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“Build Unity on the Life Principles throughout America.

No Exception! No Compromise!”

Passionate Participants at the 35th Annual Right to Life March

A group of 30 teens and adults from the Portsmouth, OH area left Monday morning, January 21, at 6 a.m. for Washington D.C. to participate in the annual National Right to Life March on January 22.

The march is largely attended by the young adults from all over our great nation, and our students were given a chance to experience this positive, spirit-filled stand for “LIFE.” This March for Life is a visible protest of the 1973 Roe-Wade, Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion.

The group chartered a Muskingum Coach Bus and stayed at the Downtown Holiday Inn in rooms that had been blocked off by the Ohio Right to Life.

Donations from pro-life supporters, fundraising events and the hard work of dedicated people from St. Mary of the Annunciation, St. Monica, and St. Peter in Chains churches, local Knights of Columbus along with the Scioto County Right to Life Chapter made this trip possible and affordable for all. The youth were especially excited and grateful.

The first March for Life was held on the west steps of the Capitol on January 22, 1974. An estimated 20,000 people attended. As the years passed, the number of marchers grew until the estimated number of people attending the event in 2007 was 100,000 with an estimated 250,000 participating this year.

The Pro-Life March on Washington D.C. is a peaceful demonstration. Those participating in the march walk quietly in prayer. Through this unity of purpose, they silently speak for the unborn and those who cannot speak for themselves. They march together with love, gentleness and compassion on behalf of all women, on behalf of all children and families, and on behalf of all life from conception until death.

Right to Life people are a people of hope.