

## March for Life

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, 57 Bishop Luers students and three teachers loaded their sleeping bags and suitcases onto buses and joined the “Friends for Life” on a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to defend the unborn.

The theme of this year’s trip was, “Abortion: An American Holocaust.” Once we got on the road we prayed the rosary with the intention that our witness would be fruitful and change hearts and laws.

For most of the students this was their first time going on the March for Life. There is something very moving about participating in peaceful protest for a cause of such importance. It was wonderful to see young and old from all over the United States walking, singing and praying.

For me, the most poignant signs were the ones carried by women who had an abortion in the past. “I Regret My Abortion”, four words that expressed their sorrow. I imagine it is an important part of their journey to forgive themselves. They walk with us and figuratively our arms are around them. I try to make eye contact and smile...it is a moment our eyes fill with tears.

How blessed we were to have both our beloved Bishop D’Arcy and Bishop Rhoades with us. Our diocese was graced for 25 years and will continue to be so now. In addition to the March we had opportunities to do other things. Bishop Rhoades said Mass the next day for pilgrims from our diocese and Bishop D’Arcy concelebrated. We toured the National Shrine and the Capitol, went to the Smithsonian and the Holocaust Museums.

I cherish the time spent with our students outside the classroom. I wish I had more opportunities. Like those who went before them, we have a fine group of young men and women here at BLHS. Because of them I have great hope that the culture of life is not too far away.

Warmly,  
Meg Hanlon