

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil at Supreme Court Marks Roe's 40th Anniversary

Pro-lifers will lay 3,300 flowers and hold a prayer vigil and news conference at the Supreme Court Tuesday on the 40th memorial of the landmark Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion. The service will begin at 1 p.m. on the public sidewalk in front of the court.

The 3,300 flowers represent the 3,300 children who die every day in America from **abortion** and the 3,300 women who are wounded through abortion.

The leaders will also discuss the future of the **pro-life movement** after President Obama's victory in November and our strategies for ending abortion in America.

"On the 40th memorial of *Roe v. Wade*, our hearts break for the tragic loss of millions of innocent children and the diminishing of women through the violence of abortion," the Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition, says.

"We are leaving these flowers to honor these children and say their lives have purpose, meaning and dignity," he explains.

"We are also standing with the women who have been wounded through abortion, and calling upon our nation to offer women in challenging pregnancies something better than abortion. Although disappointing, the election of **President Obama** has energized our movement in a powerful way and it is forcing us to work on a local and state level where our greatest strength has always been.

"Right now," he continues, "there are five states that have

only one abortion clinic and we will soon see America's first abortion-free state.

"The simple reality is *Roe v. Wade* will most likely crumble, not through being overturned by the Supreme Court, but through the constant chipping away through local initiatives and state courts.

"Our message is clear on the 40th memorial of *Roe*," he concludes. "We will never rest or be silent until the violence of abortion ends and there are human rights and justice for all Americans!"