ANNUAL BISHOP’S PRO-LIFE DINNER
DIOCESE OF DALLAS, TEXAS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND HONOREES – 1994-2017

1994
Host & Keynote Speaker: Bishop Charles V. Grahmann

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Father Robinson
Also honored:
Hike for Life, Inc. – Ed Hubboch
Jump Start for Life – David DeMattia & Tammy Amosson

1995
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jack Willke

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Dr. Janet E. Smith

The Bishop’s Five-Point Pro-Life Plan Awards:
Prayer – St. Rita Defend Human Life Outreach – accepted by Chris Gladu
Education – “True Love Waits” – John & Lisa Beaulieu
Political Action – Tom Pauken
Public Witness – Oldrich Tomanek & Bob Mangieri
Supportive Services – St. Joseph’s Decade-A-Day for Life – accepted by Patty Sherrod

10th Anniversary Plaque to The White Rose Women’s Center – presented to John Everett

1996
Keynote Speaker: Father Frank Pavone

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Father Denis O’Brien, MM
Prayer – Father Tim Coble, O. Cist. & Father Gregory Schweers, O. Cist.
Education – Couple to Couple League of North Texas – accepted by Meg & Lonnie Jones
Political Action – Danny Dannemiller
Public Witness – Ann Hollacher & Rene Nevarez
Supportive Services – Hunt County Crisis Pregnancy Services – Jan & Max Mattson and
Charles & Mary Nyquist

40th Ordination Anniversary Plaque presented to Bishop Grahmann

1997
Keynote Speaker: Father Richard John Neuhaus

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Sheila Higgins
Prayer – Dean & Jan (In Memoriam) Perkins
Education – Kevin Dougherty, Mary Immaculate Youth Minister
Public Witness – All Saints Catholic Church – accepted by Monsignor Robert Rehkemper (for display
of white crosses on Roe anniversary)
Political Action – Susan Collis & Deacon Larry Lucido
Supportive Services – Dr. Roy & Elizabeth Heyne – Low Birth Weight Development Center
1998
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bernard Nathanson

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Laura Garcia Weston

The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Anthony Pondant (In Memoriam)

Prayer – Mitch & Barbara Kralis, Jesus Through Mary Foundation
Education – Susan Heller Stanzel, Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation of Texas
Public Witness – Jim Jenkins
Political Action – The Honorable Will Hartnett
Supportive Services – Patty Sherrod, CPLC Director of Project Gabriel

1999
Keynote Speaker: Francis Cardinal George

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Gerri Everett
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father J. Carl Vogel
Prayer – Margie Giangiulio
Education – Father Jonathan Austin
Public Witness – Jeanne Ganz
Political Action – Mike Drake
Supportive Services – Paul Robertson

Jubilee Year 2000
Keynote Speaker: Coadjutor Bishop Joseph A. Galante

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Norma Leah McCorvey, Roe No More Ministry
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Joseph Mehan, Jr.
Prayer – Lupe Gladu, CPLC Prayer Ministry Director
Education – Sheree Havlik, CPLC Speakers Bureau Director
Public Witness – Maria Graham, Jennifer Havlik & Chantel Marshall
Political Action – Chuck Neubecker, CPLC Political Action Director, & the Political Action Group
Supportive Services – Diana Morin, LPC

2001
Keynote Speaker: Frederica Mathewes-Green

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Dr. J. Patrick McCarty
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Mark Seitz
Prayer – Veronica Quisaua
Education – Jeff Cannon, Monique Taylor, Kevin Majeres, Dwight Yin – UT Southwestern Physicians for Life
Public Witness – Lisa Cannon
Civic Action – Colleen Parro
Supportive Services – Dr. Grace Puente Davidson

45th Ordination Anniversary Plaque presented to Bishop Charles Grahmann
2002

Keynote Speaker: Monsignor Philip Reilly

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Fonda Lash, CPLC Convert-to-Life Ministry Director, Ann Hollacher & Paul Robertson, CPLC Convert-to-Life Missionaries
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Paul Weinberger
Prayer – Carol Seward
Education – Lydia Torrez & Terry McElhone, St. Cecilia School
Public Witness – St. Monica Parish, accepted by Monsignor John Meyers, pastor
Civic Action – Ron Engler
Supportive Services – Mark & Barbara Hennes, CPLC Abortion AfterCare-Healing / The Rachel Ministries Directors
Outstanding Service as a Parish Pro-Life Coordinator / Cluster Leader – Georgia Fitzhugh

2003

Keynote Speaker: Alan Keyes

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Tom & Sue Cyr
Prayer – Mike & Sonhi Cole
Education – Katie Reich
Public Witness – Jeanette Sliter & Barbara Powell
Civic Action – Ellen Eisenlohr Dorn, CPLC Civic Action Director
Supportive Services – Ellen L. Rossini, CPLC Gabriel Angel Coordinator

2004

Keynote Speaker: Bishop John W. Yanta

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Bob & Margaret Baillargeon
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Stephen Bierschenk
Prayer – Paul & Darlene Robertson (with special diocesan medallion from the Bishop for Paul)
Education – Jacquelyn Engler, CPLC Youth For Life Director
Public Witness – Jackie Lee, CPLC Missionary Sidewalk Counselor
Civic Action – Kassi Dee Patrick Marks
Supportive Services – Virginia Murphy

2005

Keynote Speaker: U.S. Congressman Chris Smith

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Zuzanna & James Fennell, Jr.
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father John Dick
Prayer – 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Team: Carol & Lew Seward, Melaine & Luis Gutierrez, Diane & Morris Sutton and Marie Schadë-Wood
Education – Terri McLaughlin, CPLC & Texans for Life Coalition Education Coordinator
Public Witness – Richard & Theresa Martter
Civic Action – Kyleen Wright, President, Texans for Life Coalition
Supportive Services – Brian J. Tehan, Ph.D, J.D., The White Rose Family Law Center

20th Anniversary Plaque to The White Rose Women’s Center – presented to John & Gerri Everett
2006
Keynote Speaker: Michael Medved

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Bill & Loretta Schraunfagel
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Wilmer de Jesus Daza
Prayer – Father Robert Maguire, O. Cist.
Education – Cheryl Bain
Public Witness – Daniel Vinzant
Civic Action – Joe Kral
Supportive Services – Jennifer Pruitt

2007
Keynote Speaker: Jennifer O’Neill, National Spokeswoman for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign
Honorary Chair: Bob Baillargeon

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Xavier & Aurora Tinajero, CPLC Spanish Ministry Director
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Loyd Morris
Prayer – The Charles & Patricia Rodriguez Family
Education – Dave Palmer
Public Witness – Roberta Robinson
Civic Action – Jonathan Saenz
Supportive Services – Jessie Anne Nobles, CPLC Project Gabriel Resources Coordinator

Retirement and Appreciation Gift presented to Bishop Charles Grahmann

2008
Host: Bishop Kevin J. Farrell
Keynote Speaker: Father Frank Pavone
Honorary Chairs: Walter (Ed) & Anita Johnson

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – JoAnn & Michael Murray
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Greg Kelly
Prayer – Father Joseph Terra, FSSP
Education – Michelle Coker
Public Witness – Tom Clark, Knights of Columbus
Civic Action – Monica Ashour, The Highlands School
Supportive Services – Joe & Mary Borchard

2009
Keynote Speaker: Gianna Jessen
Honorary Chairs: Joe & Rebeca Peterman

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Dr. Daniel McDonald, NFP-only OB/GYN
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, Diocese of Dallas, and Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Diocese of Fort Worth
Prayer – Jacquelyn Dudasko, CPLC Prayer Ministry Director
Education – Mary Kristin Toates & Rebecca Lowery
Public Witness – The boys of Columbian Squires Circle # 5106, St. John the Apostle, Terrell
Civic Action – Andrew Smith, CPLC Director of Communications
Supportive Services – Marianne Chapman
2010
Keynote Speaker: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
Special Guest: Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Director
Honorary Chairs: Patti & John T. Cody, Jr.

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Reverend David Allen and the Pro-Life Community of St. Francis Anglican Church
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Prayer – Karen Mathers
Education – Gretchen Montgomery, Mount St. Michael Catholic School
Public Witness – Ronda Moreland
Civic Action – Andrew Rivas, Texas Catholic Conference
Supportive Services – Carolina Salazar, CPLC Project Gabriel Parenting Options Advisor

2011
Keynote Speaker: Carl A. Anderson
Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Ray Guarendi
Honorary Chairs: Roger Scott, Dallas Diocesan Deputy, Knights of Columbus
Tom Clark, Texas & Diocesan Pro-Life Chairman, Knights of Columbus

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Carol Everett
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Bishop Mark Seitz
Prayer – 2010 40 Days for Life-Dallas Vigil Leaders – Joanne Underwood & Lauren Muzyka,
Campaign Directors, and Susan Platt & Mike Swain, Vigil Coordinators
Education – Omar Aguilar
Public Witness – Mark Feldman
Civic Action – Joe Pojman, Ph.D., Texas Alliance for Life
Supportive Services – Jeannette Goodman

2012
Keynote Speaker: John Schneider
Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio
Honorary Chairs: Jan and Thom Schliem

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Angela (Angie) Heiter

Our beloved Father Robinson, 97 (May 13, 1914 – March 29, 2012), “Patriarch of the Pro-Life Movement in Dallas,” passed through the veil to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at 9:25 p.m. on March 29, 2012, just over two weeks before the 2012 Bishop’s Pro-Life Dinner. Eternal rest grant unto Father Robinson, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

2013
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alveda King
Special Guest: David Bereit
Master of Ceremonies: Bill Orender
Honorary Chairs: Harry and Norma Longwell

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Beth Riley
2014  Featured Performer: Collin Raye  
        Special Guest: David VanVickle  
        Master of Ceremonies: Bill Orender  
        Honorary Chairs: Nathan and Diana Harris  

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Tom Clark, David Holder, and Chris Matera (in memoriam)

2015  Featured Performer: Kathy Troccoli  
        Special Guest: Shawn Carney  
        Master of Ceremonies: Patrick Coffin, Catholic Answers  
        Honorary Chairs: Michael and Barbara Weller  

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – The Jonas and Tricia Roos Family

2016  Featured Speaker: Eduardo Verástegui  
        Special Guest: Omar Aguilar  
        Master of Ceremonies: Susan Platt  
        Honorary Chairs: Alfredo and Irma Duarte  

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Brandy Hayes

2017  Featured Speaker: Eric Metaxas  
        Special Guest: Ramona Treviño  
        Master of Ceremonies: Sheree Havlik  
        Honorary Chairs: Joe and Kathy Murphy  

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Karen Garnett