



Spirit of the March for Life
Sursum Corda Midwest Brigade

March for Life 2016

Dear Members of Sursum Corda,

I wish to write to you about the *spirit* with which we will be making this trip to the March for Life in Washington D.C. Our growing number in no way changes the spirit that inspired and guided previous brigades.

We are not going there as children of the world. We are not simply making a “road trip” and “hanging with friends we haven’t seen in a while”. That may be a part of it, but there is so much more.

Abortion is an abominable crime that cries out to Heaven for vengeance... and our country has legalized it for over 40 years now!! Thus we are going in the spirit of a pilgrimage. More precisely: we are going in ***a spirit of reparation.***

We are combatting a structure of sin that has the power of Satan behind it. We, by ourselves, cannot beat him. Our “rah-rah’s” are useless in this warfare. On the other hand, with God’s grace working in and through us we will be victorious! Prayer obtains grace. Prayerful sacrifices obtain even more grace.

Thus we will offer up the discomfort of 13+ hours in a bus. We will offer up standing in the cold. We will offer many rosaries together. It will be a spirit of prayer that will animate our 2 hour March down Constitution Avenue. Let the others scream and beat their drums. We will unite the cry of our prayers to the beating Heart of Our Lord.

Everyone has a role to play. Ours will be the role of discreet, persevering prayer. For those who went on last year’s trip, think of all the people that joined our rosaries; that thanked us for adding prayerful dignity to the event. Think of all the souls that approached us in the hotel profoundly touched by our comportment.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!!

With you all in the Heart of Our Infant King,

Canon Michael Stein