



Today, my life began. My parents do not know it yet. I am as small as the seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and azure blue eyes. Just about everything is settled though. Even the fact that I shall love flowers. Today, I am 15 days old. I have grown a little, but I am still too small to do anything by myself. My mommy does just about everything for me. And what is odd, she still doesn't even know she is carrying me here under her heart, and that she is helping me already, that she is even feeding me with her blood. She is so good. Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mommy exists. But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mommy is. And I am. Today, I am 19 days old. My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so I shall be laughing and later talking. I know that my first word shall be Mama. Today, I am 24 days old. My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat for the rest of my life, without ever stopping to rest. And after many years it will tire, it will stop and then I shall die. Today, I am 29 days old. I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will raise me to my mommy's arms, before those little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my daddy. Today, I am 39 days old. Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are. I shall be able to stroke my mommy's hair with them. And I shall take her hair to my mouth and she will probably say, "Oh nasty". Today, I am 47 days old. It wasn't until today that the doctor told my mommy that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be. Are you happy, Mommy? Today, I am 52 days old. My mommy and daddy are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a little girl. They are probably saying Andy. But I want to be called Cathy. I am getting so big now. Today, I am 67 days old. My hair is growing. It is smooth and bright and shiny. I wonder what kind of hair Mommy has? Today, I am 70 days old. I am just about able to see. It is dark around me. When Mommy brings me into the world, it will be full of sunshine and flowers. But what I want more than anything else is to see my mommy. Today, I am 79 days old. I wonder if Mommy hears the whispering beat of my heart. Some children come into the world a little sick. And the delicate hands of the doctor performs miracles to bring them to health. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly tup-tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, Mommy. Today, I am 83 days old. My mommy killed me.

(From an undated pamphlet from Gospel Tract Society, Inc.)

Prayer For The Baptism of Aborted Babies (July 29, 1998)

Heavenly Father, Your love is eternal. In Your Ocean of love You save the world through Your only –begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Now look at Your Son on the Cross who is constantly bleeding for love of His people and forgive Your world. Purify and baptize aborted children with the Precious Blood and Water from the Sacred Side of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who hung dead on the Cross for their salvation in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May they, through the Holy Death of Jesus Christ, gain everlasting life, through His wounds be healed and through His Precious Blood be freed; there to rejoice with the Saints in Heaven. Amen.

"...Through this prayer large numbers of unborn babies will be saved, pray it daily and make it known to the world. Baptize them with this prayer..."

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Prayer of Reparation

Mary, Mother of us all, I pray today for anyone involved in the tragedy of abortion. When they face the guilt of their actions and know that they are in need of forgiveness, comfort them – heal them. Help me to reach out and extend by my prayer and by my love the compassion they seek. Let me remember that we are all sinners and when we turn from your Son, - no matter how often – He is waiting to embrace us again in mercy. Intensify in us a commitment to work and to pray for a change of heart for parents in our nation and all over the world who, misguided by pressure of personal stress, take the lives of the preborn. Ask for them the grace to recognize that life is a gift of a loving Father and that every life from the first moment of conception is created for His love and purpose. Finally, dear Mother, ask for us the strength to live our lives in the spirit of the Gospel and in ever closer imitation of Christ, your Son.

Amen

(Taken from an undated prayer card from Office of Pro-Life Activities, Archdiocese of Indianapolis)

For reflection - Where were you on January 22, 1973? What have you done to reverse what happened that day?
For those of you not yet born on that date, what are you doing today to promote life from conception until natural death?

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church – Spiritual Adoption Program 2014

We invite all parishioners to join as one voice in prayer. Imagine the number of babies who would be saved if every prolife man, woman and child spiritually adopted an unborn baby. During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God. But in the world to come, it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them. The following prayer was recommended by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to be said every day for a period of one year to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion:

*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted,
who is in danger of abortion.”*

During the next nine months, we will highlight the developmental stages of our spiritually adopted parish baby.
Please refer to online sources of hearts4life.org & lifeissues.org

Saturday, January 4, 2014 – Today, I am conceived, smaller than a grain of salt, in the likeness and image of God. This one cell contains my genetic blueprint for every detail of human development; if I am a boy or a girl, my hair and eye color, my height and my skin tone. All of this happened in an instant. It is a miracle. I will spend the next nine months in the shadowy, warm, watery world of my mommy’s womb. Over the next 30 days, the foundations of my brain, spinal cord and nervous system are laid. My heart begins to beat. My eyes begin to develop. My ears and lungs begin to form. I am growing so quickly. Thank you, Holy Rosary people for praying for me.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 18 & 19 Masses – Kickoff of 3rd Annual Bottles for Life Campaign
January 22 – 2014 Local Solemn Observance – 41st Anniversary of Roe v. Wade (see bulletin for details)
January 22 – March for Life in Washington D.C.
January 25 – Faithful Citizens Rosary Procession (see bulletin for details)
Ongoing – Prayerful witness at Affiliated Women’s Service (see bulletin for detail)
February 1 & 2 Masses – Completion of 3rd Annual Bottles for Life Campaign
February 22 – Faithful Citizens Rosary Procession (see bulletin for details)
March 6 - 5th Annual Archdiocesan Sanctity of Life Dinner (more details to follow)

Resources

Post abortive healing – Healing Hotline – 317-452-0052 (confidential)
Archdiocese of Indianapolis Office of Pro Life Ministry - 317-236-1569
Indiana Right to Life - indianalife.org
National Catholic Bioethics Center - ncbcenter.org
Human Life International - hli.org
Priests for Life - priestsforlife.org
Links to more resources can be found at archindy.org/prolife/links.html

Opportunity for action – for your discernment

40 Days for Life - 40daysforlife.com
Students for Life of America (high school & college students) - studentsforlife.org
Truth & Compassion Ministry (based in Greenwood, IN) - truthandcompassionindy.com
Life Decisions International “Challenging the culture of death” (letter writing campaign to businesses supporting Planned Parenthood) - fightpp.org

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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