



2018

This year's trip will include 3 buses from the Diocese of Lansing, meeting up with those individual groups from the diocese who travel on their own. We will be leaving very early on Thursday morning, January 18th and travelling to Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. to stay the night. Here we will have the opportunity to tour the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, which is right next door to the university. Bus pick up location and times will be determined by the numbers and locations of attendees.

The next morning we will travel into the city for the events surrounding the March for Life itself, which includes attending Mass and Rally at the Capital Arena.

After the March concludes we will be bused back to Michigan, arriving sometime in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 20th.

Cost - \$135.00 per person. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. We have 168 seats available. Once these spots are taken, we will be unable to take anyone else. To register, email Diane Arzberger, darzberger@dioceseoflansing.org, with your name (first & last) the number of adults, girls & boys, Parish/School & Parish/School City. She will inform you of availability of spaces and send an invoice as soon as possible along with permission slips and health forms.

Every adult attending must be **VIRTUS compliant**. If you have any doubt, email the name of the person, their parish and parish city to: rsommer@dioceseoflansing.org. Reba Sommer, at the Diocesan Safe Environment Office, will be able to then respond with the correct information. **If you think this is an issue, please email Reba no later than January 5, 2018.**

The Adult Leader will keep the completed signed forms with them throughout the event, handing them to the Bus Captain at the end of the January 20th bus ride home.

Though there is no cost to stay at Catholic University of America, we are expected to buy our meals in their cafeteria while there. There is a Subway, a Chick fil A, and regular cafeteria food as well. We will also need to buy meals along the road so each pilgrim should plan on bringing enough money to cover approximately 5 meals. \$35 - \$40 is recommended.

Each pilgrim should also bring whatever bedding they wish to be comfortable on a gym floor, such as sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress, etc... Given the time of year and the nature of the event, each pilgrim should also bring layered clothing, including rain jacket, gloves as well as comfortable and warm winter boots or shoes. Sunglasses are also recommended. The Diocese of Lansing is providing scarves so that we can all find each other in a large crowd of people.