

# **C. O. O. L. Connections**

**COOL Newsletter Issue #1 - February 3, 2025**

Welcome to the COOL Newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to continue the project originally begun in 2019: to include all members in a fun central source of information!

## **D. C. Trip 2025 Recap**

Written by Iliana Trahan

Less than 2 weeks ago, around 40 youth and chaperones flew to Washington, D.C. for the National March for Life! This exciting and inspiring trip also included visits to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Washington Monument, and the National Cemetery.

Sarah Morales-Wade, Chairman, and Beatrice Harne, Director of Communications, interviewed several members and asked them their favorite memories from the trip!



Natasha Rivas, 13 - the March and the airplane

Simon Alvarez, 15 - walking, sight-seeing, and being with friends

Robert Chachere, 18 - seeing all the historical sites, like the Washington Monument and the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, and walking past the Capitol.

Monica Striby-Cosio, 17 - being with a group of young adults who supported the cause and seeing the Capitol

Gabriel Rivas, 18 - not losing anybody and everything running smoothly



The COOL group in front of the Washington Monument after the March for Life Rally

Check out more photos from the trip to D. C. [\*\*here!\*\*](#)

## **Austin Trip 2025 Recap**

Information credited to Marie Saylor

While the members attending the D. C. march prepared for their return flight, other members were marching for life in another area of the country.

At the Capitol in Austin, 40 youth from over 6 parishes supported the pro-life cause in the chilly January air. In addition to the spectacular speakers, the youth also enjoyed touring the Capitol building and some even sang inside the dome.



The COOL group and friends in front of the Capitol in Austin, TX

## Upcoming Events in February

- ❖ **8th** - Park Picnic (sign up [here!](#))
- ❖ **15th** - General Meeting
- ❖ **22nd** - CHECH Bake Sale

Your work can be in the next C.O.O.L. Newsletter! Please submit any original pro-life jokes, artwork, poetry, short stories, or articles.

Prompt idea: Why are you pro-life?

Due date for submissions: February 24th

Let us know if you want to learn more about the COOL and its mission by filling out **this form!**



*O Mary,  
bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
To you do we entrust the cause of life:  
Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of Life  
with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace  
to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.*

from "Evangelium Vitae" - Pope John Paul II