

# March for Life Bus Trip – Participant Expectations

## Archdiocese of Chicago

### Respect Life Office & Office of Catechesis

**First and foremost, we are Christian ladies and gentlemen.  
We are disciples of Jesus Christ.  
Like a retreat, this event is a time to deepen our faith.**

### General Guidelines

- + You must always wear your nametag, even when you are at the hotel or on the buses, until you return to your parent or guardian's care.
- + Absolutely no illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons or tobacco products of any kind.
- + Always follow the instructions of your chaperones.
- + Stay with your group at all times.
- + Teens should always be in the company of at least one chaperone.
- + If lost, stop, find a phone, and call the emergency numbers provided on your nametag.

### Bus Guidelines

- + Follow the bus driver's wishes, as well as the wishes of your bus captain, group leader and chaperones.
- + The use of the bus VCR system is at the discretion of the Bus Captain.
- + It's very important to stay on the same bus throughout the trip—do not switch buses.

### Hotel Guidelines

- + Enter no room but your own at any time, unless accompanied by a chaperone.
- + Respect other guests of the hotel – keep noise to a minimum.
- + Respect all curfew times set. **CURFEW** means: you are to be in your own room, not in other rooms, not in the hallways, and not anywhere else in the hotel. **CURFEW IS AT MIDNIGHT.**

### Consequences for Failure to Abide by Rules

(Must be applied by all chaperones, group leaders and other adults)

- + Drinking, drugs, weapons, leaving with strangers: immediate dismissal at parent's expense.
- + Other offenses which might not pose a danger or threat to the participant or others:
  - First offense: Warning
  - Second offense: Warning
  - Third offense: Teen calls parent with their group leader
  - Fourth offense: Immediate dismissal with transportation home at my parent's expense.
- + If you leave your group without a chaperone: This is very serious and will be discussed by Group Leader and archdiocesan leaders.

**\*\*Young Adults** are expected to follow all of the same rules (the only exception being that they do not have a chaperone), giving a good example to the younger participants.

### Chaperone Expectations

- + Always stay with your teens whenever away from the bus or hotel.
- + Always enforce rules and guidelines, remembering that you are attending this event with the primary purpose of being a chaperone.
- + You are the responsible parties for your group. You are to be the one to handle any disruptions in the hotel or at other locations.
- + In order to ensure that curfews are being met, chaperones are to check each room of their group at the scheduled curfew times.
- + Enforce the established consequences when your teen fails to abide by the guidelines. (see consequences)

I have read and understood the expectations and guidelines for this event and will cooperate with these rules.

**I understand that failure to comply with these expectations may result in immediate dismissal, with transportation home at my parent's expense.**