



CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

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Dear Youth Leaders and Educators,

Greetings and Advent blessings! I write to you today in preparation for an important opportunity in the new year – the **2017 Diocesan Roe Memorial Events on January 13 and 14**. These annual events are not only a memorial to the many children lost to abortion since *Roe v. Wade*, they are also an occasion to witness to the beauty of God's gift of life. And who better to do that than our youth and their families!

Enclosed is **Bishop Kelly's letter of invitation** encouraging all North Texas Catholics to be a part of these events and noting several changes to the event schedule this year.

For the first time, the Roe Memorial Mass will be **celebrated on Friday evening, January 13**, at 7 p.m. by Bishop Kelly at St. Monica in Dallas and by Pastor Jesús Belmontes at nearby San Juan Diego.

On **Saturday, January 14**, the **North Texas March for Life** will begin at 12:30 p.m. at **Dallas City Hall** with the Procession of Roses and continue to the Rally for Life outside the federal courthouse, featuring the *first rally address* by Bishop Kelly, as well as Pastor Matt Chandler of The Village Church, whose sanctity-of-life videos have gone viral on YouTube, plus many more exciting speakers!

Before the March, there will be a **Youth For Life Rally** at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Chapel in downtown Dallas (within walking distance of the March), featuring a Life Training Institute presentation on being pro-life with your peers, inspiring testimony by a college sidewalk counselor, and great music! **Pre-registration is required at prolifedallas.org/yflrally**. The registration fee is \$10 per person or 5 for \$40, including lunch. (Youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or safe-environment-cleared chaperone.)

It is Bishop Kelly's hope that youth and families will join him for this two-day event of prayer and witness. To make this possible, we would deeply appreciate your help with the following:

- Please post/distribute the **enclosed letter from Bishop Kelly**, as well as the **bilingual flyers** with a schedule of events, to the youth and families in your school or parish;
- Please prominently display the **posters** which will be delivered to your school / parish; and
- Please include this information in any **electronic communications or posts on social media**.

Organizing a bus from your parish / school would also be very helpful to encourage participation in the events. More information – including directions, parking and promotions – are available at prolifedallas.org/roe.

Thank you for your kind assistance in promoting these important annual events. We look forward to seeing you and many youth and families from your parishes and schools as we pray and march for life!

Grace and blessings,

Becky Visosky
Executive Director

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you ..."
Jeremiah 1:5