



DIOCESE OF COVINGTON

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Dear Parents:

I want you to know how pleased I am that your child will be joining me at this year's March for Life in Washington, D.C. This experience will have a profound positive effect on your child's educational and spiritual development. Their witness, and the witness of tens of thousands of others from across the United States, in defense of our most precious citizens — the unborn — will one day, please God, restore a culture of life to our great nation.

In the Diocese of Covington, I have declared January 18 as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Life. This allows the people of the Diocese who are unable to attend the March for Life an opportunity to join in prayer with the pilgrims in Washington. That evening, a Holy Hour for Life will be offered at 7 p.m. in 10 local parishes. (See listing below).

Since you are the parent of a child attending the March for Life, I personally encourage you, and your family and friends, to attend one of the Holy Hours. It would mean a great deal to your child to know that you are praying for them. Your presence at the Holy Hour will also be another reminder to others of the great number of witnesses, including your child, who are attending the March for Life from the diocese.

On the morning of the March for Life, just minutes before the March begins, I celebrate Mass at St. Dominic Church with the over 1,000 pilgrims from our diocese. I will ask the pilgrims to pray for all those — especially parents and relatives of the pilgrims in Washington, D.C. — who are attending the Holy Hours and praying for us.

Thank you for passing on the Catholic faith to your child. In addition to the gift of life, the gift of faith is the greatest gift you will ever give.

Know that I will be praying for you. Please pray for me.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Most Rev. Roger J. Foys, D.D.
Bishop of Covington

January 18 — Holy Hour for Life 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption
Blessed Sacrament Church, Ft. Mitchell
Divine Mercy Parish, Bellevue
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Burlington
St. Edward Church, Cynthiana

St. John the Evangelist Church, Carrollton
St. Mary Church, Alexandria
St. Patrick Church, Maysville
St. Patrick Church, Taylor Mill
St. Paul Church, Florence