



## ORDER OF MALTA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Dear Knights, Dames and Auxiliary,

The Order of Malta American Association will hold the 10th Annual Pilgrimage for Life in Washington, DC on Thursday January 18th and Friday January 19th, 2024 at the 51st National March for Life.

The Pilgrimage for Life is an official Order of Malta Pilgrimage and a unique opportunity to fulfill our promise to the charism of "Defending the Faith" It is also a very exceptional occasion to personally share in spiritual fellowship with Clergy, Knights and Dames from many different Areas for two joyous and uplifting days renewing old acquaintances and building new friendships.

We appeal to you as members to be represented at the Pilgrimage for Life by one of the following ways:

### ***Pilgrims in Person***

We welcome all members, their friends and family to attend the Pilgrimage for Life. Pilgrims begin the Pilgrimage with music, reflections and prayer with the Sisters of Life and a shared meal. Members then serve persons with disabilities at the Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Our Pilgrims come together afterward for an evening of food and fellowship. On the morning of the official March for Life we celebrate our Order of Malta Mass at Saint Patrick's Church DC. After Mass and breakfast, we gather with the peaceful joyful throng as we march and pray along Constitution Avenue, pass by the Capitol Building and stop at the Supreme Court. Here we sing to praise Our Lord and His Blessed Mother and pray the Rosary in "Witness to the Faith" in support of life. We conclude by gathering for fellowship and a reception.

### ***Pilgrims in Spirit***

For those members who wish to participate in person but cannot attend the Pilgrimage in DC the opportunities listed below exist for a personal financial contribution to be represented as "Pilgrims in Spirit".

### ***Member Support***

The Pilgrimage for Life has historically been self-funded through registration fees and donations from benevolent Areas and generous individuals. In order to fulfill our program, continue a rich spiritual aspect and maintain the tradition of hosting Priests, Brothers and Religious Sisters we respectfully request that you prayerfully consider these patronage opportunities:

- Sponsor a Member of the Clergy
- Sponsor a Sister of Life Speaker
- Sponsor the Malta Mass for Life
- Sponsor the Franciscans at the Washington Retreat House
- Sponsor Saint Patrick's Church DC
- Sponsor the Music for Mass
- Sponsor the Music for the Reflection
- Sponsor the Prayer Book and Hymnal

***Donate online:*** <https://orderofmaltaamerican.org/supportPFL>

***Donate by check:*** Order of Malta American Association, PO Box 95000-1618, Philadelphia, PA 19195-0001

***Please note in check memo "2024PFL"***

On behalf of the 2024 PFL Co-Chairs and Committee your support is most gratefully appreciated as we continue to Pray and March ever striving towards building a "Culture of Life".

Co-Chairs: Nancy Graebe, Robert Graebe MD and Joseph Dutkowsky MD

Committee: Laura & John Dolehide, Maria & David Joyce, Cheryl & Michael Marino, Tara Moser, Gregory Oussani, Cathy Sapeta, Bob & Karen Tanzola, Barbara & Robert Wilson

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