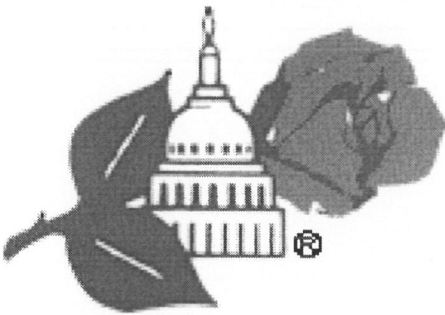


# MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

January 2012  
Washington, D.C.



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Open to all youth in 8th grade and high school.

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Final registration deadline is December 7th.

**TURN THIS FLYER OVER FOR ALL THE DETAILS!**



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FINAL DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH (\$245)

## WHAT IS THE MARCH FOR LIFE?

On or near the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling which legalized abortion, hundreds of thousands of people from all over the country join in a prayerful procession through the streets of Washington, D.C. We march for an end to abortion and all other practices that violate the inherent dignity of human life. We will be joining many other parishes in the Rockford Diocese as we make this pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

Other highlights include participation in the National Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a concert and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center with thousands of teens, and various sightseeing opportunities.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

All youth who are in 8th grade and high school. Please note that all youth who are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will receive priority over youth who are not members of the parish. This means that youth who are not members of St. Thomas Parish are only *tentatively* registered until the final registration deadline on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. After that date, their registration is confirmed.

## HOW ARE WE GETTING THERE?

The Diocese of Rockford is chartering coach buses. We will leave after school on Friday, January 20th, and we should return the morning of Tuesday, January 24th.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Early-bird registration is \$230 by Friday, November 18th. After that it costs \$245. The final registration deadline is Wednesday, December 7th. This fee covers transportation, hotel accommodations, and participation in events and activities. Most meals are *not* included. Your registration must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$100 deposit, which is part of the total cost listed above. The total amount is due at the Informational Meeting (see below). Please write checks out to "St. Thomas Youth Ministry," and write "March for Life" in the memo.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Download the flyer and forms from our website, and return the completed forms to the Youth Ministry Office by the registration deadline (see above for early-bird registration). Please include your \$100 deposit with your forms. Space is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible!

You can download the permission form at <http://www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org>. Mouse-over "Our Parish" in the main menu, and click on "Youth Ministry." Then scroll down to the "Downloads" section or the "Youth Ministry Calendar" to download the form. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the Youth Ministry Office, and we can send you a hard copy.

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for our March for Life Informational Meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Oak Street Church. Parents and youth should both attend so we can be adequately prepared for the trip. Also, the remainder of your balance is due at this meeting.

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