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Texas Catholic Voice

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Romans 15:5-6)

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"Seven members of the Supreme Court took the issue of abortion out of the hands of the American people and their duly elected lawmakers. In doing so, they declared that the tiniest human beings have no claim on life and that, therefore, their lives can be terminated. In doing so, those seven did more than write new laws; they invented a constitutional concept that had never been envisioned; in doing so, they contravened two of our nation's most precious values: the recognition of a God-given, inalienable right to life, and the promise of equal protection under law. All this, increasing numbers of Americans are coming to understand, and there is hope in this."

-Cardinal William H. Keeler, homily at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C, January 23, 2005

Roe Reality Check

Test your knowledge on abortion in the United States with these True/False statements

True or False:



#1: Abortion is legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.

#2: Abortions are rarely done for maternal or fetal health problems, or in cases of rape or incest.

#3: Most Americans actually oppose U.S. abortion law.

#4: ...legal commentators who support legal abortion have said *Roe* is not good constitutional law.

#5: Supreme Court Justices have criticized *Roe v. Wade*.

#6: The U.S. abortion rate is among the highest of all developed countries in the world.

#7: Most American women do not support *Roe v. Wade*.

#8: Most abortions are done after the fetal heart has begun beating.

#9: Nearly half of all abortions are performed on women who have had at least one.

#10: Even a child who is partially born can be legally aborted.

#11: If *Roe* is overturned, abortion policy will be decided through the democratic process in each state.

#12: *Roe* has often been cited by state and federal judges to endanger human beings already born.

#13: . . . Abortion is outside mainstream medicine.

#14: Legalized abortion has made it easy for others to pressure women into having abortions.

#15: Excerpts from Cardinal Keeler's January 6 letter to U.S. Senators.

Pro-Life Activities Around the State

Click below to read about pro-life activities around the state. If your diocese is not listed, contact your chancery to learn more about commemoration events.

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	<p>Helpers of God’s Precious Infants Saturday January 20 8:00 am Mass, Rev. Gerald Goodrum Presiding, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3600 Travis. Prayer procession to Planned Parenthood, 3600 Fannin</p> <p>Father Mitch Pacwa January 20, 2007 at Holy Rosary, January 21, 2007 at Shrine of the True Cross, Dickinson 1:00 pm</p> <p>A day of Reconciliation and Prayer January 22 In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass “For Peace and Justice” (no. 22 of the “Masses for Various Needs”) should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373</p>
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	<p>Texas March for Life and Rally at the Capitol Saturday, January 27 Rosary at 10:00 a.m., Mass at 10:30 a.m. Celebrant Bishop Gregory Aymond San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest, Austin.</p> <p>Texas State March and Rally for Life, 1:00 p.m. at Republic Square (4th & Guadalupe). 2:00 p.m. at the State Capitol Building.</p> <p>Contact Texas Alliance for Life, 512-477-1244, or www.texasallianceforlife.org. Busses from Houston to Austin's Republic Square, Life Advocates Mass at Holy Rosary and Annunciation Churches before the trip.</p>
<p>Archdiocese of San Antonio</p>	<p>Archbishop Gomez to preside over the Archdiocesan Commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade</p> <p>Saturday, January 19, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Peaceful Rosary for Life procession Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m. – Memorial Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Parish</p> <p>Where: Rosary for Life: Rosary Procession will begin in front of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 1710 Clower, San Antonio, and process to Planned Parenthood, 104 Babcock Rd. Following peaceful prayer vigil, the group will process on the same route back to St. Mary Magdalen Parish, arriving at approximately 9:30 a.m. Archbishop Gomez will meet the procession at the parish and complete the Rosary there.</p> <p>Memorial Mass: St. Mary Magdalen Church, 1710 Clower, San Antonio, 78201. Who: Rosary for Life: Pro-Life supporters from all over San Antonio. Led by Rick Doucette, Associate Director and Pro-Life Director, Office of Social Concerns and the pastors of St. Mary Magdalen (Fr. Joseph Mary Marshall and Fr. Will Combs)</p> <p>Memorial Mass: Archbishop José H. Gomez, Archbishop of San Antonio, will celebrate the memorial Mass.</p>

	<p>Why: Since January 22, 1973 when surgical abortion on demand was legalized by the Supreme Court in the Roe v Wade decision, over 43 million babies have been killed by surgical abortion in this country. Each year on that date, Catholic dioceses hold rosaries for life processions and a memorial Mass for those involved in the abortion procedure, including the murdered babies, those who mourn the death of a child, for the mothers who give up their babies, for the continued commitment to life of the priests and bishops of the Church, and for the medical personnel who may be involved. Finally, we pray for an end to abortion in the United States.</p> <p>Sunday Rally Sunday, January 20</p> <p>On Sunday, January 20, at 2 p.m., there will be a Rally for Life at Milam Park, across the street from Santa Rosa Hospital. Featured speaker is Fr. Daniel McCaffrey, Natural Family Planning Outreach. For more information, call (210) 690-9801.</p>
<p>Diocese of Amarillo</p>	<p>Diocesan Walk for Life and Mass for Peace and Justice in reparation for abortion January 19</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Peace and Justice Mass, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo - Bishop John W. Yanta principal celebrant</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Walk for Life (Part 1) from St. Mary's to Planned Parenthood at 15th and Taylor</p> <p>11:00 a.m.: Rosary for Life outside of Planned Parenthood</p> <p>11:30 a.m.: Walk for Life (Part 2) from Planned Parenthood to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1210 E. 11th</p> <p>12 noon: Rally at Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr. Denis Wilde, Priests for Life, and Fr. John Keane, Graymoor Friars of the Atonement; Lunch provided by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus</p> <p>Bishop John W. Yanta has declared Jan. 22 a Day of Fast and Abstinence in</p>

	the Diocese of Amarillo.
Diocese of Austin	<p>Pro-Life Saturday in Austin January 26</p> <p>7:00 am – Prayer Vigil at South Austin Planned Parenthood Facility, 201 East Ben White Blvd.</p> <p>10:00 am – Rosary For Life at San Jose Catholic Church, 2435 Oak Crest in Austin.</p> <p>10:30 am – Diocesan Pro-Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Gregory Aymond at San Jose Church in Austin. The parish of San Jose will serve lunch for a nominal fee in the Parish Hall after Mass.</p> <p>1:00 pm – Gathering for March for Life at 4th and Guadalupe</p> <p>1:30 pm – March for Life down Congress Ave. to the Capital</p> <p>2:00 – 3:00 pm – Rally for Life on the South steps of the Capital</p> <p>3:30 – 5:30 pm – Party for Life at the University Catholic Center, 2010 University Avenue hosted by the Catholic Longhorns for Life. Come meet our diocesan seminarians and join us for food, fun, friendship, and door prizes. All are invited to attend.</p> <p>Please RSVP to the Pro-Life Office by Jan 20, 2008 if you plan to attend the party. For more information or to RSVP contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 512-238-1756 or email ann-bierschenk@austindiocese.org.</p>
Diocese of Dallas	<p>ROE MEMORIAL Schedule of Events Saturday, January 19</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Roe Memorial Rosary at Fairmount abortion center: 9:00 a.m., prior to the Bishops’ Roe Memorial Mass at the Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. Since the ecumenical Dallas March for Life will be from the Cathedral to the Federal Courthouse after Mass, the Roe Memorial Rosary will be prayed at Fairmount – Dallas’ and Texas’ oldest abortion center – 2921 Fairmount at Cedar Springs, before the Mass. Buses will run starting at 8:30 a.m. from the Cathedral to Fairmount, and seats will be reserved in the Cathedral for those</p>

	<p>attending the Rosary. Church buses are encouraged to go directly to Fairmount for the Rosary. There is free parking in the Cathedral garage. Contact the CPLC office, 972-267-LIFE (5433), or cplc@prolifedallas.org.</p> <p>10:00 a.m. 15th Annual Roe Memorial Mass & Adoration, followed by Dallas Rally & March for Life, marking the 35th anniversary of the tragic January 22, 1973, Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in America. In memory of the more than 48 million babies who have died and in prayer for the mothers and fathers who have been hurt by abortion, a bilingual Mass will be concelebrated by the Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, Bishop of Dallas, the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Fort Worth, and diocesan clergy at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Ave. at Pearl St., Dallas.</p> <p>A representative born each year from 1973 - present is needed to carry a rose in the annual "Procession of Roses" at Mass. Following Mass will be Eucharistic Adoration and an ecumenical rally and Dallas March for Life.</p> <p>12 noon Rally & March For Life: After Mass, there will be a 30-minute rally at the Cathedral Plaza, and we will march from the Cathedral Plaza to the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse, where the Roe v. Wade case was first filed in 1970. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, JCDA councils and all parish or school organizations are encouraged to participate in this powerful prayer and public witness event. Bring your troop flag or club banner for the Dallas March for Life! (Co-sponsored by the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, Texans for Life Coalition, Catholics Respect Life from the Diocese of Fort Worth, and other pro-life/pro-family groups.) Both Bishops will be speaking at the rally and marching to the courthouse.</p> <p>Don't miss this annual event for Life! For information or to volunteer, contact the CPLC office, 972-267-LIFE (5433), or cplc@prolifedallas.org.</p>
<p>Diocese of El Paso</p>	<p>Pro Life Rally January 20</p> <p>The El Paso Pro Life Rally Procession will begin at 1 p.m. at Houston Park, located at the corner of Montana and St. Vrain streets. This ecumenical rally will feature Dr. Martha Garza, a San Antonio reproductive endocrinologist, and Rev. Larry Wilkins, executive pastor at Cielo Vista Baptist Church. The</p>

	<p>rally will be followed by a procession past El Paso abortion clinics, and conclude with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Armando X. Ochoa at 3 p.m. in St. Patrick Cathedral.</p> <p>The rally, procession and Mass are held each year to call for a reversal of the Supreme Court decision on abortion and pray for an end to all abortions in the United States, Acosta said.</p>
<p>Diocese of Fort Worth</p>	<p>ROE MEMORIAL Schedule of Events Saturday, January 19</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Roe Memorial Rosary at Fairmount abortion center: 9:00 a.m., prior to the Bishops’ Roe Memorial Mass at the Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. Since the ecumenical Dallas March for Life will be from the Cathedral to the Federal Courthouse after Mass, the Roe Memorial Rosary will be prayed at Fairmount – Dallas’ and Texas’ oldest abortion center – 2921 Fairmount at Cedar Springs, before the Mass. Buses will run starting at 8:30 a.m. from the Cathedral to Fairmount, and seats will be reserved in the Cathedral for those attending the Rosary. Church buses are encouraged to go directly to Fairmount for the Rosary. There is free parking in the Cathedral garage. Contact the CPLC office, 972-267-LIFE (5433), or cplc@prolifedallas.org.</p> <p>10:00 a.m. 15th Annual Roe Memorial Mass & Adoration, followed by Dallas Rally & March for Life, marking the 35th anniversary of the tragic January 22, 1973, Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in America. In memory of the more than 48 million babies who have died and in prayer for the mothers and fathers who have been hurt by abortion, a bilingual Mass will be concelebrated by the Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, Bishop of Dallas, the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Fort Worth, and diocesan clergy at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, 2215 Ross Ave. at Pearl St., Dallas.</p> <p>A representative born each year from 1973 - present is needed to carry a rose in the annual “Procession of Roses” at Mass. Following Mass will be Eucharistic Adoration and an ecumenical rally and Dallas March for Life.</p> <p>12 noon Rally & March For Life: After Mass, there will be a 30-minute rally at the Cathedral Plaza, and we will march from the Cathedral Plaza to the</p>

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<p>Diocese of Laredo</p>	<p>8th Annual Laredo Pro-Life Rosary Walk January 20</p> <p>Meet at Boston St. & Santa Ursula (by the Hernandez-Lopez Funeral Home) at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shuttle service to the start site will be available from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at San Agustín Cathedral. For more information call the Family Life Office, Diocese of Laredo, at 956-727-2140.</p>
<p>Diocese of Lubbock</p>	<p>Roe v Wade Memorial Mass January 22, 2008</p>

	<p>7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 102 N Ave P, Lubbock.</p> <p>There will also be a Roe v Wade Memorial Prayer Vigil at 3302 - 67th Street on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008 from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.</p> <p>For more information, please contact The Nurturing Center at 806-780-6853.</p>
Diocese of Tyler	<p>Ecumenical Service at the Cathedral</p> <p>January 20</p> <p>3:30-4:30</p>

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