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Hello Everyone!

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 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.

The Office of Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we are proceeding with planning for the 2022 Generation Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC. As we've learned throughout this past year, large events will look different. However we see the need and desire to continue holding this event while also prioritizing the safety of all participants.

Generation Life 2022 Pilgrimage will depart St. Louis on Wednesday, January 19th, and will return Sunday morning, January 23rd. This year the march will take place on Friday, January 21st.

A few things to note as we do not definitively know what January 2022 will look like:

- We are offering both 8th Grade and High School tracks but do not know the capacity for each ballroom at this time.
- Participants will not be roomed with others outside their own group. This applies to youth and chaperones. You will need to pay the rate for the amount of people you are housing in a room.
- In the past, we have put 5 to a room. This year, there will be no more than 4 per room.
- Details of Saturday's Vigil Mass are being determined and may look different than in years past.

Online-Group registration will open on Thursday, October 7th 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 21st at 7:00pm and an all **Chaperone meeting** on Thursday, January 6th, 2022 at 7:00pm. Locations to be announced.

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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