

## January, 2019 March for Life

### Informational Letter

Dear CCH Parents,

Our school annually participates in the March for Life event in Washington D.C. I have witnessed our level of participation having grown from 84 students in 2008, to 213 students in 2017. Annually, our Colonels represent nearly one quarter of the Diocese of Covington supporters.

On a daily basis our students are given opportunities to live their faith. They include inserting the words “born and unborn” at the end of the Pledge of Allegiance; have the opportunity to join faculty members who lead the rosary every Tuesday and Thursday morning (7:30) in the school chapel; attend Friday morning Mass (7:10) in the chapel with our Chaplain, Fr. Michael Hennigen; participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation twice a week during lunch periods; and a monthly Mass (8:00) at Holy Name Church on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, followed by a rosary service in front of the Planned Parenthood center just down the street.

Once again this year we offer our students the opportunity to participate in this most worthwhile event, the 46th anniversary of the March for Life, demonstrating our support for all Life, “born and unborn.” Upon our arrival in Washington D.C. we meet with Bishop Foy and other diocesan pilgrims to celebrate Mass before joining the hundreds of thousands of people from around the nation to march in support of all life, ending the march in front of the Supreme Court building as a means to express our opposition to the Roe vs. Wade decision.

As before, the spots on our buses will be reserved on a first come basis, but are restricted to academically eligible students only, and those who submit payment and necessary paperwork in advance. I have attached the necessary forms (x2), and will have extra copies available in my office.

The cost for each student to participate this year has increased to \$130.00 per person, as the cost for motor coach rentals for transportation and related expenses has increased by 26% as compared to only three years ago. A limited number of partial scholarships are available through the end of November, and will be handled on a confidential, first come basis. This year we will conduct registration and payment on line. \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of a last minute cancellation by the school or motor coach carrier, each student will have \$120.00 of his paid registration deposited into his lunch account with the remaining \$10.00 kept to be used to offset any expenses incurred (we do not carry trip cancellation insurance as the cost of this product is excessive).

If your son participates on a winter sport team, please have him discuss his interest with his coach so that scheduling conflicts can be avoided. Participating students are credited with school attendance for the Friday that will be missed, and each student earns service hours for going. Similarly, if your son travels to Washington D.C. for this event with his parish youth group, please contact me so that I can submit his name for attendance credit and service hour credit.

In years past, parental assistance with chaperoning was solicited, and wonderful folks gave tirelessly of themselves to help out. Several of you have already expressed your desire to participate this year. I welcome your assistance and invite you to contact me.

I will once again conduct a parent meeting for first time attendees in early January. As always, additional questions and comments about this event can be directed to me.

Sincerely,

Rick Flesch

Personal Counselor

Faculty Moderator, March for Life