



Office of the Bishop

# DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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My Dear Friends in Christ:

This past year has brought with it some incredibly encouraging advancements in building a Culture of Life in North Texas. In January, we will have the opportunity to not only celebrate those advancements, but stand as faithful witnesses in the continued effort to protect all human life. I urge you to join me on **Saturday, January 17, 2015** for the **Diocesan Roe Memorial Events** in remembrance of the over 56 million lives lost to abortion since the tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 and in hopeful prayer for the day when every human life will be treasured and protected from conception until natural death.

The 2014 Roe Memorial Events brought several changes, including moving the Roe Memorial Mass to the convention center in downtown Dallas and adding a youth concert before Mass. I was overjoyed to see the incredible response to this transition with **over 6,500 people** in attendance, but there is **still room for more!** Please encourage all your family and friends in North Texas to be a part of this important event beginning with the **Youth Concert**, featuring **World Youth Day musician Curtis Stephan** at **12:15**, followed by the bilingual **Mass** at **1:00 p.m.** in the **convention center**, and then the **North Texas March for Life** commencing at **3:00 p.m.** from the convention center, a few short blocks to the **Rally for Life** outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse, housing the district court where *Roe v. Wade* was first filed.

The theme of the 2015 Roe Memorial Events is **“On the Road to Victory”** in recognition of the implementation of the omnibus pro-life law HB 2, resulting in several closures of abortion facilities and decreasing numbers of abortions across the state. We continue to pray that this law will be successfully defended against court challenges and fully enforced. Although legal successes are encouraging, it is Christ’s incarnation and victory over the cross that most inspire and compel us on this road to defend the sanctity of His most precious give to us – LIFE, both on earth and eternal!

The 2015 Roe Memorial Events on January 17th provide an excellent opportunity to come together to pray and to give witness to the sacredness of that gift. In the words of our Holy Father, every life is a “masterpiece of God’s creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect”. In recognition, celebration, and evangelization of this truth, **please pray and march with me and thousands more on January 17th in downtown Dallas – the city where *Roe v. Wade* began.** I urge families, and particularly young people, from schools, churches,

organizations and youth groups to attend the Youth Concert and Roe Memorial Mass and to bring banners to carry in the family-friendly, ecumenical North Texas March for Life.

For more information on the January 17th Diocesan Roe Memorial Events, please visit [www.prolifedallas.org/roe](http://www.prolifedallas.org/roe) or contact the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas, at [cplc@prolifedallas.org](mailto:cplc@prolifedallas.org) or 972-267-LIFE (5433).

I look forward to seeing you on January 17th as, together, we continue **“On the Road to Victory”** over the culture of death. May God bless you!

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Farrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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