



## 2012 - March for Life in Washington, D.C.

We are happy to announce that the 16 teens from CRUSH Youth Ministry of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, chaperoned by our adult leaders Joe and Gail Quinlan and Liz DeSimon who joined with hundreds of other high school teens and young adults from the Archdiocese of Chicago on a pilgrimage to Washington, DC to participate in the Annual National March for Life this January, returned home safely with convicted hearts for Jesus and for the dignity of life.

**Through this experience the teens grew in an understanding that ...  
the dignity of the person, regardless of age, gender, health, race, religion or gestational stage  
must always be protected and defended. Life is a gift from God and we are all called to witness.**



**C.R.U.S.H. High School Youth Ministry  
Catholic Religion Understood Spiritually Here  
*The Pro Life Generation!***



"March for Life is an incredible opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless. Being surrounded by so many young people who share the same beliefs as I do, and are willing to take a stand for those beliefs, is empowering. I hope that after the march at least one heart was changed, at least one life will be saved, and at least one woman will live with one less regret."

*Alexandra Hansen, CRUSH Peer Minister  
Senior, South Elgin High School*

"The March for Life is more than an angered protest, it is a mission to change the hearts of those who support abortion. It provides hope for change and a voice for the unborn. Marching takes courage and the will to make a change. It helps to show that by performing God's work, He will not leave our side and will help to see it through.

I learned that alongside praying we need to perform.

God created each and everyone of us with love, and each individual deserves a chance to live."

*Abby Smith, CRUSH Peer Minister  
Senior, South Elgin High School*



"Going on the March For Life twice has really opened my eyes up and made me aware of the problems the pro-life movement is facing everyday, and how much the youth can help change that. Although we didn't change anything in one day, I hope that with God's help we can make more of the country realize that abortion is murder and that we need to find a way to stop it."

*Melissa Warder, CRUSH Peer Minister  
Senior, Bartlett High School*



**"before I made you in the womb, I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5**