Office of Healing and Prevention and a signed copy of the Code of Ministerial Conduct on file with their school or parish. These forms are available from your school or parish.

INFORMATION FOR PARISH AND SCHOOL GROUPS:

1. One chaperone is needed for every six to eight students.
2. The Group Leader/March for Life coordinator is responsible for the following:
 - a. Collect all registration forms and payments from attendees.
 - b. Return all forms and payment to the Respect Life Office by the appropriate deadline.
 - c. Be sure to fill out the GROUP LISTING FORM and return it **with** your group's registration forms and payment.
 - d. Keep copies of all registration forms/permission slips for your records.
 - e. Take a head-count each time the bus is re-boarded after stops.
 - f. Be sure cell phone numbers are shared among those in your group.

DEADLINES:

1. Please note there is a difference in price, with a \$10 savings for those whose registrations are postmarked by Dec. 31 (\$80 by Dec. 31; \$90 after Dec. 31). Mail completed registration forms and payments to: Respect Life Office, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609. Checks may be made payable to *Respect Life Office*.
2. Reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis, and will continue to be accepted until bus seats are full.
2. Seats are not guaranteed until registration forms and payment are received.
3. There are no refunds for cancellations. It is recommended that in the event a participant has to cancel, they try and find someone to take their place.

GENERAL ITINERARY:

- Participants attend the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, Jan. 22. Anyone is welcome to attend the Mass whether or not they are attending the March for Life. There is a special blessing for those going on the March.
- Please arrive about 15 to 20 minutes before Mass and check in downstairs in the Cenacle. That way we will know that everyone is present and participants will find out which bus they will board.
- Participants board busses immediately following the Mass. Busses will be parked outside the Cathedral.
- It is helpful if attendees have someone who will drop them off and pick them up as area parking is at a premium. If it is absolutely necessary to park your car overnight, please call St. Paul's Cathedral rectory at (508)799-4193, to inquire about possible parking arrangements.
- It is recommended that attendees bring enough spending money for meals and to take the metro from the Basilica to the National Mall.
- Busses will leave St. Paul's Cathedral following the 7:30 p.m. Mass (at approximately 8:30 p.m.), and travel to Washington, DC. Drivers usually make a couple of stops at rest areas along the way. Participants will be dropped off at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception early in the morning of Mon. Jan. 23. There is usually enough time to get some breakfast before the morning Mass at the Basilica. The March for Life begins with a rally at noon at the National Mall. Following the March, which ends at the Supreme Court building, participants will board busses for the return trip. Busses will be a short walk away at Stanton Park (drivers will provide further instruction for meeting them upon drop-off). Please be sure to board busses for the return trip promptly. Busses will arrive back at St. Paul's Cathedral somewhere between midnight and 1:00 a.m.

For further information: www.usccb.org/prolife/prayervigil/index.shtml