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Hello Everyone!

We pray this letter finds each of you and your ministries healthy and well!

When we were last in touch in May regarding our plans for the 2021 Generation Life Pilgrimage, we were hopeful that by this time we could move forward with plans to travel to Washington DC in January. However, with restrictions still in place both here and in DC, along with the abundance of concern we have for the safety of all, we have made the decision to not travel to Washington DC for the annual March for Life.

While we are disappointed, we are also excited to announce that our Office will be offering *Generation Life: Love Thy Neighbor*. Proclaiming the Gospel of Life begins at home. This event will be held over the same time period that the Pilgrimage was scheduled for: January 27-30, and it will be a hybrid event.

We will begin Wednesday evening (January 27) by gathering at launch sites throughout the Archdiocese. Groups will gather, as we have in the past, but instead of Mass and loading buses, the evening will have programming focused on launching our teens into the weekend ahead with a heart ready for change.

Thursday and Friday are free for groups to gather in-person or virtual in a time-frame and location that works best for them if they so desire (please consult your pastor and local guidelines for gathering restrictions). Resources will be provided to each group leader to assist in planning a time of programming. Groups could also choose to use these materials at another time that works better for them.

On Saturday, our hope is to gather as a community for a prayerful in-person rally. The rally will include a guest speaker, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for praise and worship. Final details of this rally are still being figured out as we adhere to the constantly shifting social distancing and capacity guidelines. We are planning for multiple possibilities that you can see on the included "Quick Facts" page.

Registration for this event opens at 10:00am on Thursday, October 8th. Registrations will be accepted in the order that they are submitted; currently, we can serve 1600 registrants. While our hope is to have all participants attend the Saturday Rally in-person, we recognize there is a chance that many venues will not be at full operating capacity. We will fill the venue to max capacity, and provide an opportunity for registrants to participate in the rally via live stream at the launch site locations. This is when timing of registration is important, the first to register will be given first option of attending in-person. **Group registration will close November 12th and payments are due in full a month after your group registers.**

There are still many unknowns, but be assured that our Office will be transparent with all of you throughout this planning process. As decisions are made and guidelines become clearer, we will keep you updated. **Please check out the included "Quick Facts" page for more information, and join us for an optional informational zoom on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00pm (ID: 839 1617 0147).** During the Zoom meeting, we will share our current plans and answer any questions you all may have!

Peace,

Melissa Boesch
Coordinator of Events