

# Press Release

**Date:** January 5, 2009 - for immediate release  
**To:** Local media outlets  
**From:** Msgr. Patrick Brankin, Director of Communications,  
Catholic Diocese of Tulsa

**Re: First-ever Tulsa Right to Life March and Rally, Friday, January 22, 2010**

For the first time-ever, there will be a Right to Life March and Rally here in Tulsa marking the 37th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision allowing legal abortion in the United States.

Sponsored by a coalition of churches (including Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican, charismatic, evangelical and fundamental) and women's groups (including Abba's Family, MEND pregnancy Resource Center, Bond for Life and Pregnancy Hope Line) this will be a peaceful and a prayerful march stepping off from 8th and Boulder on Friday evening, January 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The march will be a little less than one mile, and will end with a rally at Chapman Centennial Green, on 6th Street between Boston and Main. At the rally, several local speakers will address the marchers and encourage them to be resolute in their commitment to the defense of life.

The organizers expect that this first-ever local march will offer support and solidarity to those who make the sacrifice to travel each year to Washington D.C., and remind them that they are not alone. Secondly, it will offer people who cannot travel to the National Right to Life March in Washington an opportunity to voice their opposition to abortion in a public and peaceful manner. Finally, this march offers a wide variety of Christian churches and denominations the opportunity to work together for a common cause while testifying together to their unrelenting opposition to abortion.

Organizers are hoping for 2,000 or more marchers.

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## FACT SHEET

### ❑ WHAT?

A prayerful, peaceful local Pro-Life march and rally in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands who march each year on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Everyone is invited: men, women, children, pro-life groups, KofC councils, Parish Women's Clubs, CCD and Youth Groups

### ❑ WHEN?

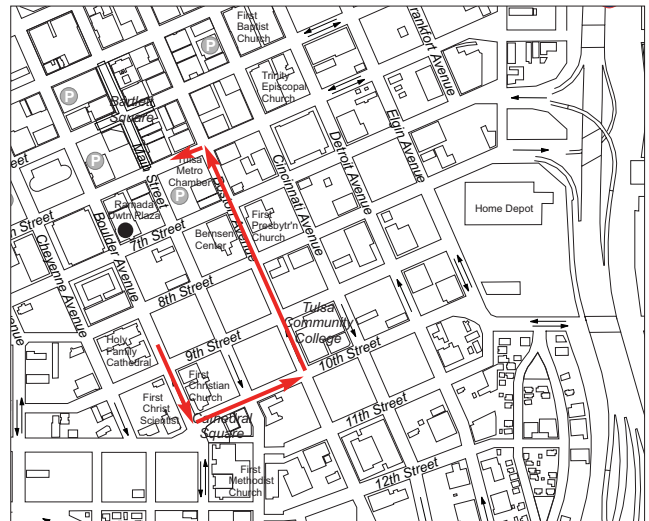
Friday night, January 22, the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe V. Wade decision legalizing abortion at any stage in the unborn child's development. This march will begin after the 5:05 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral; 6:30 p.m. is our step-off time.

### ❑ WHERE?

We will begin at the Cathedral, march down Boulder to 10th Street, turn left and march on 10th Street to Boston. We will march North along Boston to 6th Street where we will turn west and continue to Chapman Centennial Green, located on 6th Street between Boston and Main.

### ❑ WHAT TIME?

We will have Mass at the Cathedral beginning at 5:05. After Mass, we will gather outside the Cathedral and begin our march at 6:30. We estimate that we will reach the Rally Site (Chapman Centennial Green) about 7:30 and the rally will begin at 7:45. The evening should conclude by 8:15.



### ❑ WHERE WILL PEOPLE PARK?

There is free on-street parking downtown. There is also free parking at Holy Family Cathedral and First Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church will also offer marchers free parking. Both First Methodist and First Presbyterian are along the March Route, so you can park there and join as the march moves forward.

### ❑ WHAT WILL THE RALLY INCLUDE?

There will be three short talks at the Rally. A Pro-Life doctor will address the question of when life actually begins; a woman who has been victimized by abortion will share her personal anguish; and a local Tulsa pastor will speak about the effects abortion has had on his community.

