# 2019 TRIP PLANNER FOR YOUTH GROUPS & SCHOOLS



MAY 8-10, 2019 OTTAWA

# WELCOME

"I've personally had students tell me they chose not to abort their unwanted child because they remember going to the March for Life".

- Joe Bissonnette, teacher in the Brant-Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Dear Youth Leader,

Thank you for looking through our National March for Life Travel Planner. We've designed this guide with you in mind, so that your mission in organizing and bringing people to the March for Life will be smooth and enjoyable.

#### Why bring people to the March for Life?

- The March for Life is an opportunity to physically show parliamentarians that we want laws that defend all human life
- It's an opportunity to witness to the deaths of pre-born babies funded by our tax dollars, and to share that women, men and children have been hurt by abortion
- It's an opportunity for us to be encouraged by the thousands of like-minded fellow pro-lifers that also attend
- It's an opportunity to expand our knowledge of the variety of pro-life groups and opportunities to get involved
- It's an opportunity to learn about current events and hear testimonies from people personally affected by abortion
- It literally saves lives

Youth at various levels of commitment to the pro-life cause have returned with a new or renewed outlook regarding the sanctity of life. Abortion is a dark, horrendous and intrinsically evil plague that affects each one of us. In opposition, the March for Life is joyful because we see that we have the truth and that we are not alone.

Please help us to bring more youth to the March for Life and surrounding events by sending a bus, van, or simply coming by yourself!

It's a call. It's a duty. It's worth it.

Yours for Life,

Marie-Claire Bissonnette, Youth Coordinator and Spokesperson Campaign Life Coalition

# DATES AND EVENTS

## Pro-life Masses & Prayer Services: Thursday, May 9th, 10am

Various Churches throughout Ottawa Check www.marchforlife.ca for details

# Rally and March: Thursday, May 9th 12:30-4:30pm

Rally on the Hill 12:30 pm March for Life 1:30 pm

Silent No More Testimonies 2:45 pm

Closing Prayer Service 4 pm





## Candlelight Vigil: Wednesday May 8th, 9-10pm The Canadian Tribute to Human Rights Monument



Youth Banquet: Thursday, May 9th, 6-9pm Ottawa Conference and Events Centre Tickets can be purchased on www.marchforlife.ca

Youth Conference:
Friday May 10th, 8am-2:30pm
Ottawa Conference and Events Centre
Pre-registration Required.
Contact 1-800-730-5358

# CHECKLIST

| Sign up for March for Life updates on www.marchforlife.ca  |
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| Create your itinerary  |
| Create a permission letter   |
| Advertise  |
| Sign up participants   |
| Appeal to organizations like the Knights of Columbus or Christian businesses with expected costs for help with funding |
| Buy your Youth Banquet and Youth Conference tickets  |
| Arrange lodging  |
| Arrange transportation   |
| Make an appointment for your group to meet with your MP to tell them why you're there                                  |
| Share your experience on #marchforlife and #whywemarch   |

# A FEW BUS AND HOTEL OPTIONS

## **BUSES**

#### www.marchforlife.ca/bus-schedule/

(for information on buses that have registered to travel to the March for Life)

#### www.bus.com/cities

(Only available in certain cities in Ontario)

#### **Great Canadian Coaches**

www.greatcanadiancoaches.com/groups/#school

#### **Coach Canada**

www.coachcanada.com/charters

#### Call CLC

We can help you get a better rate. 416-204-9749 ext 227

#### **Badder Bus**

www.badderbus.com



## **HOTELS**

### **University of Ottawa Residence**

www.uottawa.ca/housing/summer-accommodation/group-reservations

## **Holiday Inn Ottawa East**

www.ihg.com

### **Capital Hill Hotel and Suites**

www.capitalhill.com

### AirBnB (for smaller groups)

www.airbnb.ca

\* Please note that due to renovations, there is very little space at the Hampton Inn (next to the convention centre) this year.

# TIPS TO GET MORE PEOPLE AND FUNDING!

The process isn't as daunting as it seems!

Remember that you can draw youth from not only your school/church, but surrounding schools and churches. Below are some suggestions that can help you increase attendance and secure financial aid.

See if local schools have a pro-life club and if they are organizing a bus, or see if they would be willing to collaborate.

Appeal to a Knights of Columbus council with estimated costs.

They have a special pro-life fund.

Register your bus and number of empty seats with Campaign Life Coalition, and we'll suggest your bus as a possibility to people who call.

Contact neighbouring churches to see if you can have a few stops to include more people and lower costs.

Approach the other ministries of your them to take an active part adding another.

# **QUESTIONS?**

# **CONTACT THE** MARCH FOR LIFE COORDINATORS



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