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Dear Pro-life Organizer,

Every year around the anniversary of Roe v Wade the Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of Youth Ministry organizes a pilgrimage to Washington, DC called Generation Life. The Generation Life Pilgrimage will participate in the annual March for Life to tell our government leaders and our nation that abortion must end. Generation Life will also give young people the opportunity to stand together in faith, learn more about Pro-Life issues, be fueled by dynamic programming, the Sacraments (Mass and Reconciliation), and be empowered to live and proclaim the Gospel of life.

Generation Life 2019 Pilgrimage will depart St. Louis on Wednesday, January 16th, and will return Sunday morning, January 20th. This year the march will take place on Friday, January 18th.

In order to accommodate the size and growth of this pilgrimage, we will be staying at two Marriott Hotels, which are in walking distance of each other. The first hotel will be the **Crystal Gateway Marriott**, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, 22202. The second hotel will be the **Crystal City Marriott at Reagan National Airport**, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA, 22202. We have reserved rooms, but preference to beds and number of people to each room will be limited.

Busses will be departing from different satellite locations after school around the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Wednesday, January 16th, and will arrive at their hotel on Thursday, January 17th. The March for Life will be on Friday, January 18th. We will attend the Pro-Life Rally at the National Mall, which will begin around 11:45am and be followed by the march to the Supreme Court building. There will be separate programming for High School and 8th Grade students both Thursday and Friday evening at the hotel in the Arlington Ballroom and the Grand Ballroom.

On Saturday, January 19th, we will check-out of the hotel in the morning and will have most of the day to tour Washington DC before we gather at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Saturday Evening Vigil Mass**. We will celebrate Mass at 7:00pm with Archbishop Robert Carlson (following their 5:15 Mass). After Mass we will load the busses to depart for St. Louis and return home Sunday morning, January 20th.

Online-Group registration will open on Thursday, October 11th at 10:00am. Simply go to **genlifestl.com** to register your group. Please mark your calendars for two important meetings: a **Group Leader meeting** on Thursday, October 25th, at 7:00pm at the Cardinal Rigali Center and an all **Chaperone meeting** on Thursday, January 3rd, 2019 at 7:00pm also at the Cardinal Rigali Center.

Please refer to the **Quick Facts Sheet** for more information. If you have additional questions, please contact the OYM at 314.792.7650.

Yours in Christ,

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