# Catholic Diocese of Evansville

*- The Catholic Church in Southwestern Indiana*

October 30, 2026

RE: Excused absence for religious event.

To Whom It May Concern:

On Wednesday, January 20, 2027, 8th - 12th grade students and adult chaperones from the Diocese of Evansville will participate in the Indiana March for Life in Indianapolis. This event is being planned and organized by the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville in collaboration with the other four dioceses across Indiana. This event is approved by Bishop Joseph Siegel of the Diocese of Evansville, and will be attended by several Indiana bishops. Last year the event drew over 2,000 young people from across the state.

We will depart on the morning of Wednesday, January 20, and will return later that evening. Students will attend Mass, hear witness speakers, and get to learn from elected officials at the Indiana statehouse. Due to both the religious and educational significance of this event, students are generally granted an excused absence from school during this time.

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding our trip to the Indiana March for Life. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

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