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## 30th Anniversary Pro-Life Breakfast

Come to People for Life's 30th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast, 9:00 am on February 2 at the Avalon Hotel. To celebrate this special anniversary Breakfast, we are hosting a distinguished guest speaker and old friend of People for Life, Janet L. Folger.

### JANET FOLGER

Some of our readers will recognize Janet as the founder and president of Faith 2 Action, a pro-life and family values organization based in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

She hosts a daily radio program that is heard in 27 markets. She also has a 60-second daily commentary that is heard on about 70 radio stations, including WGOJ 105.5 FM in nearby Conneaut, OH.

Janet was the main speaker at the Pro-Life Breakfast once before, about 15 years ago, while she was the Legislative Director of the Ohio Right to Life Society. With her high-energy personality and common-sense approach to human life issues, Janet left a lasting impression.

During her time with Ohio RTL, Janet successfully lobbied for the nation's first partial-birth abortion ban. She also secured the enactment of a women's right-to-know law, parental consent and fetal homicide laws; tougher abortion facility regulations; adoption reform; and legislation that stopped all state funding of abortion in Ohio.

After nine years with Ohio RTL, Janet

took a position with Dr. D. James Kennedy's Coral Ridge Ministries as National Director of the Center for Reclaiming America. Janet worked with Dr. Kennedy for six years, before starting Faith 2 Action in 2003.

Janet has appeared on practically every major U.S. TV news program, including the NBC Today Show, ABC Evening News, Nightline, and CBS This Morning.

Also a writer, Janet pens a weekly column for WorldNetDaily and has written four books: *30 Seconds to Common Sense*, *True To Life*, *The Criminalization Of Christianity*, and *What's A Girl To Do: While waiting for Mr. Right?* Some of her books will be available to purchase at the Breakfast.

WCTL 106.3 FM will have Janet on the air for a live interview prior to the Breakfast. The interview is tentatively scheduled for January 17 at 8:00 am.

### SELAH PRAISE BAND

The Selah Praise Band, a ministry of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, will help make the 30th Pro-Life Breakfast an extra-special event. Selah has become well-known throughout the Erie area thanks in part to their popular Christmas concerts and summer concerts at Frontier Park.

Selah recently released their second CD, a collection of songs for Christmas titled *Love Has Come*. Selah's first CD, *We Are One Body*, features 14 religious praise and worship favorites.

### RESERVATIONS

To make Breakfast reservations, send \$10 per person, or \$7.50 for ages 3-10 to People for Life, Inc., P.O. Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512. Children under three are free. Tickets will be mailed. Reservations can also



Janet L. Folger

be made at either People for Life office. The Professional Building Office at 1611 Peach St., Suite 321 is open 9-5, Monday through Friday. The Main Office at 1625 W. 26th St. will have extended hours prior to the Breakfast. Call for exact times.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS!?

Free babysitting will be available during the breakfast with entertaining activities for children of all ages.

### Sponsor Listings for Businesses and Professionals

The printed program for the Pro-Life Breakfast will include sponsor listings for local businesses and professionals. Listings are available at levels of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100 (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond respectively). Sponsors will also be eligible for a listing and link on our website, [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org).

Please help spread the word to pro-life business people and other pro-life professionals!

For more information or a sponsorship form, call (814) 882-1333 or e-mail [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org).



Selah Praise Band

For the latest information about all of the upcoming *Roe v. Wade* anniversary activities please monitor...

[www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org)  
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# MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP



Washington, DC (January 22, 2007) – Two hundred thousand Marchers for Life converge on the National Mall

On January 22, 1973, the day of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that removed legal protection from all unborn children in the United States, the headline of the *New York Times* gloated, "Supreme Court Settles Abortion Issue."

Every January since then, Americans have poured into Washington, DC by the tens of thousands to March for Life on the *Roe v. Wade* anniversary and send a resounding message: "The *New York Times* was wrong!" In reality, the Supreme Court "settled" nothing.

People for Life has organized a bus trip to the annual March ever since the very first March for Life on January 22, 1974.

This year, we are looking forward to an expanded and more exciting trip. An additional 56-passenger motor coach has been chartered to accommodate what is likely to be a record number of People for Life marchers.

Students account for part of the increase. There will be a sizeable contingent of 7th and 8th graders from St. George School, about 15 members of the Gannon University Students for Life, and a dozen or more college students from Edinboro, Mercyhurst, and Penn State Erie.

People for Life has been trying new ways to introduce people to the March for Life and Bus Trip, including earlier radio advertising and extra advertising in the Catholic Diocese FaithLife magazine. We are conducting March for Life sign ups in some area churches, as well.

## It's easy to March for Life Get out of Erie for a day and support a great cause!

- ▶ \$40.00 a seat
- ▶ Entire trip takes just 26 hours (approximately).
- ▶ Leave Erie Monday, January 21 at 11:00 PM.
- ▶ March in Washington, DC Tuesday, January 22.
- ▶ Return Wednesday, January 23 about 12:30 AM.
- ▶ Church and student groups are always welcome.
- ▶ Space will be limited: Make reservations ASAP!
- ▶ Some student sponsorships currently available.

## You're invited!

Reserve your seat(s) by sending your payment to  
People for Life, P.O. Box 1126, Erie, PA 16512.  
Call 882-1333 or go on line for more information.  
[www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org)

Anyone who might be thinking about attending the March for Life for the first time should rest assured that it is always a safe, orderly, and uplifting event. The thought of 200,000 or more "protestors" crowding the streets might be a little unnerving. But these "protestors" are different: gentle, joyful, and patriotic Americans, many of whom come with their entire families. Counter demonstrators are very few. Police officers, however, are numerous and always friendly and helpful. And the subway system handles the large numbers of people with ease. Your time in Washington will be memorable – but for all the right reasons.

After an overnight ride from Erie, People for Life's buses will park in Washington, DC at about 8:00 am on January 22. There will

be about four hours for seeing the sights before the March for Life program begins at noon. Points of special pro-life interest include the Holocaust Museum, the March for Life Convention Exhibits and Workshops, the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, National Right to Life headquarters, and the Capitol Building. Also popular, the National Air and Space Museum and the National Museum of Natural History are both a short distance from the starting point of the March.

The official program begins with a Rally on the National Mall at noon. The March starts to move at about 1:15. By the time most people complete the March, it will be 3:30 or later. Many marchers then pay visits to their Members of Congress.

Arrangements are incomplete as this is being written, but we anticipate meetings with Rep. Phil English and Sen. Bob Casey. Rep. Phil English traditionally hosts a reception for his constituents after the March. Sen. Casey, recently elected, also held a meeting last January.

People for Life's buses will leave Washington at 5:00 and arrive back in Erie at about 12:30 am, Wednesday morning.

## There's still a little time . . .

to get your church, school, or other organization interested in the Bus Trip.

A People for Life representative would be happy to talk with your group about the March. Just call 882-1333 to make arrangements.

## Erie March & Motorcade for Life

The annual Erie March & Motorcade for Life will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2008 as a local observance of the 35th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* Supreme Court decisions, which legalized abortion.

We are deeply grateful for the support of the 125-150 people who participate in this event each year. However attendance needs to be much higher in order to make the March & Motorcade a fitting public gesture of concern about abortion and the

devaluation of human life. Additional marchers are urgently needed.

Everyone who is able to march is strongly encouraged to do so, but those who would have difficulty walking the distance should to ride in the motorcade, which will follow the marchers.

The March & Motorcade program will begin at the Perry Square Gazebo in downtown Erie at 11:00 am.

Marchers should arrive at least 15 minutes early. Those who will be driving in

the motorcade should arrive 30 minutes early.

Parade marshals will begin staging the motorcade vehicles at 10:30. A line of vehicles will be formed along the south side of North Park Row. (North Park Row runs along the north side of Perry Square.) To identify each vehicle as part of the Motorcade, a red ribbon will be attached.

At 11:00 am, with the Marchers assembled at the Gazebo, there will be  
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**Erie March & Motorcade**

an invocation and brief opening remarks. At 11:10 the March & Motorcade will proceed south on State St. to 18th St., west to Peach St., north to 14th St., east to State St. (thus circling the American Women's Services abortion facility at 1611 Peach St.), then north on State St., and back to Perry Square, where there will be a brief Memorial Service at the Gazebo.

The Memorial Service will conclude by 12:30 at the latest.

**News Bites**

- ◆ Two educational DVDs about Stem Cells are available from People for Life. One is 12 minutes long. The other runs about an hour.
- ◆ No activity at the Erie abortion facility has been observed since October 19.
- ◆ Our *Overview of Abortion* presentation

was given to about 50 high school students at St. Lawrence Church in Albion on December 2. We will give the presentation at Mercyhurst College on January 14 and at St. George School sometime in mid-January. We welcome all opportunities to share this free presentation.

- ◆ The teens of the St. Lawrence Church religious education classes invite everyone to march with them on Sunday, January 20 in Albion, PA to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The hour-long march begins at noon. Call Kathy at (814) 774-0061 for more information.
- ◆ Roman Catholic Bishop of Erie Donald W. Trautman has accepted an invitation to attend this year's Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast.
- ◆ People for Life facilitates a public demonstration outside the Erie abortion facility, American Women's Services, 1611 Peach St., every Saturday from 1 to 2 pm.

Participants meet on the State St. side of the building (near 16th & State). Signs are provided.

- ◆ People for Life's board of directors recently gained two excellent new members: Gretchen Lorei and Brad Jones.

**Download Posters**

Help publicize the upcoming Erie March & Motorcade for Life, the Washington, DC March for Life Bus Trip, and the 30th Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast with posters from [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org). Posters are also available upon request.

**Service Hours**

January is an especially busy time, and student volunteers are always a big help. If you are a student who needs service hours or would simply like to help the pro-life cause, contact Tim Broderick, director at 882-1333 or e-mail [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org).

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People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen's organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent "solutions" of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are considered sacred. *The Erie Echo* is published bimonthly in Erie, PA by People for Life, Inc., Tim Broderick, editor.

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2008 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2008	
<b>Jan. 19</b>	Erie March and Motorcade for Life - 11 AM
<b>Jan. 20</b>	Pro-Life March in Albion, PA - 12-1 PM, Info: 774-0061
<b>Jan. 21</b>	People for Life Buses leave for Washington, DC - 11 PM
<b>Jan. 22</b>	35th Annual March for Life - Washington, DC
<b>Feb. 2</b>	30th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast - 9:00 AM, Avalon Hotel
<b>Feb. 18</b>	People for Life Meeting - 7:30 PM, 1625 W. 26th St.
<b>Mar. 1</b>	Entry Deadline - PA Pro-Life Federation Student Essay Contest
<b>Mar. 17</b>	St. Patrick's Day - People for Life Meeting postponed
<b>Mar. 24</b>	People for Life Meeting - 7:30 PM, 1625 W. 26th St.
<b>Mar. 24</b>	Last day to register before Primary Election
<b>April 15</b>	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
<b>April 18</b>	Last day for county election boards to receive absentee ballots
<b>April 22</b>	General Primary Election
<b>May 2008</b>	Mother's Day Carnation Project Fundraiser

**Bus Trip Sponsors Needed**

With student interest in our March for Life Bus Trip at an all-time high, the need for sponsors is greater than ever. Most students pay the full price, but some would not be able to attend the March without financial support.

Your gift of \$40 will cover the cost of one bus seat or make it possible for two students to purchase seats at half price.



**Abortion is legal in the U.S. throughout ALL 9 MONTHS of pregnancy for virtually ANY REASON.**

**Hard to believe?** This madness has been our nation's policy since the U.S. Supreme Court overruled the American people and imposed the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions on January 22, 1973.

**Hard to agree with?** Most Americans objected then, and most Americans object today. After 35 years, change is long overdue.

**Be heard!** Last January upwards of 200,000 people gathered in Washington, DC to call for change. This January, you can too.

**Get Moving!** Grab a seat on People for Life's 26-hour March for Life bus trip. Change requires action. Let's stop the madness!

**35TH MARCH FOR LIFE**  
Washington, DC. ★ January 22, 2008

Buses will leave Erie at 11:00 PM, January 21 and return just after midnight on January 23. Seats are \$40. Sponsorships are currently available. Go online for more information:

**www.peopleforlife.org**

**"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle." ~ Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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