

MARCH FOR LIFE 2009 GROUP LEADER GUIDELINES

Dear Group Leader,

The Respect Life Office would like to thank you for organizing a group to participate in this exciting pilgrimage. Your efforts and leadership are important in helping to build a culture of life. In this packet you will find all of the necessary forms and instructions to register your group with the Archdiocese of Chicago's March for Life pilgrimage. I would like to give you several reminders and guidelines to help make the registration process as simple as possible. ***Please be aware that you must have at least one chaperone per 10 teens for this trip.***

Forms

The first form is the Group Leader form. Following are two different forms, one for adults who are out of high school, and one for teens. Please make sure that both adults and teens fill out the forms completely; all of the information is important. Please make sure your participants are aware that there are two sides, and that they must sign the release section on the back. For teens, a parent must sign the release and authorization portion of the form on the back. After the registration forms you will find instructions and information for background checks. **Everyone 18 and older must go through a background check—this includes students.** The instruction sheet will lead you through the process. Make sure to hand out the instruction sheets and the DCFS form, which are found in the same document, to everyone 18 and older.

Once you have all of the forms completed, please collect them and send all of them in together. By sending in all of the forms at once you will make it much easier for us to process the paperwork. **The deadline for registration is December 15, 2008.**

Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all group leaders that register for the pilgrimage. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please make sure a trusted adult chaperone from your group is present. **You must be present for one of the following meeting dates:** Meeting at the Pastoral Center in downtown Chicago on January 7, 2009 at 7pm, or a conference call meeting on January 5, 2009 at 7pm. Details of the meetings will be emailed to you once you register. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to being with you for this exciting pilgrimage!
God Bless.

Yours in Christ,

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