

FUNdraising Ideas

1. Writing your local and national Knights of Columbus and Serra Clubs stating your intention and purpose and humble request for assistance for the Pilgrimage for Life.
2. Communicating your purpose and intention to your pastor and asking to speak briefly after Mass to the People of God about the Pilgrimage for Life. You could provide a poster for people to sign with a can for donations and tell them that you will bring them along in prayer to the March for Life.
3. Bake sale; chili or soup cook off
4. Bowling pledges – Get a group together and ask people to pledge \$.50 - \$1.00 a pin. Explain your purpose and intent and promise the people you have pledging you that you will also pray for them. Have your group gather together in a church and pray the Rosary or do a Holy Hour. Then, go bowling, and collect.
5. Ask your pastor if the parish has a Pro-Life committee or speak to a Men's or PCCW group to ask for assistance.
6. Car wash
7. Contact a Pro-Life Organization in the USA and see if they give assistance through writing an essay or submitting your intention.
8. Collecting and recycling cans and bottles.
9. Making and Selling Rosaries – This can be one of the most spiritual and lucrative fundraisers. Pilgrims for WYD 05 raised more than \$4500 in rosary sales! They sold chaplets (bracelets) for \$2 and regular rosaries for \$5. Rosary making info and supplies can be purchased through FNT Industries - <http://www.fntvictory.net/rosary.html>
10. Captive Car Wash – Wash all the cars in the church parking lot (or other designated location) on a given Sunday while people are attending Mass. Then take a free will offering as they leave. It is important to inform in advance of this event and also as people enter the parking lot. Also, divide the kids into teams, since you usually have to wash a car in about 3 min. And send one team of teens and adults out as an intercessory prayer team praying over all the cars and their passengers who are not in the parking lot – this is a crucial thing to do.
11. Change to make Change – Instead of taking up a second collection for something like a mission trip or to support some important endeavor, make available empty film canisters with a mailing label on each with instructions and info. People are asked to place change in the canister and return it by a designated date. A group traveling to New Orleans for Katrina Relief did this and raised almost \$2000. The great thing is most people will fill it with quarters – that comes to \$6. Some use dollar coins = \$17. It adds up quick.

12. Matching Funds – There are several Catholic fraternal organizations which offer matching funds up to \$500 (Catholic Knights) and \$750 (Catholic Family Life Insurance) These are “easy” money, but you have to act quick. They usually take applications starting in Dec for the next year.

13. Corporate Fundraisers - There are several retail companies which offer youth that chance to earn money. One of the best in this area is through Younkers. Twice annually they hold a “Community Day” event. Youth are able to sell coupon booklets for this special sale day. The booklets sell for \$5 and contain a \$10 coupon and several special offers. The youth keep the full \$5 per booklet amount – easy money. For groups that qualify there is profit sharing. One year, 4 teens earned more than \$250 and our profit sharing sum was over \$200.

14. KC Fish Fry – Our local KC Council holds Friday fish fries during Lent. Sometimes youth groups are able to provide volunteer help for one of these and earn over \$1000.

15. Shareholders – For special events such as pilgrimages, some parishes allow teens to ask people to invest in their experience by purchasing “shares” at \$10 per share. The teen agrees to pray for their shareholders, write to them and then honor the shareholders at a banquet upon return from the pilgrimage. Often participants will have people purchase multiple shares. One gentlemen purchased 30 shares to show his support.

16. Cinnamon Roll sale after Mass – one parish made about \$2,000 in just a couple of weekends.

17. A spaghetti lunch right after Mass where the teens cook and serve the food. There can also be a presentation about the Pilgrimage for Life during the course of the meal. They can either set a certain cost or base it on donations. Sometimes you can get different groups to donate the fund to keep overhead costs down.

18. Have a cell phone and ink jet cartridge recycling fundraiser. This can be done through www.ecophones.com. This is an easy fundraiser that requires little effort.

19. Selling religious jewelry, rosaries, crucifixes, etc., through Sawtooth Ministries Fundraising Program. It is no cost, on the front end and they are very easy to work with. Their website is www.sawtoothministries.com.

20. Write to friends and family members, stating your intention and purpose and humble request for assistance for the Pilgrimage for Life. Some may give \$5 or \$10, but this adds up quickly.