



Office of the Bishop

DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enjoy the Advent anticipation of the Christ Child, please take a moment to prayerfully look ahead to an important opportunity to give witness to the sacred gift of life and the blessing of all children.

On **January 16, 2021**, I hope you will join me for the Roe Memorial Events, as we mark the 48th anniversary of the tragic, U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, that led to the loss of over 60 million unborn children. Our diocese will gather in remembrance of those we have lost and in prayer for a future when all life is respected and protected, especially the most vulnerable.

This year's events come as we have recommitted our church communities to the national *Walking with Moms in Need* campaign. Together, the memorial events and campaign remind us of the importance of supporting pregnant mothers and welcoming their children as the blessings they are, no matter the circumstances!

On January 16, we will walk with, pray for, and support mothers and their children at the following **2021 Roe Memorial Events**:

- **Peaceful Prayer** from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. outside Dallas abortion facilities,
- **Procession of Roses** at 10:15 a.m. at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe,
- **Roe Memorial Mass** at 10:30 a.m. at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe (Mass will also be livestreamed at youtube.com/cathedralguadalupe),
- **Walking with Moms in Need Donation Drive** from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. outside the Cathedral (donations of diapers and baby wipes requested).

For more information about these events, including health protocols, please visit prolifedallas.org/roe or contact the Catholic Pro-Life Community at 972-267-LIFE (5433). May God bless you!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas