

## *A March They Will Never Forget*

On Thursday, January 21st, 2016, youth and young adults from Chicago began an adventure of the rarest kind. The “**Crusaders for Life**” participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. every year, but this year would be different.

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**In the days preceding the trip**, Father Nathan Caswell made a few remarks to the Crusaders at a planning meeting. He encouraged the youth to “Be present in a special way,” on the trip, emphasizing that “...when we go all out, when we really die to ourselves, we allow others to come out of themselves, too.” From the beginning, he and the other leaders set this challenge before the Crusaders: “*Whoever loses his life for My sake will save it*” (Luke 9:24)

However, as the 165 participants prepared for the trip in the following days, news of winter storm Jonas began to spread. Would they be able to go? The weather warnings loomed, the storm threatened to dump as much as two feet of snow on Friday night. Word came from organizers in D.C.: “The March for Life will not be cancelled.” Projected departure for home seemed promising. They would be just ahead of the storm.

The decision was made to go ahead. On Thursday morning after early Mass, 2 priests, 2 brothers, 160 youth and young adults from St. John Cantius in Chicago, St. Peter in Volo, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy in Rockford loaded onto three buses.



*Fr. Nathan Caswell, SJC prepares the Crusaders before the March for Life*



*Crusaders gather at the Washington Monument*



*Celebrating Mass in Barnesville, Maryland the morning of the March*



*Dancing and cheering for Life down Constitution Avenue*

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