



Diocese of LaCrosse
Office For Family Life

October 2021

Hello!

Your participation in the 2022 Pilgrimage for Life is vital! We are so very grateful that you are considering to travel, pray, and walk this journey for an end to the culture of death. A pilgrimage is not just a trip, it is a journey. Pilgrimages have been happening since the Old Testament! Those making the journey have always walked to celebrate their Faith in places that indicate a memory of our Lord or in sites representing important moments in the history of the Church. From Adam to Abraham to Moses and the prophets to Christ, all were on pilgrimage. Therefore, we join with the ranks of them all and make this journey for a specific purpose, **TO DEFEND ALL HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH!**

I encourage you to make this pilgrimage not just a fun experience where you will get to SEE A LOT, but a time for YOU to grow in YOUR FAITH and in a greater zeal to pray for the millions of babies whose lives have been taken by abortion. PRAY also, for the conversion of all those who support, administer, and advocate abortion and contraception in all its forms. We also keep in prayer the handicapped, those born with abnormalities, and the aged who are not always protected and given the right to life.

With this letter is an “Information Page” and “Tentative Itinerary” for our Pilgrimage. Please note that **REGISTRATION WILL BE ONLINE** using our new registration software through Argenta. Please follow the hyperlink and read carefully the process detailed in the “[Argenta Welcome Letter](#).”

Each minor will need to be connected with a parish or school group to ensure correct chaperone coverage. All youth must be accompanied by adults (age 21 and older) and all adults, age 18 and out of high school and older, must complete a background check and the Safe Environment Training.

There are limited scholarships available. **You must** try some means of fundraising before applying for a scholarship from the Diocese. Thank you for joining us on this journey and may God bless you for the sacrifices and prayers you will make for all those who cannot defend themselves.

Peace,

Chris Rogers

Director of the Office for Family Life

Diocese of La Crosse

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PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2022**



Information Page

When: Leave **About 4:00pm** on Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Return Sunday, January 23, 2022 to Wisconsin

Details of pickup points will be available upon receipt of your registration form.

Who: Anyone 13 years old and older. **We are encouraging families to make this pilgrimage together and have discounts for families of 3 or more!** (see below for details)

(Please know that we do a great deal of walking and ride a charter bus overnight to and from D.C.)

Where: This is an opportunity to be a witness in Washington, D.C. to the dignity of life for the unborn, elderly, and those who society regards as useless.

Cost:

- **Individuals (Adults and Youth): The “Early Bird Price” is \$395 per person.**

This price will be valid for each person in your group whose forms and information: including medical release form, current background check and safe environment training dates for all adults (age 18 and out of high school & older), and full payment are **ALL** in our office by the **December 31, 2021 deadline**. A person is not considered to be registered until **ALL** of these items are in our office.

***Please note that \$100 of this price is nonrefundable. No refunds will be given after January 7, 2022.**

- **Families (This includes Parents, their children, and grandparents.)**

This pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity for families to travel and pray together. It is a memory your family will never forget. **Therefore, any family (parents, their children, and grandparents) of 3 or more will have an “Early Bird Price” of \$375 per person.** This price will be valid for each person in your group whose forms and information: including medical release form, current background check and safe environment training dates for all adults (age 18 and out of high school & older), and full payment are **ALL** in our office by the **December 31, 2021 deadline**. A person is not considered to be registered until **ALL** of these items are in our office.

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- January 1, 2022, the price will increase by \$20 for each person whose registration material(s) come in after the **December 31, 2021 Deadline**. Therefore, if you have people who register late, delay in turning their paperwork, money, etc. for whatever reason, only those late registrations will forfeit the “Early Bird” price. The “Regular Price” for individuals is \$415 per person and the “Regular Price” for the Family Discount will be \$390 per person.

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- Registrations will be done online using our new registration software through Argenta. Please follow the hyperlink and read carefully the process detailed in the “[Argenta Welcome Letter](#).”
- These prices **DO NOT** include the red Dioceses of Wisconsin Sweatshirt. If you need a sweatshirt, please indicate that on your Medical release form and **add \$40** to your total price.
- The cost includes 5-day trip by motor coach, 2 nights at Hotel, 2 breakfasts at the hotel, and lunch on Friday.
- You will need extra spending money for all other meals, souvenirs, metro passes, etc.
- Priests and Religious go for free!
- Please have each parish/school collect all money from your people then write one check for your parish/school group.
- Please make checks payable to: **Diocese of La Crosse**.

Questions? Please call:

Chris Rogers at 608-791-2659/crogers@diolc.org or Beth Johnson at [608-791-2658](tel:608-791-2658)/bjohnson@diolc.org

**Chaplains, Pastors, Deacons, Youth Ministers and Deanery representatives,
please gather a group from your parish/school and join us, please contact us to work out pick up points.**

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Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Bring lots of snacks and water!!!

Load bus at destinations at **about 4:00pm**

- We encourage all groups to have Mass before departing for Washington, DC.
- Please eat before getting on the bus, or bring a sack dinner to eat on the bus.
- The bus will stop about every 4 hours to do a driver change.

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:30am Breakfast in Breezewood, PA
10:00am Depart Breezewood, PA
3:30pm Tour the Saint John Paul II Shrine in Washington, DC
5:00pm Mass at the Saint John Paul II Shrine in Washington, DC
5:30pm Dinner at the Pentagon City Mall Food Court
7:00pm Check in to Hotel
THE WESTIN TYSONS CORNER
7801 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22043
11:00pm Everyone in your assigned room and lights out please!

Friday, January 21, 2022

5:15am Eat breakfast – Breakfast Sandwiches and fruit will be available for pilgrims to eat. *This is included in the cost.
7:30am Depart Hotel for the “Life Is Very Good” Rally and Mass
11:00am Depart “Life Is Very Good” Rally and Mass to travel to the National Mall.
****Lunch is included and will be eaten on the bus on the way to the National Mall for the March for Life.***
1:30pm March for Life to Capital
****After the March, each group will have dinner on your own, then use the Metro’s Silver Line to the Tysons Corner Station for direct access to the shopping center via a covered walkway and access across The Tysons Corner Plaza. We will have our buses there to shuttle you back to the hotel.***
9:00pm Free Time in our Conference Room or your own hotel room.
11:00pm Everyone in your assigned room and lights out please!

Saturday, January 22, 2022

- 8:00am Eat breakfast – Breakfast Sandwiches and fruit will be available for pilgrims to eat.
*This is included in the cost.
*Load all luggage onto buses.
- 9:00am Buses drive groups to Planned Parenthood site to pray.
- Buses drive groups to pray at Planned Parenthood **The Carol Whitehill Moses Center 1225 4th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002**
- 10:00am Everyone will go to the National Mall where touring groups will gather to tour Museums.
- Lunch will be on your own as tour groups.
 - Depending on how much travelling around the city you do via metro, it may be wise to have each person in your group buy an all-day pass to speed up your travel time and be more cost effective.
 - Most museums hours of operation are 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
- 5:00pm Meet at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Mass in the Upper Church.
- 5:15pm Mass in the Upper Church.
- 6:45pm Load buses to travel to Union Station for supper.
- 8:00pm Load Buses at Union Station to begin the journey home.
- 12:00am Bathroom Stop then Lights out! Time for sleep!

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Arrive back at original pick up points early afternoon.

Upon arrival at your point of origin we invite you to organize a Thanksgiving Holy Mass. Please see arrival times on the “Diocese of La Crosse Bus Itinerary” Sheet when it becomes available.

Thank you for being witnesses to Life!

Times and events may be subject to change.

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