

Annual March for Life takes place Saturday

The 14th annual March for Life St Augustine will take place Saturday, Jan. 18, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, 101 San Marco Ave., the site of the great cross.

This year's theme is "Endangered, Worthy of Protection," and the march will focus on the vulnerability to abortion of all pre-born, but particularly of those with a special needs pre-natal diagnosis.

Bishop Felipe Estévez will celebrate Mass on the grounds of the shrine at 9 a.m. followed by music, booths and speakers, including U.S. Congressman John Rutherford; Ryan Neuhaus, Florida Students for Life; and Jason "Moose" Hamilton, Jacksonville ARC board member.

The march will step off the curb at approximately 11:15 a.m., led by Morning Star School and Camp I am Special, and will proceed to the Plaza de Constitution where the keynote, Doug Tooke of ODB Films will present.

Marchers from throughout Florida and Georgia are expected to attend. The event will also showcase local and statewide resources for unexpected pregnancies and vulnerable pregnancies.

Following the march, participants are invited to the KOC-sponsored spaghetti dinner from noon to 4 p.m. at 259 St George St., at Cathedral Parish Hall.

The Friday night kickoff will begin at the shrine on Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. with Mass, followed by an outdoor (weather permitting) movie presentation of "Restored: Connie McEldowney." Food trucks, a praise and worship concert, and Adoration under the Stars round out the activities, which will close at 9 p.m.

For information visit marchforlifestaugustine.com.