

Fast Facts on The Bishop's 16th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner!

This event is the primary annual fundraiser for the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, the Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas. Attendance at the dinner has ranged from 1,000 to over 2,000 dinner guests last year. Past dinner speakers have included Cardinal Francis George, Fr. Frank Pavone, Alan Keyes and the recently departed Fr. Richard John Neuhaus.

The mission of the CPLC is to organize, educate, and mobilize all Catholics in the Dallas Diocese and North Texas on pro-life issues, to effect their action and to witness to God's intention: the sanctity of life. We fulfill this mission, in the city where Roe v. Wade began, through nine ministries of Prayer, Civic Action, Parish Coordination, Project Gabriel (support for mothers), Abortion AfterCare-Healing/Rachel Ministries, Convert-to-Life/Sidewalk Counseling, Youth For Life, Speakers Bureau and Spanish Ministry.

The CPLC is the largest and most comprehensive diocesan pro-life ministry in the country, established by Bishop Charles Grahmann in 1993. The committee of staff and volunteers serves the bishop with the guidance of a volunteer board of directors and the leadership of founding executive director Karen Garnett.

Dinner Program Manager: Tamra Baril, CPLC Development Officer
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Theme: "Life: The First Right"

Host: The Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, Bishop of Dallas

Keynote Speaker: Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor and singer

Honorary Chairs: TBD

Date: March 28, 2009

Location: Hilton Anatole Dallas, 2201 Stemmons Freeway

Time: 5:00 p.m. Registration, Silent Auction and Exhibit Hall, Chantilly Foyer

6:30 p.m. Seated Dinner, Chantilly Ballroom (Tower entrance)

9:15 p.m. Silent Auction and Exhibit Hall reopen after the dinner

(An invitation-only reception with Bishop Farrell and the 2009 Pro-Life Award Recipients will be held at 5:00 p.m. for VIP patrons and designated guests in the Wedgwood Room In the Tower (first floor). VIP tickets required.)

Cost: Adult ticket: \$70 Student ticket: \$50
Tables for Ten: \$700 (Life Patron) \$500 (Student table with 2 cleared adults)
\$850 (Rachel Patron: priority seating)
\$1,000 (Save a Baby Patron: priority seating and 4 tickets to VIP reception)
\$2,000 (Project Gabriel Patron: priority seating and 6 tickets to VIP reception)
\$5,000 (Five-Star Patron: Bishop's table nearest stage – may request to sit with Bishop Farrell or Bishop Vann, also, 10 tickets to VIP reception),
\$10,000 (Champion of Life Patron: table nearest stage – first donor to purchase has option to sit with Gianna Jessen; also, 10 tickets to VIP reception)

Parking: There is no cost for parking. Lots will be marked for Bishop's Dinner, near the Tower entrance. Parking attendants will direct guests to the correct lots. No validation is needed; parking for the evening is pre-paid.

Registration: Reserve tickets and tables by mail, phone or online. Tables and seats are assigned when payment and names are received. Tickets will not be mailed; nametag serves as ticket at check-in. All check-in for auction, VIP reception and dinner is in Chantilly foyer. Reservation deadline is March 16, but early reservations are encouraged!

Mailing address: P.O. Box 59852 Dallas, TX 75229

Website: www.prolifedallas.org

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Exhibits: There is limited room for exhibitors. Cost is \$50 per booth. For information, call Jan Storey, 972-334-0016 (home) or 214-557-3722 (cell).

Ads: Ads in the dinner program booklet are available. Prices are:

\$100 for one-third page — 2 ¼ x 3 ¾

\$150 for half-page — 4 ½ x 3 ¾

\$200 for full-page — 4 ½ x 7 ½

Raffle: Tickets are \$20 each for the car raffle, four for \$60 and eight for \$100. There are three prizes to be awarded at the dinner: 2009 Honda Accord from Bankston Honda-Lewisville; a 6-day Carnival cruise for two; and a Garmin 750 GPS auto navigation system. For information, contact chairman Dan Polcari, 972-304-1181.

Silent Auction: A total of 400 to 500 items are expected to be available for bid (donations now being accepted). The auction will run from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., when the dinner begins. The auction will reopen immediately upon the end of the dinner and will continue until approximately 10:15 p.m. For information, contact chairs Martin & Barbara Reiser, 214-618-4605.

Keynote Speaker background: Gianna Jessen, singer, devoted marathon runner, and medical miracle will share her personal journey and offer her witness to help us understand more fully the sanctity of every human life. Her story has been covered all over the world, most recently, Fox News, BBC and World Radio. Gianna is also known for her participation in the ad campaign that unveiled President-elect Barack Obama's true stance on the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

Blessed Mother Teresa said this of her: "God is using Gianna to remind the world that each human being is precious to him. It is beautiful to see the strength of the love of Jesus, which he has poured into her heart. My prayer for Gianna, and for all who listen to her, is that the message of God's love will put an end to abortion through the power of love."

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed! For information, contact Ronda Moreland, Volunteer Chairman, 214-478-8731. Volunteers may also send an email to cplc@prolifedallas.org with contact information and availability (day, evening, day of the event). We are currently seeking funding for scholarships for student volunteers, clergy, religious and seminarians, and adult volunteers, and as that funding is received scholarships may be offered. If volunteers provide us with information and the amount of the scholarship need; they will be put on a waiting list, and we will contact them as funds become available so they can make their reservation.

VIP Reception: This is a private reception. Tickets will be mailed to designated guests (see description of table patrons under **Cost**). Tickets are not transferable.