

Dear Friends of Life:

September 12, 2005

Please join us once again for the Rally and March in our nation's capital in defense of life at all stages, from conception to a natural death.

Yes, summer is just ending but it is time to make plans for the 2006 annual March for Life bus trip to Washington D.C. The Bus Committee met last week to review the plusses and minuses of last year's pilgrimage and to implement some adjustments for 2006. Last year's committee did an excellent job. Most of the members have agreed to participate again. We also have some new volunteers joining in the planning group for the January 22-24, 2006 pilgrimage to DC.

There is a noteworthy change in the organization of the trip this year. Valerie Sharp, the last of the family that started the first bus from NH to the March for Life in DC, has joined her family in Ohio. A group of us from around the state have met with the purpose of increasing the participation for the 2006 pilgrimage from New Hampshire. It is imperative to increase the number of people attending from New Hampshire in order to increase the pro-life activity and visibility upon our return home.

There are three significant points concerning this year's bus organization. The first is the increased cooperation and support we are receiving from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester. I met with Sr. Peggy Crosby and Fr. Ed Arsenault a few weeks ago. They have offered the resources of the Diocese in a number of ways. Some are behind the scenes such as providing people to send out this mailing. Others include publicizing the pilgrimage by encouraging all priests to promote the trip and by assisting us in finding extra rooms for the additional people we hope will join us.

The second point is a change in how you register for the bus. You will register through regional bus captains for your area of the state instead of through me. This is not a change for some of you who were part of a parish or other group last year. This means that I am giving up interaction with each individual or group of people. The regional bus captains will be responsible for keeping track of the number of people on their bus(es) and requesting additional buses if needed. They will also be responsible for tracking the number of rooms needed and how many will be in each room for those from their region. The regional captains will keep track of the names of each person on their bus. The captains will be who you will communicate with if any changes come up such as canceling because of weather like last year. We believe this will be smoother for everyone by allowing better and quicker communication. The names of the regional bus captains and other members of the committee are on the last page. They can also provide assistance to you in organizing your church or area.

The third point is that we have learned that there is no more room available for staying at the shrine. Don McGarity is still trying to find an alternative but for now everyone should plan to stay at the hotel. Be sure to let your contact person know if you prefer to spend the night at the Shrine if something can be worked out.

The March will be Monday, January 23, 2006 which means our busses will leave NH Sunday morning, January 22nd, returning Tuesday morning, January 24th. At this time we expect some or all of us will stay at the Hampshire Inn, a Quality Inn, again this year. We expect there will be more people this year than this one motel can accommodate so with the assistance of the Diocese, we are looking at other options. We will keep you informed.

We have not confirmed the hotel room rates at this time but are working to keep them close to what they were last year. Ray will once again be driving the lead bus for us. For now, you can plan the cost including bus to be **\$86 per person sleeping 4 per room, \$89 per person sleeping 3 per room, \$95 per person sleeping 2 per room, and \$130 per person sleeping 1 per room. The Shrine has already stopped taking reservations to spend the night at the Shrine. If you are staying at the motel but not traveling on the bus, subtract \$65**

from these costs. As usual, these are the bare bones costs. If you are able to provide additional financial assistance, it will be most welcomed.

All money will go through the St. Joseph Respect Life Committee of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Laconia, NH. All checks should be made to **St. Joseph Respect Life**.

We are hopeful there will be enough people going from all parts of the state that we will have busses leaving from various locations. We are open to having additional busses at our current stops and to adding additional stops if the number of people warrants it.

While not able to go on the bus with us, it looks like Bishop John McCormack will meet us in DC.

Remember that parents or a chaperone must accompany pilgrims who are teenagers or younger. No chaperone may be responsible for more than 3 young people. **Exception:** Parents can be responsible for as many of their own children as they have with them. If you have any questions concerning this, feel free to contact us.

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Attached is a registration form. **Please complete and return as soon as possible. We need to let Ray know by the middle of November how many buses we need. You may call or e-mail your reservations but deposit checks must be received by December 31, 2005.**

Young or old, we encourage you to join us. Invite your friends to join the pilgrimage for God's children. Pray that our prayers and actions lead to the overturn Roe vs. Wade.

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I / we will be joining you January 22, 2006 for the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 23rd.

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I / we have enclosed a deposit of \$ _____ **(minimum of 50% for each person)**

I / we cannot join you but would like to sponsor a pilgrim: \$ _____

Please Note:

Make all checks payable to St. Joseph Respect Life

Mail all checks and reservation forms to the bus captain from your area or to your local group organizer (see list).