

Diocese of Dallas



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we look forward to celebrating the birth of the Christ Child, I encourage you to also consider an important opportunity to witness to the gift of life He has given us. On January 13 and 14, we will gather together to honor that gift at the annual Diocesan Roe Memorial Mass and North Texas March for Life Events.

I invite you to join me for the bilingual **Roe Memorial Mass** celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, January 13** at St. Monica Catholic Church in Dallas or a parallel Mass celebrated in Spanish by Father Jesús Belmontes at nearby San Juan Diego Catholic Church. This Mass, remembering the over 57 million unborn children denied the gift of life, is especially important in the wake of the 2016 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court re-affirming the tragedy of *Roe v. Wade* and striking down pro-life protections passed in Texas. It is crucial in times like these to avoid the temptation of despair and to embrace the ultimate promise of victory through Jesus Christ.

On **Saturday, January 14**, we will joyfully stand witness to that promise at the North Texas March for Life Events, including:

- **Youth For Life Rally** at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Chapel in downtown Dallas,
- **Peaceful Prayer** at 11 a.m. outside Dallas abortion facilities,
- **Procession of Roses** at 12:30 p.m. at Dallas City Hall, and
- **North Texas March for Life** at 1 p.m. from City Hall to the federal courthouse.

I strongly encourage all North Texas Catholics, especially families and youth, to join me in these **two days of prayer and witness**. The presence and participation of our Catholic families are one of the most compelling testimonies to the gift of life. As our Holy Father shared this past spring: “Human life is defended and promoted most effectively only when its beauty is known and shown.”

I look forward to celebrating and sharing this beautiful gift with you on January 13 and 14. For more information about the events, please visit prolifedallas.org/roe or contact the Catholic Pro-Life Committee at 972-267-LIFE (5433). May God bless you!

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Kelly".

Most Reverend Gregory Kelly, D.D.
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