

Boston Catholic Schools Youth Pilgrimage for Life
January 20-22, 2022
Washington, D.C.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: Who is eligible to participate?

A: All Boston Catholic school students in Grades 6-12 and their adult chaperones.

Q2: Who is eligible to serve as a chaperone?

A. Adult leaders/chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and have been CORI checked within the last year by their Archdiocese of Boston school or parish. All chaperones must also have undergone the required VIRTUS Training. *(see Terms & Conditions document on the CSO website for more details re: chaperones)*

Q3: What is the student to chaperone ratio requirement?

A. Two adult chaperones (21+ years of age) are required for the first group of 1-7 students. When the student headcount goes above 7, a third adult chaperone is required up and until the headcount reaches 14. Over a headcount of 14 students, a fourth adult chaperone is required and so on.

Q4: Can non-students/adults over age 18 attend if they are not serving as a chaperone?

A. No, this is a pilgrimage for youth in Grades 6-12.

Q5: How much is the total cost of the pilgrimage and what is included?

A. \$250/person includes Amtrak transportation to/from D.C., two-night hotel stay and at least 4 meals while in D.C. as well as Academy Bus Line transportation to events not within walking distance of the hotel. Participants are responsible for their own meals on travel days to/from D.C. Amtrak has a food car to purchase light meals, snacks and drinks.

Q6: Does the Archdiocese provide transportation to/from Amtrak at South Station in Boston?

A. No, each participant and/or parent/school leader is responsible to provide transportation to/from Boston.

Q7: What time does the train depart Boston for Union Station, D.C. and what time does our group need to be at South Station?

- A. Train 171 departs Boston at **8:15am on Thursday 1/20/22**. All March for Life participants (the entire Archdiocese of Boston group) must arrive at South Station at least ONE hour before departure to ensure we are seated together in the same train cars. If you are late, you risk forfeiting your seat reservation!

Q8: What time does the train depart Union Station, D.C. for Boston on 1/22/22?

- A. Train 194 departs Union Station at **1:05pm** and arrives in Boston at **9:18pm**. Same arrival times/rules apply--see above.

Q9: What are the hotel details?

- A. Hyatt Regency, 400 Jersey Ave, NW, Washington, D.C.
 - a. A 10-minute walk from Union Station and from the end of the March for Life (Supreme Court)
 - b. Two nights/double occupancy
 - c. Breakfast included on Friday and Saturday morning.

Q10: Will there be time for sight-seeing while in D.C.

- A. Yes, as a group we will have an evening walking tour of the war memorials and we will also have Mass and a tour of the St. John Paul II Shrine.

Q11: What should I bring to D.C.?

- A. One bag per person may be stowed underneath the train and one backpack/purse may be brought on board. **Pack lightly** since each participant is responsible for his/her own luggage and we'll be walking from Union Station to the Hotel. Winter in D.C. is not as cold as Boston but plan to bring warm, comfortable clothes and footwear. Check the forecast a few days before departure for the most up to date weather and pack accordingly. You may also want to bring rosary beads, snacks (ie: granola bars) and water since there likely will not be opportunities to purchase food outside of mealtimes.

Q12: Other questions?

- A. Please review the other documents on the CSO website or contact [Colleen Donohoe@rcab.org](mailto:Colleen_Donohoe@rcab.org) or [Anne Gray@rcab.org](mailto:Anne_Gray@rcab.org)