



# NINE DAYS OF PRAYER, PENANCE, & PILGRIMAGE

January 19-27, 2013

*Marking the 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade*



## Day 3: Monday, January 21, 2013

### Intercession:

For the parents who influenced their child's choice to abort their grandchild: that they may have the humility and wisdom to see the wrong they've done and to seek forgiveness from God and from their child.

***Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be***

### Acts of Reparation (choose one):

- It's easy to put our headphones on and ignore our siblings or parents in the car. Instead, enjoy the opportunity you have to talk to them, ask them how they are doing.
- Smile. Ask God today for the grace to be extra joyful and share your love for Christ with those who need that encouragement the most today. "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." –Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- We can sometimes forget how blessed we are to have many of our daily comforts. Give up sleeping with your pillow tonight.

### Reflection:

Today we honor the life of St. Agnes, a 12-year-old girl martyred in Rome in 304 AD during the Diocletian persecution. Agnes never wavered in her commitment to remain a virgin and to give her whole life to the Lord, refusing proposals to marry. Her innocence and heroism facing death helped bring an end to the persecution of Christians in Rome. Following the example of St. Agnes, let us remain steadfast in recognizing Christ, who is Love Incarnate, as the source and summit of our lives. May his love give us the determination and courage to live for him and for others, especially the most vulnerable among us.

### Did you know?

When an unborn baby girl is at just 19 weeks' gestation in her mother's womb, her tiny ovaries already contain all the eggs she will have in her lifetime, to one day have babies of her own. Visit [www.ehd.org](http://www.ehd.org) for amazing facts on embryonic and fetal development.

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