

# ***News Release***

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**SUBJECT: Erie March & Motorcade for Life**

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Erie area residents will mark the **36th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*** with a March & Motorcade for Life in downtown Erie this **Saturday, January 10, 2009**.

*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 25 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 west on W. 6th Street, south on Sassafras, east on W. 10th Street, and north on State Street to the Perry Square Gazebo.

The March & Motorcade will conclude at the Gazebo with a brief **Memorial Service**, which will remember the estimated 50 million lives lost to abortion in the United States since 1973, the countless women who have suffered abortion-related physical and emotional difficulties, and all those who have endured the tragedy of abortion.

The Memorial Service will be jointly conducted by **Fr. Johnathan Schmolt**, Parochial Vicar of St. Jude Roman Catholic Church and **Rev. John B. Erthein**, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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

The Erie March & Motorcade for Life will be the first of three activities that People for Life will conduct this month to call attention to the extreme abortion policies of the United States, arbitrarily and undemocratically imposed by *Roe v. Wade* on January 22, 1973.

We will hold our **31st Annual Pro-Life Breakfast** on January 17. Our main speaker will be **Mr. Ramesh Ponnuru**, senior editor of *National Review Magazine*.

On January 21, a day after the Inauguration, we will send three (possibly four) buses to **Washington, DC** for the **March for Life** on January 22.

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