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Pre-event publicity helped march to be successful

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The Times-News, with its printed voice, rendered a tri-state, public service for publishing the time for the National March for Life in Washington.

A notice appeared on Jan. 9 that a tri-state, nondenominational representative bus sponsored by the Franciscan friars was available. The group boarded the bus early Jan. 19.

We marched with a group of more than 500,000 people, of which the average age was 23.

With a warming orange sun, we had inspirational thoughts that God is with us.

We carried our coats and wiped beads of perspiration from our brows.

Perhaps the youth in various colored “hoodies” and identifying hats had studied the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

In 1868 on July 9, the 14th Amendment, framed by Rep. John Bingham was ratified. (Cato Institute). In this, the states widely recognized children in utero as persons. (Harvard Journal of Law and Public May 2017).

The present printed 14 Amendment states, “...nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of the law, nor deny any person within its jurisdiction protection of the laws.”

A little human with fingers, toes and a beating heart in a womb is a person. There is no change in the 14th Amendment.

In front of us were enthusiastic, polite, and creative teenagers. Boys were wearing T-shirts with words “Life begins at conception and ends at Planned Parenthood.”

Of stained glass window quality, a large colored poster was being carried.

Baby Jesus and Baby St. John the Baptist could be seen in ovals on the fully clothed St. Mary and St. Elizabeth. Large, white, printed words between the two mothers said, “Fewer women would have abortions if wombs had windows.”

In an endless procession, a sea of buses, crowds of youth, elderly with canes, strollers holding babies was a silent voice saying “respect, protect and defend life.”

Thank you, Times-News, for the notification you gave local pro-lifers about most patriotic movement called The National March for Life.

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