

**Boston Catholic Schools Youth Pilgrimage for Life**  
**January 19-21, 2023**  
**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. Children younger than Grade 6 are welcome to meet us for Mass and the March on Friday, 1/20/23 in Washington, D.C. but should travel separately with their parent/family.

**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. Priests may not serve as chaperones. They are to serve as Chaplains only. (*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. (Priests may not serve as chaperones)

**Q4: Can students younger than Grade 6 or 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 coach bus transportation to/from/around D.C., two-night (2) hotel stay and five (5) meals while in D.C. Participants are responsible for their own meals while traveling to/from D.C. on Thursday & Saturday. The bus will stop at rest stops for food and bathroom breaks both traveling to/from D.C.

**Q6: What time/place does the bus depart from Boston to D.C. on 1/19/23?**

A. Local Pilgrims **Mass** begins at **6:00am**, **Bus departs** at **7:00am**. Two regional locations will be determined depending on participating schools.

**Q7: What time does the bus depart from D.C. for Boston on 1/21/23?**

A. 1:00pm with expected return to original Boston sites by/before 11:00pm

**Q9: What are the hotel details?**

A. Two-night hotel stay in Arlington, VA area. More details coming soon.

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

A. Yes, we hope to see some of the monuments, either while participating in the March and/or during side trips in the evening. The March begins on the National Mall so pilgrims will see the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument and will pass by the Russell Senate Building and end in prayer before the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

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

A. One bag per person may be stowed underneath the bus 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 a lot on the day of the March. Winter in D.C. is not as cold as Boston but plan to bring warm, comfortable clothes and footwear. If you have purchased a March for Life sweatshirt, please wear it as your **outer layer** on Friday so you will be visible in the crowd during the March. 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 additional food outside of designated mealtimes.

**Q12: Other questions?**

A. Please review all of the other documents on the CSO website or contact [Colleen\\_Donohoe@rcab.org](mailto:Colleen_Donohoe@rcab.org)