

# MARCH FOR LIFE 2024" ESSAY CONTEST

## Entry Form / Releases

Students from St. Antony Parish, whether attending Dowling Catholic High School, Public High School, or are home schooled in 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are eligible to enter the St. Anthony Respect Life Ministry's **2024 March for Life Essay Contest**. The Respect Life Ministry will make the selection of the winner.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent /Guardian cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

THE PRIZE AWARDED TO THE WINNER OF THIS CONTEST IS THE COST OF THE BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR ONE PERSON (THE STUDENT) TO THE 2024 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC, TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2024 (\$500 VALUE), PLUS A \$100 CASH AWARD FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES. TOTAL VALUE OF PRIZE AWARD IS \$600. THE WINNER WILL JOIN AS A PASSENGER ON A BUS ORGANIZED BY PULSE LIFE ADVOCATES (formally IOWANS FOR LIFE). STUDENT/PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO BUS DEPARTURE SITE BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM DES MOINES AND PICK UP UPON RETURN OF BUS TO DES MOINES.

### Check choice that applies:

= Student's own chaperone will attend with student at his/her own expense.  
Please provide chaperone's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

= Student requests to join under the supervision of a chaperone\* provided by Pulse Life Advocates (Formerly Iowans for Life).

\*Chaperones supervise a maximum of 4 students. If student is chaperoned by a Pulse Life chaperone volunteer, contact information will be provided to the parent/guardian of the student.

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### RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I give permission for my youth (named above) to attend the 2024 March for Life in Washington, DC, held on Friday, January 19, 2024. I further give permission for my youth to be transported to and from the event by bus provided by Pulse Life Advocates. Additionally, I give permission for my youth to participate in all supervised activities, except as noted:

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In consideration of the trip awarded, I release the St. Anthony Respect Life Ministry, St. Anthony Parish, Pulse Life Advocates, the Catholic Diocese of Des Moines, and any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents and representatives, including volunteer chaperones (collectively “Releases”), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my youth, or on behalf of my youth, arising from or relating to my youth’s participation in this trip. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my youth is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my youth, or on behalf of my youth, arising from or relating to my youth’s participation in this trip. This release or indemnification does not apply to claims for intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible application to any claim.

**PHOTO RELEASE**

I recognize that Pulse Life, St. Anthony Parish, and St. Anthony Respect Life Ministry may use photographs and video images of events at the March, including, but not limited to, on its website, newsletters, and Facebook page. I hereby grant permission for photos and/or videos of my youth to be taken and used for such purposes.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELEASE**

In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact a parent/guardian or emergency contact. If no contact can be made, I hereby authorize the administration of any medical assistance or treatment reasonably necessary for my youth, at my expense. I will provide all relevant details of my youth’s medical or physical needs relevant for this trip. **If permission for emergency medical treatment is not given, please prepare a signed statement providing the reason, a release of liability, and alternate instructions, and attach same to this form.**

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Print Parent/Guardian Name

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Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Student’s Emergency Contact Information**

Names of persons and telephone numbers to call in case of emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN THIS COMPLETED ENTRY FORM/RELEASES TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR A MEMBER OF THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY WITH YOUR ESSAY ENTRY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10, 2023**

## **2024 MARCH FOR LIFE – ESSAY CONTEST PRIZE INFORMATION**

The winner will receive one (1) paid transportation for the bus trip organized and provided by Iowans for Life. The prize, valued at \$500.00, includes bus transportation and a hotel stay (4 to a room) for two nights. The winner can, at their own expense, request that a private or semi-private room possibly be reserved. \* In addition, the winner will receive \$100.00 cash for incidental expenses for the trip. If the winner should be unable to travel on the dates of the trip, the entirety of the prize (transportation arrangement and cash) will be awarded to another contest participant chosen by the St. Anthony Respect Life Ministry.

### **Trip Schedule:**

- **Wednesday, January 17, 2024** – Departure from several Iowa locations in the afternoon. Travel will continue overnight on the bus.
- **Thursday, January 18, 2024** – Arrival in Washington D.C. in the afternoon; free time and worship opportunities
- **Friday, January 19, 2024** – Youth rally, worship opportunities and March for Life events in the morning; March for Life midday; free time in Washington, D.C.
- **Saturday, January 20, 2024**– Free day to explore Washington, D.C.; departure for Iowa in the evening; travel continues overnight on the bus. *Worship/Mass opportunity available.*
- **Sunday, January 21, 2024** – Arrival in Iowa locations in the late afternoon/early evening.

\*For more information regarding additional fees for private and semi-private rooms, please contact Pulse for Life directly at (515) 255-4113 or email [mdewitte@pulseforlife.org](mailto:mdewitte@pulseforlife.org) or visit their website at [www.pulseforlife.org](http://www.pulseforlife.org)

## **ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES**

Students of grades 9-12 from St. Antony Parish, whether attending Dowling Catholic High School, Public High School, or home schooled, are eligible to enter the St. Anthony Respect Life Ministry's 2024 March for Life essay contest. The Respect Life Ministry will make the selection of the winner.

**Attach essay to completed and signed entry form/release.**

### **ESSAY FORMAT:**

Entries should be on 8.5 x 11" paper and be stapled (no plastic covers) and include:

- Only one entry per student.
- Original content of no more than 750 words of written communication.
- Essays must be typed, double-spaced and pages numbered.
- Standard 1 inch margins top, bottom, and sides of the paper.
- Quoted text must be properly cited with sources. Citations are not included in word count.
- Note the word count on the essay. Do not count citations.
- Do not include artwork or pictures.

### **THEME:**

**Why are you Pro Life and how can you change the hearts of those who are not?**

### **JUDGING:**

Essays will be judged on content; originality; how well the essay addresses the theme; accuracy; and spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

### **DEADLINE:**

Entry forms with signed Release must be submitted no later than **November 10, 2023**. Submit entry to the Parish office or to Lana Fogue.

If you have any questions, please call Lana Fogue at (515) 238-2713.