



MARCH FOR LIFE SMA CYO 2027 Q&A

Save the dates:
Jan. 20-Jan. 24
2027!

- **Why do we March?** Even though Roe v. Wade was overturned, there is still a great need to witness to the dignity of all life. Thousands gathered in the nation's capital sends a positive and prayerful message. Traditionally, the March ended at the Supreme Court, but now, we end at the Capitol building to emphasize that each state must continue the work of protecting life at all stages.
- **When is it?** We will depart in the morning on Wednesday Jan. 20th and arrive back in the afternoon on Sunday Jan. 24th.
- **Who can attend?** Students in 9th-12th grade.
- **How much is it?** \$750; paid in three installments. CYO funds can be used. Cost covers flight, hotel, metro and some meals. Payments due: Oct. 15; Nov. 15 & Dec. 15.
- **Are there discounts?** Participation in **SMA CYO fundraisers** can help cover the cost. Final payment can be deferred until after the Fish Fry in March.
- **How do we get there?** We will book a group flight on Southwest Airlines.
- **Why does SMA go separately from the Archdiocese?** Flying to DC allows us to have more time there, see a number of historical sites, and participate in related events. We will make a concerted effort to meet up with the other NOLA groups.
- **Where do we stay?** We will stay in DC near the Capitols stadium.
- **How will we get around?** We use public transportation (metro) and Uber to get to the March and other events.
- **What will we do?** The March is on Friday morning, the 22nd. We will try to attend a rally on the 21st. We visit educational & spiritual sites in DC, including Smithsonian Museums, the Bible Museum, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the St. John Paul II National Shrine, Arlington Cemetery, National monuments & more!



Registration
forms attached below!
Due October 20th!



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St. Matthew the Apostle CYO & Archdiocese of New Orleans Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver

Event name: CYO March for Life 2027		DUE OCTOBER 20, 2026
Participant's name:		
Birthdate:	Sex:	School:
Parent/Guardian name/s:		
Home address:		
Cell 1:	Cell 2:	Home #:
Will this be the teen's first plane flight? (check one) YES NO		Shirt size: AS AM AL AXL 2XL

I, _____, grant permission for my child, _____, to participate in this parish activity that may require transportation to a location away from the parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish employees and/or volunteers from St. Matthew the Apostle Parish. A brief description of the activity follows:

Type of event: Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to participate in the National March for Life 2027. Visit to historical sites, museums and Churches in DC.
Location/s: Washington D.C.; Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites Washington DC/Navy Yard 1265 First St. SE DC 20003
Individuals in charge: Ms. Becci Sheptock & chaperones
Duration of activity: January 20 th , 2027 – January 24 th 2027

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant"). I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Matthew Parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans, coaches, chaperones, or representatives associated with the event, arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans, coaches, chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Medical Matters:

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission for my child named herein to be transported to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. In the event of an emergency contact:

Mother name:	Mother cell:
Father name:	Father cell:
Family doctor:	Doctor #:
Health Plan:	Policy #:

*****Please EMAIL, TEXT OR DROP OFF A COPY OF a photo of the FRONT and BACK of the participant's health insurance card to:**

Ms. Becci Sheptock: smadre@arch-no.org or 240-506-1657, or drop off a copy at the Parish office.

Medications:

Please check off any of the following medications that may be dispensed to your child if needed:

☐ Tylenol ☐ Ibuprofen ☐ Benadryl ☐ Other _____

Please name all medications that participant must take during the activity:

Medication:	
Dosage:	Frequency:
Medication:	
Dosage:	Frequency:
Medication:	
Dosage:	Frequency:
Additional Notes:	

Medical Information:

Please list allergies:

Allergy:	
Medication:	Frequency:
Allergy:	
Medication:	Frequency:
Additional Notes:	

Please list any special medical conditions:

Medical Condition:	
Medication:	Frequency:
Medical Condition:	
Medication:	Frequency:
Additional Notes:	

Financial Information:

Submission of this permission slip is an agreement to pay the \$750 registration fee for the pilgrimage. The \$750 includes airfare, lodging, transportation around DC, most meals, tickets to events (when needed) and a shirt/sweatshirt. **Cost is broken down into 3 \$250 payments due on: Nov. 1st, Dec. 1st and Jan. 1st. The first 2 payments are non-refundable.** The last payment may be deferred until after the CYO Fish Fry Fundraiser in March 2027. Payments are made by check and can be dropped off at the Church Office; please make checks out to St. Matthew the Apostle CYO. Contact Ms. Becci or the CYO Treasurer for the funds available in your CYO account.

[] I understand the cost and financial responsibilities associated with the pilgrimage.

Parent Chaperones:

Parent chaperones are welcome to attend the pilgrimage. Cost for parents is \$500 and includes everything listed above. Parents must be certified to work with youth, through Virtus, the safe environment program associated with St. Matthew the Apostle & the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Parents complete a separate adult liability waiver. Contact Ms. Becci for more information. Parents will be assigned to help coordinate a small group for the duration of the trip.

Communication through GroupMe:

Trip-related communication takes place through the 2027 March for Life GroupMe. Please join the GroupMe to stay up-to-date with all trip information! Parents are also welcome to join the group.

