

Dear St. Rose and St. John Families,

It has been a tradition for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders of St. Rose and St. John to go to Washington D.C. for the March for Life during Confirmation year. This year your child is eligible for the trip which will be from January 20-24, 2011.

We will meet Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Rose Cafeteria for information on the trip and fundraising. Following this meeting, we invite all students and parents interested in learning more about confirmation to stay for additional information.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact one of us for more information.

My child isn't Catholic, so he won't be confirmed. We are inviting ALL 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders affiliated with St. Rose and St. John, regardless of denomination, on this class trip.

January is several months away, I'm not certain that my child will be able to go.

That's OK. Come and find out more about the March for Life trip. Every St. Rose and St. John student has a seat with their name on it until their parent/guardian states in writing that their child cannot attend.

Can I go? There are 55 seats on the bus. All remaining seats will be available first to the parents and Confirmation sponsors of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Anyone not a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader will pay for their own trip. Half down secures the seat.

We can't afford it. Neither can I. That is why we set up fundraisers...which are also FUN-raisers. Students in the past have raised all the money needed and only needed to bring enough for a few meals and spending.

What will you do on the trip? We will have a tentative agenda at the meeting. Last time, in addition to the March, we had a day with a professional tour guide, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, went to the Basilica for a tour and Mass...and had a lot of fun!

What about School? If your child attends public school, this is considered an excused absence for religious purposes. The "paperwork" will contain a letter to the school. Your child will be responsible for making up missed work.

Who will chaperone? In addition to ourselves, all people over 18 on the bus will be chaperones. All chaperones will have completed the Diocese of Toledo Protecting Youth Workshop and been fingerprinted with a background check.

See you Tuesday!

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