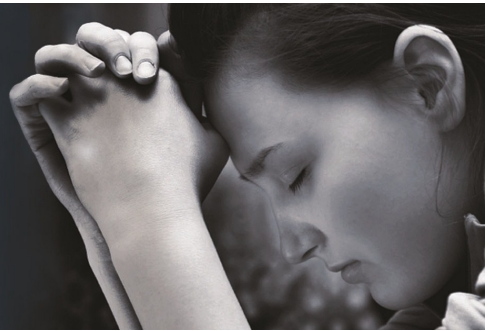




NINE DAYS OF PRAYER, PENANCE, & PILGRIMAGE

January 19-27, 2013

Marking the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade



Day 7: Friday, January 25, 2013

Intercession:

For elected leaders who oppose any restriction on the abortion license: may God allow them to grasp the brutal violence of abortion and the reality of post-abortion suffering experienced by countless women and men.

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Acts of Reparation

(choose one):

- Go to Confession—today, if possible—or during this week.
- Fast from snacking today. Eat three meals only.
- Today, go visit an adoration chapel and spend an hour with Jesus.

Reflection:

Today's reading from Acts tells the story of St. Paul's conversion. Before, he was "breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord." After encountering Christ, Paul became a "chosen instrument," filled with the Holy Spirit, and ready to suffer for Jesus' name. There is absolutely nothing and no one outside of the power of God's loving embrace. Today we remember the children, the mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all those who have been involved in or affected by abortion. We entrust them to the unfathomable healing mercy of God, recalling the words of Jesus to St. Faustina: "The greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy" (*Diary*, 1182).

Did you know?

The barbaric abortion procedure called partial-birth abortion first became known in 1993. In this mid- and late-term procedure, an abortionist delivers a live baby feet-first up to his neck, plunges surgical scissors into the base of his skull, sucks out his brains and then removes the lifeless baby's body from the birth canal. Because of the reluctance of some politicians to put any restrictions on abortion, it was not until 2007 that a federal ban on partial-birth abortion finally went into effect. See our [partial-birth abortion page](#) to learn more.

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