

News Release

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SUBJECT: Erie March & Motorcade for Life

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Erie area residents will observe the 35th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision with a March & Motorcade for Life in downtown Erie this Saturday, January 19, 2008.

Roe v. Wade is the Supreme Court decision that struck down the abortion laws of all 50 states and allowed abortion for any reason, at any time during pregnancy. It was issued on January 22, 1973.

The Erie March & Motorcade has been an annual event for over 20 years.

The March & Motorcade will begin at Perry Square with opening remarks by People for Life Director Tim Broderick at 11:00 AM. It will then proceed on State Street south to 18th, west to Peach, north to 14th, east to State, then north on State, returning to Perry Square.

The March & Motorcade will conclude at the Gazebo with a brief Memorial Service, which will remember the 50 million lives lost to abortion in the United States since 1973, the countless women who have suffered abortion-related physical and emotional trauma, and all the others who have endured the tragedy of abortion, including fathers and even entire families.

The Memorial Service will be jointly conducted by Fr. Bill Barron of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church and Rev. Jerry Knight, Pastor of West Erie Bible Church.

For those who would have difficulty walking the full distance, a motorcade will follow the marchers.

The March & Motorcade is intentionally routed past the 1611 Peach Street Professional Building, which houses the abortion facility owned by the American Women's Services abortion company (www.americanwomensservices.com).

The Erie location of AWS has opened and closed several times since it began doing abortions in September 2003. The facility is currently closed and has not done abortions since February 17, 2007, when the fourth and most recent doctor to do abortions there abruptly quit and moved to South Carolina. Despite considerable downtime, the facility has done over 1000 abortions, some of them on women as far along in their pregnancies as 23 weeks.

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