



GROUP LEADER INFORMATION

Pilgrimage Overview

Dates: Tuesday evening, January 16 – Sunday, January 21, 2018

Itinerary:

- Cathedral of St. Matthew for private mass with Archbishop Lucas
- Life Is Very Good Evening of Prayer
- The 2018 March for Life
- Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- DC memorials, monuments, and museums

Eligible Ages: Youth grades 9-12. Chaperones 21 or older.

Financials

Cost: \$525

Deposit: \$50 (non-refundable)

Payment deadlines: October 15, 2017

Aid: RespectLifeOmaha.com to apply

- Deadline: October 2, 2017
- Results: October 6, 2017

Fundraising:

- Parish Knights of Columbus often offer scholarships.
- Money fundraised after the registration deadline should be redistributed to your group as you see fit.

Registration

At: RespectLifeOmaha.com OR <http://www.regonline.com/2018M4LRuralEast>

Deadline: October 15, 2017

- Spots for all youth/chaperones who have not paid in full by the end of this date will be given to those on the waitlist.

Youth Registration Completed By: Parent or legal guardian

Waitlist: Seats typically fill before the registration deadline. As a group leader, you can start taking a waitlist as soon as you have filled your designated number of seats. You can reach out to the other groups on your bus to see if they have seats that have not yet been filled.

Cancellations: Allied Tour is asking for a \$100 deposit from every person by October 15, 2017. Once this has been paid, that \$100 is non-refundable. The entire trip will be paid to Allied by December 11, 2017. The trip is completely non-refundable after this date.

Substitutions: A youth/chaperone who wants to cancel after the deadlines should speak with their group leader to see if there is anyone on the waitlist. If there is not, pilgrims can find their own substitute. All substitutes must be the same gender as they will be placed in the same hotel room that was designated for the original pilgrim. The substitute pilgrim should refund the original pilgrim.

Chaperones

Ratio: 1 to 8

Gender: Same as the majority of the youth in their group.

Requirements:

1. Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church
2. High school graduate
3. 21 years of age
4. Currently certified in the Archdiocese of Omaha Safe Environment Training (See <http://archomaha.org/ministries/safe-environment/training/> for training dates.)
5. Available to attend the Leaders' Retreat.
6. Willing to contact each pilgrim and parent/guardian in their chaperone group before departure.
7. Available via text and/or phone call to their Bus Captain and Chaplain throughout the entire pilgrimage; answering in a reasonable time frame and following directions as instructed
8. Prepared to participate in the entire pilgrimage including:
 - a. Monitoring up to 8 youth pilgrims
 - b. Bus journeys to and from Washington, D.C.
 - c. One night of hotel hall duty and nightly youth room checks
 - d. One night of sack lunch assembly
 - e. Regularly Scheduled Meetings with Bus Team
 - f. Other duties as requested

Leaders' Retreat: TBD. Bus group leaders will set this date in conjunction with the RLA Coordinator. Please, ensure that your chaperones can attend once this date is set.

General Information

Parent and Student Formation: The Respect Life Apostolate requires that each parish or school attending the March for Life hosts at least one information/formation night before the pilgrimage for students attending, their parents, and chaperones. We will provide materials such as the itinerary, movies which will be watched, discussion questions, the packing list, etc. to help you facilitate this meeting.

Youth rooms: Four to a room according to gender. Youth can designate one roommate.

Adult rooms: Two per room according to gender. Adults can designate their choice of roommate.

Please understand that not all requests can be accommodated. Married couples attending as chaperones are not guaranteed a room together, but reasonable attempts will be made so that they can share a room.

Final Itinerary: will be e-mailed to all participants in mid-December.

Packing List:

1. Suitcase for below the bus.
2. Small bag/purse with necessities for on the bus.
3. Small blanket and pillow for the bus
4. 5 changes of warm, versatile clothes (we will be outside every day)
5. Pajamas
6. Rain Poncho
7. Winter coat, hat, gloves, scarf, and winter boots
8. Hand and foot warmers (for the day of the March and walking tour of Independence Park)
9. Hygienic Items – These should fit in your purse/small book bag and carried on the bus
10. Medications - Youth are responsible to bring and take any essential medications.
11. Activities - Bible, homework, books, playing cards or small games, etc.
12. Cell Phones, Electronic Games, iPods, etc.
 - Participants may bring iPods with headphones or portable electronic games for the bus journey. They will not be allowed to use these when visiting sites. If these technologies become a barrier to participation, they will be confiscated for the pilgrimage. Cell phones should be used discretely and infrequently. Constant texting is discouraged.

13. Meals & Spending Money
 - We recommend that you bring around \$125 to cover 11 meals and souvenirs, etc.
14. A sack dinner for the first night on the bus.
15. Snacks share with 15 people
 - Individually packaged items are strongly encouraged. Homemade products must be packaged in sturdy containers that need not be returned.
16. Non-perishable snack to eat the day of the March. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel, and we will eat dinner after the March. The March is an all-day event, and there is little opportunity for food.
17. Adult pilgrims: Photo ID and health insurance card
18. **Do Not Bring**
 - Netbooks and Laptops
 - Swimsuits

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