



# CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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Dear Educators and Youth Leaders,

Greetings and Advent blessings! I write to you today to share details about the upcoming **2018 Diocesan Roe Memorial** on **January 20, 2018**. This annual event is a beautiful occasion for our families to gather with our new Bishop in witness to the beauty of God's gift of life.

Enclosed is a **letter of invitation** encouraging all North Texas Catholics to join Bishops Edward Burns and Greg Kelly for this important remembrance. Based on the feedback we received last year, the events are returning to a one-day schedule outlined on the enclosed flyer.

The day will kick off with a special **Youth For Life Rally and Mass** beginning at **8:30 a.m.** at St. Jude Chapel downtown. The youth rally will feature a presentation by Fr. Arthur Unachukwu of SMU Catholic Campus Ministry, music by Sacred Heart Band, and more! Mass will follow the youth rally, and then all are invited to join the **North Texas March for Life** beginning at **12:30 p.m.** from the Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (within walking distance of St. Jude) to the federal courthouse.

**Pre-registration for the Youth For Life Rally and Mass is required at [prolifedallas.org/vflrally](http://prolifedallas.org/vflrally)**, and seating is limited – so please encourage your youth to book soon! 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.)

During the youth events, the traditional Roe Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Burns at the Cathedral beginning with the Procession of Roses at 10 a.m. and the Mass at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend this Mass. *No pre-registration is necessary for the Cathedral Mass or the March.*

To encourage the profound witness of our Catholic families united for LIFE, we would greatly appreciate your assistance with the following:

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

Organizing a bus from your parish or school would also be very helpful to encourage participation in the events. More information – including directions, parking and promotions – is available at [prolifedallas.org/roe](http://prolifedallas.org/roe). **Thank you** for your help, and we look forward to praying and marching with your youth and their families!

Grace and blessings,

Becky Viskosky  
Executive Director

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