



Office of the Bishop

# DIocese OF DALLAS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Of all the issues and challenges we face today in our world and our own local community, there is none greater than the tragedy of legal abortion, which has taken the lives of over 53 million innocent unborn children in America and continues to do so here in Dallas at the rate of 50 babies a day.

Abortion is a crime against God and man, and must end. But sadly, in the past 39 years it has become entrenched, its ugly reality is ignored by the media, and it is sometimes even referred to as a human “right.” Uprooting such an evil from the heart of our culture will take an all-out effort, a transformation. It will take everybody. It will take you.

To that end, I urge you to please attend and support *The Bishop's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner: That They Might Have Life* on April 14, 2012, at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas. This dinner benefits the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, the Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas, and the most comprehensive and effective local pro-life organization in the country. Through nine ministries of supportive services, prayer, education, public witness and civic action, the CPLC is fulfilling the call of Christ to defend and protect the least of our brothers and sisters and assist their mothers each and every day.

I hope you'll make a special effort to join me in welcoming our special celebrity guest, the actor and singer John Schneider. Mr. Schneider, best known as “Bo Duke” from the popular television series *Dukes of Hazzard*, has recently brought his celebrity to bear on the pro-life issue by starring in two films being released in theaters nationwide which tackle the abortion issue head on.

If you cannot join me, I ask you to please take this opportunity to send the most generous donation you can to the CPLC for their life-saving work. You may also use the enclosed card to underwrite dinner scholarships for clergy, seminarians and students, or to buy a raffle ticket. Your support for the culture of life is most deeply appreciated and urgently needed. God bless you.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.  
Bishop of Dallas