



Office of the Bishop

# DIocese OF DALLAS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is a time to take stock, to deepen our prayer, and to come to a better knowledge of ourselves as children of God. But it is not only about interior life. Lent is every bit as much a time to reach out to those around us, to the people crying out for faith, hope and love, the children and families who lack even the basic necessities of life. We are our brother's keepers!

Many in our community in Dallas are wanting for basic respect as human beings, and we owe them our generosity and sacrifices to help restore their dignity. There is no group for whom this is truer than the most vulnerable among us, the precious unborn, whose lives are devalued, threatened daily by unjust laws that make it easy for mothers facing pressure or panic to end their children's lives through abortion.

However, there is in Dallas a beautiful answer to their silent cries and an agency of help for their anxious mothers. It is the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, the Respect Life Ministry of our diocese, committed to the defense of life from conception to natural death – and I am proud to say the most comprehensive and effective ministry of its kind in the country.

Over the past 22 years, the Catholic Pro-Life Committee (CPLC) has helped save the lives of over 7,800 innocent unborn children whose mothers were on their way to getting an abortion. Additionally, the CPLC provides mentoring support for pregnant mothers, trains young people in chastity and pro-life education, and brings the mercy of Christ to parents who suffer in the aftermath of an abortion decision.

To celebrate a generation of these life-saving accomplishments, and to ensure that we can continue this critical work, I urge you to please support and attend the *22nd Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner: "Every Life is a Masterpiece"* on April 18, 2015, at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas.

Your help to protect our innocent unborn brothers and sisters and all whose lives are endangered is urgently needed. God bless you.

Faithfully in Christ,

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