



Join us for the local solemn observance of *Roe v. Wade* in Indianapolis on Monday, January 24, 2011, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

The observance begins with noon Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

- Celebrant: Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, V.G.
- The Rally and March will follow the Mass. Participants will walk to the Veterans Memorial Plaza, 431 N. Meridian St., carrying signs provided by the Office for Pro-Life Ministry.
 - The rosary will be recited.
 - The statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be carried in procession.
- At the Veterans Memorial Plaza, Rebecca Kiessling, a woman conceived in rape, will be the keynote speaker.
 - A Silent No More Rally will follow in which individuals speak out against *Roe v. Wade*.
- The pro-life event will end with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for an end to abortions and for all those wounded by abortion.

Call the Pro-Life Office for more information and to tell us how many marchers to expect from your parish, school, Knights of Columbus Council, etc. Call 317-236-1569.

Product of Rape, International Pro-Life Speaker, Attorney



Rebecca Kiessling

We've all heard someone say:

"I'm pro-life, well, except in cases of rape . . ." or

"I'm pro-choice, especially in cases of rape !"

Have you ever considered how really insulting it is to say to someone, "I think your mother should have been able to abort you."? It's like saying, "If I had my way, you'd be dead right now." And that is the reality with which I live every time someone says they are pro-choice or pro-life "except in cases of rape" because I absolutely would have been aborted if it had been legal in Michigan when I was an unborn child, and I can tell you that it hurts. But I know that most people don't put a face to this issue -- for them abortion is just a concept -- with a quick cliché, they sweep it under the rug and forget about it. I do hope that, as a child conceived in rape, I can help to put a face, a voice, and a story to this issue.

In reply, some have said to me, "So does that mean you're pro-rape?" Though ludicrous, I'll address it because I understand that they aren't thinking things through. There is a huge moral difference because I did exist, and my life would have been ended because I would have been killed by a brutal abortion. You can only be killed and your life can only be devalued once you exist. Being thankful that my life was protected in no way makes me pro-rape.

-- Rebecca