

Pro-lifers urge election changes

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WASHINGTON — The upcoming elections show promise for the pro-life movement, according to several speakers at the kick-off rally for the annual March for Life Jan. 24 on the Ellipse in Washington.

"This year's presidential and congressional elections must be the turning point," Rep. Christopher H. Smith, R-N.J., told tens of thousands of pro-life activists preparing for the 27th-annual march to the U.S. Supreme Court to protest the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, which legalized abortion.

Smith, one of about a dozen politicians and religious leaders who addressed the crowd under gray skies and in a cold

wind, said there was "a tremendous urgency to return a pro-life president to the White House."

And pointing to the White House in the distance behind the podium, Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, said that he hoped next year a different family "in this house" will support pro-life legislation.

Referring to the partial-birth abortion ban twice passed by Congress and twice vetoed by President Bill Clinton, Chabot, a Catholic, said: "We'll pass it again."

But he also emphasized it was just as critical to stop all other types of abortion.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, likewise said the partial-birth abortion ban will once again be passed by Congress and President Clinton will be urged to sign it into law. He said Congress

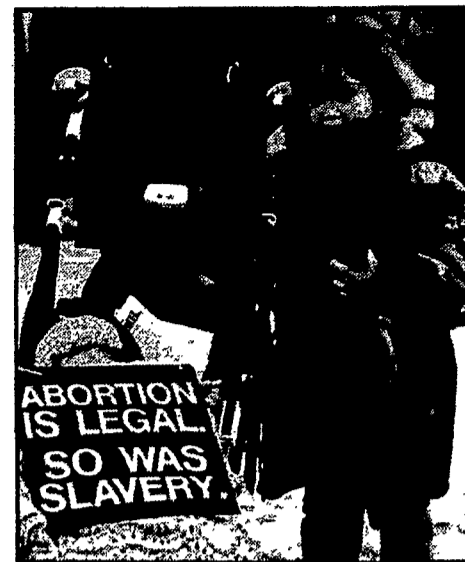
this year will also pass the Unborn Victims of Violence Act and the Child Custody Protection Act "out of our love for the innocent unborn."

Looking to this year's elections, Rabbi Yehuda Levin of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada said "presidential wannabees have to stop beating around the bush."

"You've got to stop abortion; we demand it," he added.

Over the course of the 60-minute rally, representatives were introduced from a cross-section of pro-life activist groups including Doctors for Life, Dentists for Life, National Council of Catholic Women and Operation Rescue. This year's rally was occurred two days after the anniversary

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Moira Quinn, 6, and her brother Brendan, 1, were among the tens of thousands of people who rallied in Washington Jan 24.



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'Selling' of fetal parts draws outcry

EDITORS' NOTE: This story contains graphic descriptions of abortion and post-abortion procedures.

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They were twins.
Alive outside the womb one moment.
Killed by a doctor the next.

That's what happened at a U.S. abortion clinic according to "Kelly" — not her real name — the subject of a videotaped interview released last year by Life Dynamics Inc., a pro-life organization based in Denton, Texas.

Kelly's voice was altered for the interview, and she sat with her back to the camera. She said she worked for a company that collected fetal tissue, organs and body parts from abortions. These were then provided to researchers, universities and pharmaceutical companies interested in using the babies' remains for research purposes.

One day, while working on-site at an abortion clinic she did not identify, Kelly said a physician who had performed an abortion brought 24-week-old twin fetuses in a pan into the room where she was cutting up aborted fetuses for parts. She said the doctor was excited because he considered the twins "good specimens."

"These fetuses were moving and gasping for air," Kelly said. "I told (the doctor) I would not be a part of extinguishing their lives."

Kelly said she left the room and, when she came back, the doctor had drowned the twins in sterile water.

"That's basically when I decided it was wrong," she said of harvesting tissue and organs from abortions. She added that physicians also broke the necks of fetuses that had survived abortion procedures or even beat them to death with tongs.

According to Life Dynamics President Mark Crutch-
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