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## Thousands of St. Louisans to Attend March for Life in Washington

*After severe weather impacted 2016 trip, enthusiasm remains for 2017*

**ST. LOUIS** — Roughly 2,100 teenagers, young adults, adult chaperones, volunteers, Catholic priests, seminarians, and other pro-life supporters will make the trek to Washington, D.C. for the 44th annual March for Life on Friday, January 27 as part of the “Generation Life” Pilgrimage planned through the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Separate St. Louis groups totaling approximately 300 youth will attend the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. Several hundred other St. Louisans are expected to attend by other means.

The March for Life commemorates the tragic anniversary of the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision on January 22, which has led to more than 58 million abortions in the United States. Many of the pilgrims had planned to attend the March for Life in 2016, but the “Generation Life” pilgrimage and other trips were cancelled due to a severe snowstorm that hit the Nation’s Capital the weekend of the March.

In total, the roughly 3,000 St. Louisans expected to travel to Washington represent at least 60 parishes and schools in the archdiocese.

The Catholic Youth Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis has planned and coordinated the “Generation Life” trip since 2013, including last year’s snowed out trip. This year’s 2,100 pilgrims will depart on 38 busses from six different locations around the St. Louis area in the evening of Wednesday, January 25. Media is invited to attend the launch. Please contact the Archdiocese of St. Louis Communications Office for more details.

Friends, family members, media, and anyone remaining in St. Louis can be part of the action on social media by following @GenLifeSTL and using #GenLifeSTL on [twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), “liking” the [GenLifeSTL facebook page](#), and on the GenLifeSTL blog, [genlifestl365.com](http://genlifestl365.com). Some of the activities will be livestreamed.

GenLife participants, or representatives of the archdiocese, can be made available for interviews upon request.

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