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**Catholic Diocese
of Dodge City
March for Life
Pilgrimage
to Washington, DC
Jan. 22-26, 2020**

Dear Catholic Faithful:

This upcoming Jan. 24 will be the 47th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion in the United States. This landmark decision has had a tremendously negative impact on our country. Did you know:



- Since 1973, when the Supreme Court handed down its decision, more than 60 million babies have been legally murdered. In Kansas alone, the figure is close to 420,000.
- More unborn babies have been legally aborted in the United States in the past half-century than the number of vic-

tims of the combined atrocities carried out by socialist dictators in the 20th century.

• Since *Roe v. Wade* was passed, the social fabric of our country has been torn apart and our country has been caught up in a seemingly unstoppable downward spiral of moral decay. Sexual deviancy, pornography use, gender "confusion," euthanasia, assisted suicide and atheism have all increased exponentially.

• Artificial birth control, contraception, in vitro fertilization, socialized medicine and government control of health care all are accepted.

• Not only have 60 million lives been destroyed but increasingly, psychologists, clergy and others are seeing the long-

term harmful effects of abortion on survivors: women, men, children trapped in guilt and remorse.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI prophesied that all this would come about if as a Church and as a society founded on Judeo-Christian values we did not hold true to the sanctity of marriage and family life.

Since last January's March for Life, there has been legislative and judicial activity on both sides of the abortion issue. Some states have moved toward limiting and/or eliminating abortions. At the same time, several states and liberal politicians have argued that abortion be legal from conception up through birth, in other words, infanticide. This polarization is already evident in the 2020 U.S. presidential election cycle. This momentum, both pro and con, may eventually force the Supreme Court to revisit the contentious *Roe v. Wade* decision.

While we cannot right all the wrongs of the past 50 years in a single day, we can take action

by joining tens of thousands from around the United States who will gather for the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, to make our voices heard.

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is once again sponsoring a bus trip to the national March from Wednesday, Jan. 22 thru Sunday, Jan. 26.

We will be led by one of the priests of the diocese in order to make this a prayerful pilgrimage in defense of life. Please review the information featured below and prayerfully consider participating in the March for Life. If you cannot travel to our nation's capital, con-

sider taking part in the Mass and March for Life in Topeka, also in January.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came so that all "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). From the abundance of God's blessings on you and your family, please join us for this special pilgrimage of faith in defense of unborn life.

Sincerely,

Tom and Lisa Ridder

St. Mary's Church, Marienthal, Kansas



PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Send-off Mass and Blessing
- Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Liturgy of the Hours prayed en route
- Public Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Daily Mass, including at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
- "Life is Very Good" Rally
- Tour of Arlington National Cemetery and Monuments

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

- Projected Cost Per Pilgrim \$450 (based on one bus of 48 pilgrim participants)
- Price is inclusive of D.C. hotel accommodations and transportation but does not include meals



PILGRIMAGE CONTACTS



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