

Blessing for 2020 Diocese of Rochester Pilgrims to the Annual *March for Life* in Washington, DC

*Following the Rite of Communion and before the Prayer After Communion,
the pilgrims are invited to stand.*

Almighty and eternal God, of old You Yourself led Your people as they wandered in the desert; You gave us Your only begotten Son as our way to You; and You still now guide Your pilgrim Church through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Remain with these, Your servants, on their journey and guide their way in accord with Your perfect and holy Will. Shelter them with Your protection by day; give them the light of Your grace by night; and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety.

Loving Father, bless these, our + brothers and sisters. Lead them along right and peaceful paths as they make their way to Washington, DC. Be with these pilgrims as they pray for and proclaim - with courage and charity - the beauty and the dignity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. May they return home under Your providential care.

This we ask through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of tenderness, and Her Son, Jesus Christ, conqueror of sin and death, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Then, all the faithful are invited to stand for the Prayer After Communion and final blessing.