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Thousands of St. Louis Youth to Attend March for Life in Washington

Approximately 3,000 St. Louisans Making the Trek to Nation's Capital

ST. LOUIS — Despite the anticipated inclement weather, an estimated 3,000 teenagers, young adults, adult chaperones, volunteers, and other pro-life supporters from the St. Louis area will make the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the 43rd annual March for Life on Friday, January 22. The date commemorates the tragic anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, which has led to more than 57 million abortions in the United States.

The largest contingent of pilgrims, called "Generation Life," is organized by the Catholic Youth Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The group totals more than 2,200 high school students, adult chaperones, young adults, seminarians, and staff. The pilgrims will depart on 41 busses from seven different locations around the St. Louis area in the evening of Wednesday, January 20. Media is invited to attend the launch. Please contact the Archdiocese of St. Louis Communications Office for more details.

Separate St. Louis groups totaling approximately 500 youth will attend the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. Several hundred other St. Louisans are expected to attend by other means.

In total, the roughly 3,000 St. Louisans expected to travel to Washington represent more than 65 parishes and schools in the archdiocese.

Friends, family members, media, and anyone staying in St. Louis can be part of the action on social media by following @GenLifeSTL and using #GenLifeSTL on [twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), "liking" the [GenLifeSTL facebook page](#), and on the GenLifeSTL blog, genlifestl365.com.

In addition, several local Catholic parishes will hold prayer services in the area, and the Archdiocese of St. Louis will host a *Pro-Life Holy Hour of Prayer* for young adults, Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (4431 Lindell).

GenLife participants, or representatives of the archdiocese, can be made available for interviews upon request while in D.C. Members of the archdiocesan Office of Communications staff will be in Washington, D.C. for the duration of the pilgrimage to facilitate media inquiries.

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