



# The Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas

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## Farewell, and may God bless pro-life!

*From Bishop Charles Grahmann, Bishop Emeritus of Dallas*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I was so proud to see you all in such large numbers at the annual pro-life dinner in March. Your testimony to the beautiful gift of life from our Creator was impressive, as it was the many years I had the privilege to serve you as bishop in Dallas. When I came here from the Diocese of Victoria, I couldn't believe the disregard for innocent human life. There were in Dallas at that time a total of 13 abortion centers.

Such a tragedy! I will never forget the day, several years before I came to Dallas, when I held in my own hands a tiny pre-

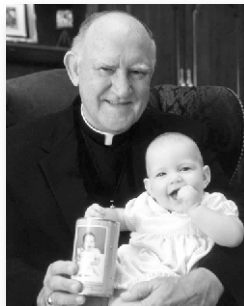
born child, killed by abortion. In that moment I resolved to do all that I could to help put an end to this crime, this act that we

now see to be truly a form of terrorism. Coming to Dallas, where there are so many abortions, I wanted to do all I could to help all of you to do the work of bringing an end to the killing.

And so of all the legacies I leave here in Dallas, pro-life is one that makes me particularly proud and grateful. The pro-life

movement here is strong, it is full of young people, and it's here to stay! I am glad to have served you with encouragement and

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## Bishop Grahmann, Pro-Life Champion

*From Karen Garnett, CPLC Executive Director*

We welcome with joy and prayers our new bishop, the Most Rev. Kevin Farrell, and look forward to serving him in this most important work of pro-life in Dallas. Yet it is with some nostalgia that we bid goodbye to Bishop Charles Grahmann, who commissioned our

committee in 1993, who inspired and guided us as we have grown, who prayed with us on the streets of Dallas and every year at the Cathedral for the Roe Memorial, and who hosted our annual benefit dinner for 14 years, which has allowed us to do so much good in the diocese.

As I shared in my tribute to Bishop Grahmann on KATH Radio last month, it

was he who personally inspired me in this work when he first went out to pray the "2nd Saturday Rosary" at Fairmount abortion center in 1990, and when he called together the pro-life Catholics of the diocese to join forces and to flesh out the "five-point plan" for pro-life activities: prayer, education, public witness, civic action, and supportive services.

It's funny to think that back in 1990 I was nervous about going to pray at an abortion center for the very first time. For 14 years now we have organized prayer processions and vigils at the centers, and prayerful presence at the modern-day Calvaries is a cornerstone of our ministry. But back then it was new. I remember arranging to go with a couple of other young mothers who also had never done such a thing. But the reason

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# Life Matters

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support, but it is you who have done the work faithfully. I congratulate you, Karen, and all of the wonderful people in your committee, and the many who serve pro-life around the diocese in so many ways, big and small.

As I pass the responsibility to shepherd this diocese to Bishop Kevin Farrell, I do so with a blessing on all of you and a prayer to the Lord to help us all in the work of pro-life. Carry on, because the babies are counting on you. And remember the words of U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde:

“When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I’ve often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a

terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God – and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there’ll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world – and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, ‘Spare him, because he loved us!’”

May God bless you and keep you.

† Charles V. Grahmann  
Bishop Emeritus of Dallas

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## ***Bishop Grahmann*** (continued from page 1)

we went at all was because we knew our new bishop would be there, Bishop Grahmann. And we knew by his spiritual leadership that this was something God wanted us to do.

So I thank you, Bishop Grahmann, for leading us through the first 14 years of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee. You share in the saving of more than 3,000 lives rescued from abortion because we helped their mothers turn away from the places of death! You have been a constant champion for the

innocent babies and their mothers. Thank you for helping us to help them, and allowing us to be by far the largest diocesan pro-life committee in the country. It’s been an honor to partner with you in pro-life, and we pledge to carry on what you helped us to begin.

We love you, we will miss you, and we pray God’s greatest blessings upon you in your retirement!

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## **CPLC Lobby Day at the Capitol**



*CPLC Executive Director Karen Garnett talks to one of Senator Florence Shapiro's staff members about pro-life bills before the Texas Senate.*

The Texas Legislature is back in session and among the more than 6000 bills that have been submitted for consideration are a handful of pro-life bills we are watching (go to [www.prolifedallas.org/pages/civic\\_news](http://www.prolifedallas.org/pages/civic_news) for a list of these bills).

On March 7, a contingent from the Catholic Pro-Life Committee traveled to Austin to lobby on these pro-life bills with other pro-lifers from around Texas at the “Pro-Life Day at the Capitol” sponsored by the Texas Catholic Conference and Respect Life Directors from around the state. We trained the junior and senior girls from The Highlands School to lobby on these bills and to make them more aware of the legislative process. We will be updating our e-alert list (sign up at [cplc@prolifedallas.org](mailto:cplc@prolifedallas.org)) when there are actions on these bills.

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## **2007 Roe Memorial**

Despite terrible weather conditions (and even worse weather predictions) a standing-room only crowd attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Roe Memorial Mass and Rosary and Dallas Rally and March for Life on January 20th.

This was the second year that local pro-life, pro-family groups came together to host the Dallas Rally and March for Life. Speakers for the Rally included Bishops Grahmann and Vann, Karen Garnett of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, Angela Walters from Catholics Respect Life, Kyleen Wright from the Texans for Life Coalition, Texas Rep. Warren Chisum, and others.

Go to [http://www.prolifedallas.org/pages/2007\\_Roe\\_Events](http://www.prolifedallas.org/pages/2007_Roe_Events) for pictures, media and a report of the day.



*The Rally in the Cathedral Plaza drew many who stayed despite the freezing cold, rainy weather.*

# Bishop Grahmann's 'Farewell' Pro-Life Dinner Draws Largest Crowd, Raises Most Donations

by Ellen Rossini, CPLC Development Director

The Catholic Pro-Life Committee heartily thanks the more than 1,850 guests and multiple generous sponsors and underwriters of The Bishop's 14th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner, who made this joyful, spirited annual event our most successful to date in raising funds for our nine life-saving ministries.

We give special thanks to our host, the Most Rev. Charles Grahmann; our honorary chairman Bob Baillargeon; our diocesan liaison, the Rev. Edward Robinson, O.P.; and our delightful and moving keynote speaker, Jennifer O'Neill.

The donations, night-of pledges and silent auction proceeds came to \$252,812! This generous offering is \$68,000 more than the gifts and pledges received at the 2006 dinner and auction, our previous record year! In addition, we will receive the full \$100,000 matching gift just from the night's contributions and pledges – another first! (Thanks to an extended match opportunity last year, we received enough in subsequent donations to eventually receive the full 50 percent match.)

In conjunction with this year's dinner, we also received more than \$52,000 in dinner scholarships, underwriting gifts and general donations toward our ministries.

This astounding generosity speaks to the passion for pro-life among the Catholics of Dallas. You really understand that you are the voice of the voiceless . . . and that we depend upon you to help us build a culture of life!

It was fitting that such a large crowd with such loving hearts would come out on March 24 for the last pro-life dinner to be hosted by Bishop Grahmann, who inaugurated this event in 1994.

It was also fitting, in an amazing “only God would do that” kind of way, that Bishop Grahmann was the winner of the raffle drawing held in our offices on April 9 for the beautiful bronze statue of the Blessed Mother donated by the Joe and Marge Giangiulio family! More than 150 slips representing 105 individuals who gave or pledged \$1,000 or more at the dinner were included in the random drawing.

In the same spirit of generosity that inspired his and all the pro-life donations, Bishop Grahmann has in turn donated the statue as a parting gift to his successor, Bishop Kevin Farrell. CPLC Executive Director Karen Garnett and Communications Director Andrew Smith brought the statue to Bishop Farrell's new Dallas residence and placed it in his private chapel. What a precious legacy gift representing the heart of the pro-life community of Dallas, and its pro-life bishop of the past 17 years!

The Bishop's Dinner is our largest annual event enabling us to do what we do all year long – conduct nine ministries of outreach to defend and protect our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, the unborn, and build a culture of life. Each day we help at least one mother choose life for her baby rather than abortion, and through the year we educate thousands of students on chastity and the life issues.

To continue our work, we also need and appreciate ongoing gifts through our Life Partner monthly giving program, the annual golf tournament, to be held this year on October 22 at Eastern Hills Country Club, and the parish Baby Bank campaign to support our ministries and also help the White Rose Women's Center. For information on these and other ways to give financial assistance toward our mission, please contact our Development office at 972-267-LIFE(5433).

Be sure to mark your calendar for April 5, 2008, when we will bring beloved EWTN host Father Benedict Groeschel to be our keynote speaker for The Bishop's 15th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner at the Anatole. We know you will want to be part of the first dinner to be hosted by our new bishop, the Most Rev. Kevin Farrell! Keep an eye on our website, [www.prolifedallas.org](http://www.prolifedallas.org), for reservation details.



*Bishop Grahmann and Keynote Speaker Jennifer O'Neill*



# Re-Cap: The Bishop's 14th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner

***On March 24, 2007, the Catholic Pro-Life Committee welcomed Jennifer O'Neill, model, actress, and National Spokeswoman for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, as our Bishop's Dinner keynote speaker. Jennifer gave her pro-life testimony to more than 1,800 people, our largest crowd ever, and fired us up for another year of pro-life work.***



Some of the more than 100 youth volunteers who assisted at this year's dinner. Youth are an essential part of the pro-life movement and have been helping at the dinner since its inception.



Dave Palmer, General Manager of the Guadalupe Radio Network, receives The Bishop's Pro-Life Award for Education for his constant efforts at promoting the Gospel of Life via the radio.



Jennifer O'Neill with Charles & Patricia Rodriguez and their eight children: Eliana, Santiago, Andrea, Diana, Nicolas, Mateo, Rachel & Paul. The family was the recipient of The Bishop's Pro-Life Award for Prayer.



CPLC Director of Development and Banquet Chairman Ellen Rossini with Jennifer O'Neill, Honorary Chairman Bob Baillargeon, and CPLC Executive Director Karen Garnett.



The Bishop's Pro-Life Award for Public Witness was presented to Roberta Robertson for her work as a faithful CPLC volunteer sidewalk counselor.



Because of her work in many pro-life activities for more than 16 years, Jessie Anne Nobles was honored with The Bishop's Pro-Life Award for Supportive Services.



Director of Legislative Affairs for the Free Market Foundation Jonathan Saenz, Esq., (with son Jonathan, Jr.) receives The Bishop's Pro-Life Award for Civic Action. Jonathan has provided invaluable service to the pro-life movement in Texas.



Courtney shared how grateful she is for her sidewalk counselor and Gabriel Angel, who helped her choose life for her precious baby girl, Alexis.





Keynote Speaker Jennifer O'Neill addressed a record crowd of more than 1,850 people. Her personal testimony about the pain of abortion and her passion for the pro-life movement gave us renewed hope in our efforts.

# Across the Threshold of Hope



CPLC Board Member Margie Giangiulio speaks from her heart and invites the attendees to partner with the CPLC in the work of saving lives.



*"You are bold in what you are doing! This organization is tried and true. Every prayer, every dollar, every effort that you give to the CPLC results in life and healing and eternal life."*



The CPLC's Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership was presented to Fr. Loyd Morris, Pastor of St. Anthony Church in Wylie, for his dedication to proclaiming the Gospel of Life in his ministry as a priest.



For many years of pro-life work and their commitment to bringing the pro-life message to the Spanish-speaking community, Aurora & Xavier Tinajero were honored as the 2007 Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year.



CPLC Executive Director Karen Garnett and Zelma Gaisbauer, Bishop Grahmann's secretary, stand by the beautiful bronze Madonna statue that was raffled off at the dinner. Bishop Grahmann's name was drawn as the winner, and in a spirit of generosity, he gave it as a gift to incoming Bishop Kevin Farrell for his private chapel of his new residence in Dallas, where this picture was taken.



## Join us Saturday, April 5, 2008

for The Bishop's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner with keynote speaker Fr. Benedict Groeschel of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

The dinner will be hosted by Bishop Kevin Farrell and we anticipate another sell-out crowd!

# Honors

## **In Honor Of:**

My son Adam's 30th birthday  
Cecilio Antonio  
Baby Boo (our unborn child)  
Baby Moriarty  
Mrs. Amy Ballinger  
Kathleen Becket  
Richard "Dick" Bellew, Jr.  
Pope Benedict XVI  
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Bichsel,  
for Christmas 2006  
Mary Bolesta & Gyrna Farris  
(our mothers)  
Capt. Matthew Brigrance  
Barbara Brummitt  
President Bush - Pro-Life  
The Carmelites  
Emily Renee Carule  
Paul Caty, His Love  
Christian Community of God's Delight  
Barbie Cook  
Fr. Mike Collins  
Frederico Garcia Contu  
Jim Dauteuil & Family  
Ashton Ervin  
John Everett  
Edd & Joann Flamik  
For those who have no one  
to pray for them  
Bishop Grahmann  
Sari Hartnett  
For: Health of my family  
The Holy Trinity  
Hood/Chaney Children  
Karen Garnett, for her perseverance  
in this [CPLC] ministry, and in  
thanksgiving for the wonderful  
inspiration I have received from her

## **Given By:**

Paula Welch  
Nel & Cora Mancenido  
Andrew & Jacquelyn Smith  
Charles & Joan Nies  
Roy & Judy Chaney  
Robert & Carol Baca  
Warren & Mary Schneider  
Robert & Carol Baca  
Paul & Theresa Bichsel  
  
Deacon Michael & Sharon Bolesta  
  
Alice Risi  
Quinn & Barbie Cook  
Katherine Rix  
Catherine Lawler  
Sarah Trimble  
Thomas Voz  
Catherine Lawler  
Quinn Cook  
David & Anna Vanhaverbeke  
Javier & Muriel Escobar  
Paul & Hilda Wayne  
Keith & Debra Russell  
Jim & Zuzanna Fennell  
Quinn & Barbie Cook  
Anonymous

Jose & Carmen Moreno  
James & Emily Hartnett  
Alice Somerville  
W.A. McGuire, Jr.  
Roy & Judy Chaney  
Caroline Schutz

## **In Honor Of:**

James E. Jenkins, Sr.  
Kristine Kuykendall  
Fonda Lash  
Terri McLaughlin & her fiancé, Tim,  
on the occasion of their upcoming  
marriage (Dec. 30, 2006)  
Rev. Gus Melito - prayer for  
healing inoperable brain tumor  
The birth of Liam Michael  
Newborn Liam Michael  
Dr. & Mrs. Tim Moore  
Michael J. Murray & Family  
My daughter, Jeanetta M. Nelson  
My father who passed away  
on June 8th  
My grandsons, Russell & Lucas  
My mother & father  
For: Myself being voted Who's Who  
of American Women & for me to get  
a good job w/benefits to finish my  
college for a career.  
Natalya  
Greg & Stephanie Nelson  
My daughter, Jeanetta M. Nelson  
Jeff Nelson  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Mr. & Mrs. William Pantages  
(parents), for Christmas 2006  
Marian G. Poorman on the occasion  
of her 98th birthday  
Mrs. Dan Powell  
Fr. Edward Robinson, O.P.  
Sean Russell  
Kyle Benjamin Russell  
Cecilia Jane Smith  
Dave & Gracie Stanford

## **Given By:**

Thomas & Peggy Anderson  
Kirk & Tamara Kuykendall  
Claire St. Clair  
Kirk & Tamara Kuykendall  
  
Glenn & Eileen Georgia  
  
Catherine Lawler  
Catherine Lawler  
Mrs. Elaine Redden  
Michael & JoAnn Murray  
Ms. Anna Nelson  
W.A. McGuire, Jr.  
  
Catherine Lawler  
Benjamin & Leona Miller  
Ms. Anna Nelson  
  
Nicolas & Natalie Morales II  
Doug & Marguerite Nelson  
Ms. Anna Nelson  
Doug & Marguerite Nelson  
Michael & Vicki Shaw  
Penelope Pantages  
  
Mrs. Leo J. Galletta, Sr.  
  
Roy & Judy Chaney  
Roy & Judy Chaney  
Keith & Debra Russell  
Keith & Debra Russell  
Andrew & Jacquelyn Smith  
Robert & Rita Reis

# Memorials

## **In Memory Of:**

Aborted babies  
All aborted babies  
Our dear son, Carlos Amador Arroyo  
Pura Antonio  
Dr. T.I. Ballinger  
Aunt Adell Bagby  
Bridgette Ann Becket  
Richard "Dick" Bellew, Jr.  
Collin Bodensteiner  
Frances & Patsy Bolfig  
Ludwina Burge  
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Ludwina Burge  
Gabriel Carnley  
Paul Caty  
Margaret Cavnar  
Barbara Caylor  
Betty Chase (friend)  
Elizabeth Douglas Cristo  
Mark A. Deramee  
Gabriel Paul Ellis  
Aunt Gerrie (Mrs. Gerardaise E.  
Engler of Dearborn, MI)  
Gerardaise Engler  
Luis Escobar  
John Everett  
John Everett  
George Fuentes  
Victor C. Fusselman, Jr.

## **Given By:**

Nicolas & Natalie Morales II  
Michael & Denise Montgomery  
Juan & Carmen Amador  
Nel & Cora Mancenido  
Roy & Judy Chaney  
Ms. Anna Nelson  
Robert & Carol Baca  
Warren & Mary Schneider  
Michael & Vicki Shaw  
Edward & Patty Fulbright  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Burge  
Harry & Helen McGrath  
David & Brenda Smith  
Mrs. Dianne Carnley  
Thomas Voz  
Thomas & Terry McDowell  
Charles & Joan Nies  
Jose & Carmen Moreno  
Cruz & Marion Douglas  
Vinson & Tina Chapman  
Jeremiah & Jenny-Lynn Ellis  
Betty Priddy  
  
Robert O'Neil  
Luis Escobar  
Jim & Zuzanna Fennell  
Steve & Deb Herod  
Annie Fuentes  
Greg & Debbie Fusselman

## **In Memory Of:**

Joseph T. Galletta  
Leo J. Galletta, Sr.  
Husband, Leo J. Galletta, Sr. & son  
Rowena Gallman  
Baby Jordan Garnett  
Jordan Garnett  
Jordan Garnett  
Janelle Marie Gibson  
Miguel Angel Gonzalez  
Olivia Grant  
Mary Gratendoush  
Evelyn Grayson  
Danny M. Hadvavny  
Fr. Paul Hinnebusch  
Katie Horn  
Ernestine Huchton  
James E. Jenkins, Sr.  
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James E. Jenkins, Sr.  
James Edward Jenkins, Sr.  
Mrs. Maye Ellen Jones  
Father Patrick Koch  
Eva Kruse  
David Liscano (Godson)  
Jorge Lopez

## **Given By:**

Mrs. Leo J. Galletta, Sr.  
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Jose & Carmen Moreno  
Ervin & Pamela Prince  
Eddie & Karen Garnett  
Andrew & Jacquelyn Smith  
Scott & Jodie Gibson  
Sanjeev & Susana Venkatesan  
Kevin & Elizabeth Grant  
Katherine Rix  
David & Luanne Graham  
Harry & Deborah Freeman  
Quinn & Barbie Cook  
Suzanne Broussard  
Wayne & Doris Hellman  
Helen Bearden  
Colleen Boswell  
Nancy Buckley  
Gloria Cunningham  
Ms. Lisa Furlow  
Lee & Amy Helmke  
Vincent & Ronnie Mesmer  
Michael & Mary Terry  
Roy & Judy Chaney  
Kevin & Elizabeth Grant  
Gary & Doris Kruse  
Jose & Carmen Moreno  
Esmeralda Lopez



# Memorials

## **In Memory Of:**

George Magallones - grandfather  
 Dr. Joseph McCarty, MD  
 W.A. McGuire, Sr.  
 Michael, Dorothy, Rosie,  
 Jess & Ezabelle  
 My mother  
 My parents - Sgt. Jack &  
 Mrs. Marie Mitchell  
 My wife's mother & father  
 My parents who had 18 children  
 Jeff Nelson  
 My wife, Mary Jane O'Malley  
 Sean O'Connell's brother  
 John Cardinal O'Connor  
 Gordon O'Roark (husband)  
 Susan Otto  
 Our Baby  
 Our child  
 Our unborn baby who was miscarried  
 Ninos Perez  
 Fr. Anthony Pondant  
 Fr. Pondant  
 Pope John Paul II  
 Pope John Paul the Great  
 Dorothy Reed  
 Rachel A. Risi Brigrance  
 Vincent A. Risi  
 John St. Clair  
 Joseph B. Stepan  
 Annette Stevens  
 Joseph Sokolich  
 Jim Sullins  
 Mrs. Rosie Sullins

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Jose & Carmen Moreno  
 Dr. Bruce & Theresa Roberts  
 W.A. McGuire, Jr.  
 Mary Tleel  
  
 Catherine Lawler  
 Ms. Anna Nelson  
  
 Benjamin & Leona Miller  
 Javier & Muriel Escobar  
 Doug & Marguerite Nelson  
 James O'Malley, Jr.  
 Sarah Trimble  
 Sheila Duncan  
 Julia O'Roark  
 Harry & Deborah Freeman  
 Art & Ann Criscuolo  
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 Rodney & Signe Horrell  
 Hector & Maria Garcia  
 Roy & Judy Chaney  
 David & Anna Vanhaverbeke  
 Robert & Carol Baca  
 Andrew & Jacquelyn Smith  
 Jean Davidson  
 Alice Risi  
 Alice Risi  
 Claire St. Clair  
 Marcella Stepan  
 Jim & Zuzanna Fennell  
 Steven Sokolich  
 Ted & Ferndale Sullins  
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## **In Memory Of:**

Flo Supan, mother of Karen Garnett  
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 Flo Supan - Karen's dear mother and  
 our dear friend  
 Florence "Flo" Supan  
 Blessed Mother Teresa  
 Mae & Buzz Thompson  
 Elpidio & Zoila Ticman  
 Ernestina Vollmer-Konig  
 Charlie Wade - husband  
 who died 1/9/06  
 Paul H. Wayne - Father &  
 Richard J. Wayne - Son  
 Alyce Weisbruch  
 Jeff Weisbruch  
 Grandmother - Addie Williams  
 Dean Yates

## **Given By**

Rand & Blair Brown  
 Susan Collis  
 Quinn & Barbie Cook  
 Jim & Zuzanna Fennell  
 Fred & Dottie Fink  
 Annie Fuentes  
 Greg & Debbie Fusselman  
 Eddie & Karen Garnett  
 Randal & Marie Le Grand  
 Steven & Elisa Low  
 Richard & Theresa Martter  
 Gary & Jeanne Miller  
 William & Diana Morin  
 Debbie Muzyka  
 Ronald & Andrea Petralia  
 Ervin & Pamela Prince  
 Robert & Rita Reis  
 Martin & Barbara Reiser  
 James & Jeanette Sliter  
 Jim, Jeannine, Craig & Ireland  
 Weisman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Pat McDowell  
 Robert & Carol Baca  
 Deacon Michael & Sharon Bolesta  
 Leilani Ticman  
 Rev. Josef Vollmer-Konig  
 Mrs. Michele Wade  
  
 Paul & Hilda Wayne  
  
 Doug Sr. & Peg Weisbruch  
 Doug Sr. & Peg Weisbruch  
 Ms. Anna Nelson  
 Quinn & Barbie Cook

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## Calendar of Events

**Every second Tuesday of the month: 2nd Tuesday Night Rosary at Planned Parenthood Abortion Center** sponsored by TOPP (Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood). 6:30 p.m. in front of Jason's Deli, 7412 Greenville Ave. just south of Walnut Hill Ln. Park in the Jason's Deli parking lot. Contact Daniel Vinzant, 214-566-2298.

### MAY

**12 Walk for Life, sponsored by Texans for Life Coalition:** 9:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 600 S. Jupiter Rd., Richardson; St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 1801 W. Davis St., Dallas; Mustang Park in Irving (across from Irving Bible Church at 2435 Kinwest Pkwy.); River Legacy Park, 703 NW Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington; and Restoration Family Church, 10201 Jerry Dunn Pkwy., Benbrook. Texans for Life works to end abortion through education and lobbying to change the law. The Walk for Life funds their free abstinence presentations in the public schools. To register and obtain a sponsor sheet, contact Texans for Life, 972-790-9044, or [www.texlife.org](http://www.texlife.org).

**12 3rd Annual Mother's Day Tea: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Martin Luther Dr., Arlington. The Mother's Day Tea is co-hosted with Rachel's Vineyard of Fort Worth for graduates, team members, and volunteers of Rachel's Vineyard retreats. Please join us for tea, desserts, and fellowship. Contact Caryn Stevens, 469-337-0554, or [carynstevens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carynstevens@sbcglobal.net), or Betsy Kopor, 817-923-4757, or [forgiven@racheltx.org](mailto:forgiven@racheltx.org).

**19 Quarterly Parish Pro-Life Coordinators Meeting:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in the Parish Center. Special guest speakers: Theresa Bock and Loretta Fleming, Assistant Directors of Field Coordination for the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA), Washington, D.C. If you cannot attend this meeting, please send a representative. Contact Jim Walker, 972-270-3019, or [parcoor@prolifedallas.org](mailto:parcoor@prolifedallas.org).

**25-29 Billings Ovulation Method Association Teacher Training:** At the American Airlines Training & Conference Center near DFW Airport. BOMA offers the authentic Billings Ovulation Method as developed by Australian physicians, Drs. John & Lyn Billings. For more information and to register, contact the Billings Ovulation Method Association, 651-699-8139 or [www.boma-usa.org](http://www.boma-usa.org).

**27 Global Day of Prayer:** Approximately 200 nations are celebrating the 2007 Global Day of Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. A hemisphere-wide event will be telecast live from Reunion Arena. "You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'", Isaiah 40:9. For more information, visit [www.gdop-usa.org](http://www.gdop-usa.org).

### JUNE

**1-3 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ in Spanish:** A healing retreat for women and men who are hurting in the aftermath of abortion. For more information, or to register, call the Abortion AfterCare-Healing helpline, 214-544-CARE (2273) in English, or 972-679-4760 in Spanish for the Dallas area, or call 817-923-4757 for the Ft. Worth area, or email Aurora Tinajero, [atinajero@prolifedallas.org](mailto:atinajero@prolifedallas.org). All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**9 CPLC Volunteer Appreciation Day Picnic & Swim Party:** 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at the lovely home of Bill & Carol Orender. All CPLC volunteers, staff, and their families are invited to enjoy this day of fun and fellowship. Baby Bank prize winners will be announced! Please RSVP to Jim Walker, 972-270-3019, or [parcoor@prolifedallas.org](mailto:parcoor@prolifedallas.org).

**29-30 Celebrate Freedom Concert,** South Fork Ranch. Youth For Life Dallas will be hosting a pro-life information booth. Middle school and high school youth and cleared adults are needed to work four-hour shifts starting Friday afternoon through Saturday night. For more information or to volunteer, contact Jacquelyn Smith, 214-826-0033, or [jsmith@prolifedallas.org](mailto:jsmith@prolifedallas.org).

**29-July 1 Crossroads: America's Pro-Life Pilgrimage** will be walking through Dallas. Crossroads is a national organization of mostly college-age students who walk across the country to proclaim the pro-life message. While they are in town they will need host homes and parish and youth events in which to participate. If you would like to host a college student or invite Crossroads to your parish, contact Youth For Life Director Jacquelyn Smith, 214-826-0033, or [jsmith@prolifedallas.org](mailto:jsmith@prolifedallas.org). For more information on Crossroads, visit [www.crossroadswalk.com](http://www.crossroadswalk.com).

### **Save the Date: Saturday, January 19, 2008**

Next year we will commemorate the 35th year since abortion was decriminalized in America. Join Bishop Kevin Farrell, Bishop Kevin Vann and diocesan clergy for our Annual Roe Memorial Mass & Adoration and the 3rd Annual Dallas Rally and March for Life co-sponsored by area pro-life and pro-family groups. We are expecting a bigger crowd than ever due to more promotions and the desire to make the event regional.