

# March for Life 2010

## General Information

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw offers adults and youth, grades 8-12, an opportunity to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Transportation will be by Deluxe Motor Coach with lodging at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The cost, \$175, covers bus transportation to and from Washington, two nights' lodging, and 6 meals. Participants will pay for 3 meals, subway fare, and sightseeing.

Name of event..... March for Life  
Destination..... Washington, D.C  
Designated Supervisor(s) of Activities... Sandy Buza and Mark Graveline  
Date and time of departure ..... January 21, 2010 after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Date and time of return ..... January 24, 2010 approximately 8:00 a.m.  
Method of transportation ..... Deluxe Motor Coach  
Participant cost ..... \$175.00 (quadruple occupancy)  
Sightseeing opportunities ..... National museums, Arlington Cemetery, Pope John Paul II Museum, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, etc.

## Tentative Schedule

Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 a.m. Registration/Bus Loading  
8:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Cistone  
9:30 a.m. Depart (breakfast provided)  
12:00 p.m. Stop for lunch (you pay)  
9:00 p.m. Arrive at 4H Center, Chevy Chase, MD  
9:30 p.m. Dinner (provided)

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Early a.m. Make our way to Verizon Center for Mass  
March for Life (Breakfast and sack lunch provided)  
5:00 p.m. Dinner at 4H Center  
7:30 p.m. Gathering (Music/Presentation/Talk about day's experiences)

Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 a.m. Sightseeing in your groups  
4:00 pm Mass with Bishop Cistone at the National Shrine  
7:00 p.m. Depart

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Arrive at the Center for Ministry

## Youth Ministers Instructions/Checklist

1. **It is your responsibility to provide adequate chaperones for the youth attending the March from your group (ratio of one chaperone per ten youth).** If you do not have a chaperone from your parish for the youth who want to attend the event, it is your responsibility to contact neighboring parishes to see if they have room for your youth. Also, if you know of youth from neighboring parishes who wish to attend, please consider taking them with your parish. If a youth registers separately without a chaperone we will contact you and ask for your assistance.
2. It is also your responsibility to make sure all your chaperones and anyone in your group over the age of 18 by January 24, 2010 have attended a **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults** session; that they have received and reviewed the diocesan policy regarding background checks and signed the **authorization form for a background check**. They must also receive and review the diocesan **Standards of Behavior for those Working with Children and Young People**, then sign the form acknowledging they have read the policy and will abide by it. The parish will keep copies of these forms and forward copies to the Compliance Officer.
3. All chaperones are required to have a cell phone and provide the diocesan supervisors of the event with the number. If a chaperone does not have a cell phone, we suggest purchasing a prepaid phone for the trip. This is very important because we will not always be in a large group together and we will always want to be able to communicate with you.
4. This trip is for youth in grades 8-12. No one younger than grade 8 will be allowed to attend.
5. Please have each youth from your parish complete the **Registration Form**, Sections A through F. Please make sure their parent/legal guardian has signed all required sections.
6. Make sure all forms are completed properly and signed, then send them, along with full payment, to Pat Preston, Department of Formation, 5800 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603. **DEADLINE FOR ALL COMPLETED MATERIAL AND PAYMENT IS DECEMBER 2, 2009.** Use the provided check list to make sure you are sending everything that is needed.
7. If, after a youth is registered, he/she is unable to attend, a substitution *may* be made, if the criteria listed on the enclosed Substitution/Cancellation Form are met. Please follow the instructions on the Substitution/Cancellation Form. No exceptions will be made on the deadlines or process.

### Checklist of materials to Pat Preston by December 2, 2009

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Registration Form for each participant
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of Virtus Training Certificates, Background Checks and Signed Standards of Behavior for **ALL** participating adults.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Rooming List Form (We will try our best to keep rooms the way they are, however our number one goal is to have every room full)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Chaperone – Youth List
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Payment Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Payment

## Instructions for Adults

1. Complete the Registration Form, Sections A through F, and submit it, along with full payment to Pat Preston, Department of Formation, 5800 Weiss St., Saginaw. **DEADLINE FOR ALL COMPLETED MATERIAL (INCLUDING PROOF OF CHARTER COMPLIANCE) AND PAYMENT IS DECEMBER 2, 2009.**
2. Anyone aged 18 or older as of January 24, 2010, must:
  - a. Attend a **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults** session. Upcoming VIRTUS sessions are posted on the diocesan website: [www.saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org). Or, call 989-797-6682 for information.
  - b. Receive and review a copy of the diocesan policy regarding **background checks** from their parish, and sign the form authorizing the background check. This form is returned to the parish; the parish keeps a copy for their records and forwards a copy to the compliance officer. The compliance officer performs the background check.
  - c. Receive and review a copy of the diocesan **Standards of Behavior for Those Working with Children and Young People** and must sign the form acknowledging they have read the policy and will abide by it. This form is also returned to the participant's parish; the parish keeps a copy for their records and forwards a copy to the compliance officer.
3. Read the Behavior Guidelines on page 4 and sign Section C on the Registration Form.

## Chaperone Responsibilities

1. In order to facilitate communication, chaperones **must** provide us with cell phone numbers. If a chaperone does not have a cell phone, he/she/the parish should purchase a prepaid cell phone.
2. All chaperones **must** attend one of two scheduled meetings for instructions and updates at the Center for Ministry:

## **Meetings TBA**

3. Chaperones are responsible for the youth in their care at all times. Please make sure your youth have your cell phone number.

## Behavior Guidelines

In order to insure safety and a relaxed environment for learning and worship with a large group, we ask you to read the following agreements. If you have no disagreements with these requests, please sign Section C (adults) or D (youth and parent) on the Registration Form.

- Participants must **wear** name tag with medical release and registration form **at all times**.
- **For minors:** the use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and weapons is prohibited for the duration of the trip. Those who fail to comply with this rule will be sent home at the participant's expense.
- **For adults:** the use of alcohol, drugs and weapons is prohibited for the duration of the trip. Those who fail to comply with this rule will be sent home at the participant's expense.
- Tobacco users over 18 may use tobacco products in designated smoking areas.
- Keep with your group and adult chaperone at all times.
- Respect will be given to all participants at all times.
- Use the trip to expand the people you know—avoid creating the appearance of closed groups—be welcoming!
- Care will be taken to respect the drivers and the buses.
- Good judgment and a loving heart should guide your behavior. Any disrespectful or disruptive behavior will be dealt with quickly and certainly. Participants who use inappropriate language, illegal substances or destructive behavior will be removed and may be asked to leave early at his/her expense.
- Youth/Young adults are expected to attend and remain with their assigned chaperone during tours and activities.
- Youth/Young Adults are expected to attend all programmed events following the given schedule.
- Socializing should take place in public areas. **NO** visiting is allowed in sleeping areas occupied by the opposite gender without the presence of a chaperone.
- At all times, display appropriate behavior toward the opposite gender.
- Disagreements that impose on an individual's or group's comfort level will be brought to the group leader's attention for resolution.

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**PACKING LIST**

**WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING**

TOILETRIES (TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, ETC.)  
WARM CLOTHING (WINTER COAT, BOOTS, GLOVES)  
CLOTHES APPROPRIATE FOR MASS  
RAIN PONCHO  
MONEY FOR MEALS AND METRO TRANSPORTATION (ENOUGH FOR FIVE MEALS,  
PROBABLY \$35-\$50 AND ABOUT \$10 FOR METRO)

**WHAT YOU MAY CHOOSE TO BRING**

A SMALL BLANKET FOR THE BUS  
BACKPACK  
CAMERA  
PERSONAL CD PLAYER, MP3, IPOD, ETC (WITH EARPHONES, PLEASE)  
ELECTRONIC GAMES, ETC.  
BOOKS/JOURNAL  
SNACKS  
EXTRA MONEY FOR SOUVENIERS (PRO-LIFE T-SHIRTS, BUTTONS, ETC. WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN D.C. AND THE MUSEUMS HAVE GIFT SHOPS)

**WHAT YOU MAY NOT BRING**

DRUGS/ALCOHOL  
WEAPONS  
INAPPROPRIATE GAMES OR VIDEOS  
MORE THAN ONE SUITCASE  
COOLERS

\*SUITCASES WILL BE STORED UNDER THE BUS. YOU MAY KEEP A SMALL  
BLANKET, SMALL BAG OR BACKPACK WITH PERSONAL ITEMS/SNACKS, ETC. ON  
THE BUS. LIMIT YOURSELF TO ONE PIECE OF LUGGAGE.

\*\*If you wish to see our accommodations please go to [4hcenter.org](http://4hcenter.org)