

Unity is the theme for annual march

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WASHINGTON — To observe the 31st anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion virtually on demand, sponsors of the annual March for Life have chosen "Build Unity on the Life Principles" as the theme for the Jan. 22 rally on the Ellipse and march to the U.S. Capitol and Supreme Court buildings in Washington.

"Some people think unity is everybody holding hands, and we all be nice to one another," said Nellie Gray, who had directed each March for Life since the first one in 1974.

"We're not talking about that.

We're talking about unity in the life principles — no exceptions, no compromises."

Gray defines possible exceptions and compromises as "life of the mother, health of the mother, rape, incest, a deformed child and all that."

The March for Life Education & Defense Fund states as the life principles:

- "The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from that human being's biological beginning when the father's sperm fertilizes the mother's ovum."

- "The unalienable right to life endowed by our Creator vests in each

Memorial Mass Schedule for 2004 Third Saturday of each Month

Open to the Public
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

All Souls' Chapel
January 17 • February 21 • March 20
April 17 • November 20 • December 18

Chapel of St. Bernard
May 15 • June 19 • July 17
August 21 • September 18 • October 16

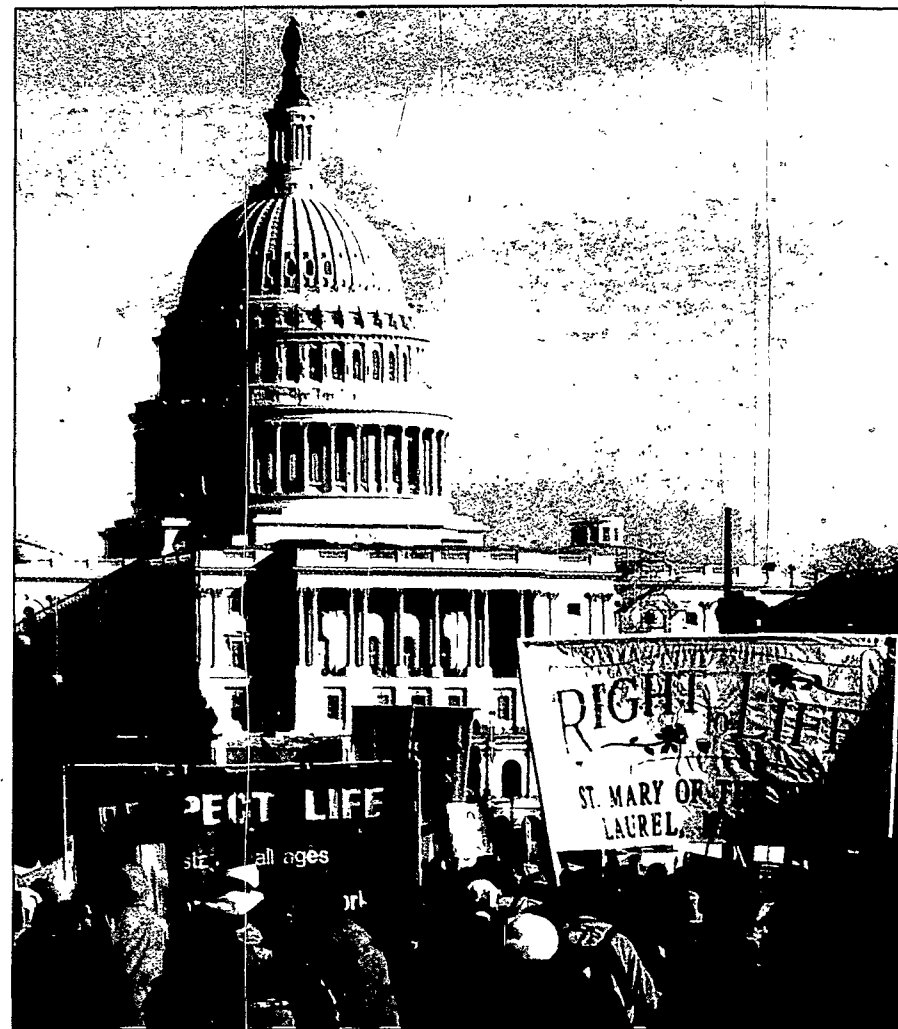
Open Bereavement Groups
are offered from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery's
Family Service Center
3rd Saturday of each month from
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Participants in the 2003 March for Life head toward the U.S. Capitol in Washington Jan. 22. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected for the 31st annual march and accompanying activities, which mark the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion on demand.

human at fertilization."

- "There must be equal care and protection for each born and pre-born human."

- "When in doubt opt for life."

- "When two or more humans are in a situation in which their lives are mutually endangered, all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts shall be used to preserve and to protect the life of each human so endangered."

The March for Life will be the biggest event surrounding the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* anniversaries.

The March for Life Education & Defense Fund planned to sponsor a convention at a Capitol Hill hotel Jan. 20-21 that was to include a session on problems facing the pro-life movement. Convention speakers were to include Gray, Priests for Life founder Father Frank Pavone, Human Life International president Father Thomas Euteneuer, journalist Russell Shaw and two Pennsylvania Republicans in the U.S. House, Reps. Melissa Hart and Patrick J. Toomey.

A capacity crowd was expected to jam the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for its annual National Prayer

Vigil for Life, which was to begin with a Jan. 21 vigil Mass with Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore as principal celebrant and homilist.

Marchers were invited to stay in the basilica's lower level to sleep overnight and participate in various services, including a rosary, confessions, hourly holy hours, night prayer and morning prayer, winding up with a morning Mass celebrated by Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York.

Before the march, a youth rally and Mass was scheduled to take place at the MCI Center, downtown Washington's pro sports arena.

After the march, Priests for Life planned to host a "Silent No More" vigil on the steps of the Supreme Court. Expected to participate were Moore, Tookes and actress Jennifer O'Neill.

The March for Life's annual Rose Dinner was scheduled to be held Jan. 22, following the rally and march. The guest speaker was slated to be Pepperdine University constitutional law professor Douglas Kmiec, talking on "Life and the Necessary Relationship Between Law and Morality." Kmiec had been dean of the law school at The Catholic University of America, Washington.