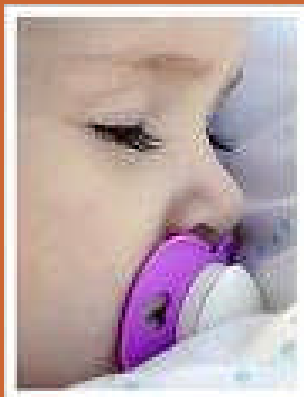


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PRO LIFE NEWS

A MONTHLY UPDATE OF MATER ECCLESIAE MISSION



“All of these kids are a gift. You have a child like this and you know every day is a gift.”

**Zita Desa
Christmas 2007**

Mrs Desa is staying at Ronald McDonald House in Camden while her gravely ill infant is being treated at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

Will YOU Be a Part of This Year's March for Life in DC ?

Don't let the fear of cold temperatures keep you away. The high spirits and camaraderie of tens of thousands of pro-lifers from around the country will keep you warm and energized! Come to the 35th annual March for Life in Washington DC on Tuesday,



January 22, to remind our fellow Americans about the evils flowing from the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision on January 22, 1973.

As usual, Mater Ecclesiae will sponsor a bus for this pilgrimage. Cost remains \$20 per seat and includes: tour bus transport, continental breakfast, subway transfer tokens, bus snack, and dinner. Bus departs after 8 AM Mass, and typically returns around 9 PM.

To reserve your seats this year, you must purchase tickets in the Padre Pio Gift Shop. Tickets will be sold on a first-come-first serve basis. So purchase your tickets **TODAY!** Call Kathy DeStefano (609-561-1272) or Tracye McArdle (856-770-8488) for questions or more info.

Some Pro-Life New Year's Resolutions

One extra prayer each day for an end to abortion....one call, post-card or email to your legislator about an important pro-life issue.... a sacrificial donation to a local pregnancy resource center....one hour of your time to help a pregnant mom in need ...Let's renew our resolve in 2008 to each do our part to build a culture of LIFE in this great nation!





*How Many Heisman Winners Has Abortion Killed? **

The sports world recently greeted the news that this year's Heisman Trophy Winner, Tim Tebow from the University of Florida, was almost a casualty of abortion. Twenty-some years ago he was not the strapping 6'3", 235 lb. beloved sports hero that he is today. At that time he was a one-inch-long unborn child whose existence, because of an amoebic infection, was defined as threat to his mother's health. Pam Tebow, his mother, was told by a doctor that it would be in her best interests to abort this baby, and she refused. Her husband backed her up on that generous decision, and seven months later they gave birth to a perfectly healthy boy. Little did they know that twenty years later they would be standing on a national stage with a Heisman Trophy winner giving that magnificent witness to life. The world thanks you, Mr. and Mrs. Tebow!

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On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2008, let us remember that human life is an "epiphany" of God: a manifestation of God in this world, a sign of His presence, a trace of His glory (cf Gen 1:26-27; Ps. 8:6).

Moreover, the epiphany most needed in our time is the ability to see beyond the appearances of those who are smaller or weaker. Breaking through all the darkness and blur-iness is the clear light of Christ, that shines on every human life without exception, bringing these lives God's love and giving us the sacred obligation to love them as well.

Drawn from comments by Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life, reflecting on the Feast of the Epiphany

