

Lifelines... St. Francis Respect Life Ministry

January 22, 2012

St Francis Parish joins 39th Annual March for Life January 23, 2012 Washington, D.C.



St. Francis Youth to Join Rally & Mass

Confirmation students and other St. Francis youth leave by bus for Washington,

D.C. today, January 22nd. They will join other young people from around the country for a rally and concert at a local parish in the Arlington Diocese, in preparation for the 39th Annual March for Life on Monday. The day of the March begins early in the morning with breakfast and a bus to the Verizon Center before the sun rises. There they will join thousands of other youth to pray the rosary, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the hundreds of priests in attendance. A Mass follows, with the Verizon Center filled to capacity. It can be a profound spiritual experience to join with so many Catholics of one's own generation to support the Culture of Life. Says Gracie Burzumato, in attendance last year, "The Mass and the entire experience really had a huge spiritual impact on me. I had never felt God so much in my life. Everything, from having confession to watching the 10-minute procession of all the deacons, priests and bishops, was so moving. I can't wait to go back this year!"

After the Mass, students will proceed to the Capitol Mall to join the political rally and the march. "One of my favorite things about the March," says Jane Adams, "is seeing so many religious sisters and brothers gather together to support this event. They are young and so vibrant in their faith -- it's really inspiring."

Knights of Columbus to Host Bus to March
On Monday, January 23, the Knights of Columbus will host a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The day will begin with Mass in the church at 7:00 a.m. and buses are set to depart at 8:00 a.m. Marchers will gather on the Capitol Mall for the day's rally and March around the Capitol. This is always an event for all ages and the buses are filled with families and singles, as well as grandparents. "This is one of the rare Mondays I take off work each year," says Duane Landry, a local veterinarian and St. Francis parishioner. "My older children and I have gone for about five years now. It's always a worthwhile effort."

Next Respect Life Event:
Sunday, February 26, 2012 10 a.m.
Adult Education - Assisi Hall -
Speaker sponsored by Respect Life (brief business meeting to follow).

Check out the new website of the Respect Life Ministry,

including an Events Calendar, by clicking on the Respect Life heading on the St. Francis website www.stfrancisparish.org.

Many thanks to Jim Dutton, our webmaster!



We Need You: Mary's House is in need of diapers, wipes, and parishioners willing to provide temporary housing to women in need. Call Mary's House: 213-HOPE
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