

March For Life

The March for Life trip to Washington DC was a great opportunity to be a part of and to show our support for a movement to end the Roe vs. Wade ruling. Our trip began on Friday, January 21st, when we left Seneca, KS and meet up with other youth from the KCK archdiocese. We all boarded a coach bus for our 22 hour trip to Washington DC.

Upon arriving in DC, we were greeted at the Church of the Nativity for their Saturday evening mass. We were 45 minutes late on our arrival however the parishners were insistent on waiting for us to start mass. What wonderful people they were. Following mass we participated in adoration and other faith filled activities.

The following day, Sunday, was allowed to ourselves to experience Washington, DC. That evening we traveled to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception to participate in the national Right for Life vigil mass. The Basilica was packed with people, young and old. This was a wonderful and inspiring experience to be a part of a national mass to pray for an end to abortion.

On Monday of the following day, we got up early and participate in a mass at the Church of the Nativity. Following the morning mass, we proceeded to the rally site located on the National Mall and meet up with another group from our Seneca community, the Sts. Peter and Paul 8th grade class. They had traveled to DC separately. The rally was eye opening and there was tens of thousands of people there in unison shouting out for an end to Roe vs. Wade. Many congressional representatives and senators were present to public voice their opposition to this Supreme Court ruling and vowing their continued efforts to overturn it. Kansas was very well represented at the rally as every time an individual was announce to speak from our state, the Kansas crowd would respond with a great roar of approval that was loader than any. This was affirmed by a representative from another state which confirmed to me that Kansas was leading the pack in this great battle to end abortion.

Immediately following the end of the rally, everyone set out to march down Constitution Avenue and then turn onto 1st Street and march past the Supreme Court building. After the march was complete, we returned to our coach bus and began our long journey home. We returned the evening of Tuesday, January 25th.

Overall the experience was incredible and I would not hesitate to go again if possible. No doubt, we were heard but more voices are needed to continue this cry out for an end to this atrocity. I do feel an end is near. I would like to thank the people from the Church of the Nativity. They were wonderful and very open to us so that we could have the great experience we did. I would encourage anyone who is thinking about participating next year to do so. My faith has been deepened and made stronger by this experience and I wish the same for all.



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