



Office of the Bishop

DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enjoy time with family and friends during the seasons of thanks and Advent anticipation, please take a moment to prayerfully look ahead to an important memorial in our diocese, remembering those we have lost too soon.

On **January 18, 2020**, thousands will gather at the **Roe Memorial Mass and North Texas March for Life**, marking the 47th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that has led to the loss of over 60 million children in the United States.

The 2020 theme is “**TRUTH TRANSCENDS**,” inviting us to reflect on the sanctity of life from the moment of conception. It is a sacred truth unchanged by cultural trends or political winds; it is an eternal gift to be celebrated, respected and protected.

On January 18th, I encourage you and your family to join in prayer and witness to this beautiful truth at the following Roe Memorial Events:

- **Peaceful Prayer** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. outside Dallas abortion facilities,
- **Youth For Life Rally** beginning at 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude Chapel in downtown Dallas,
- **Procession of Roses** at 9:45 a.m. at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe,
- **Roe Memorial Mass** at 10:00 a.m. at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, and
- **North Texas March for Life** at 12:30 p.m. from Cathedral to rally at federal courthouse.

On this date, I will be visiting our Holy Father in Rome, and Abbot Verhalen will be celebrating the Roe Memorial Mass in my stead. Please be assured that I will be joining in your prayers to restore a Culture of Life that values the dignity of all human persons as “masterpieces of God’s creation.”

For more information about these events, please visit prolifedallas.org/roe or contact the Catholic Pro-Life Community at 972-267-LIFE (5433). May God bless you!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas