



# CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF DALLAS

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Dear Parish Pro-Life Coordinator,

Late last year it came to the attention of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee that there may have been some confusion regarding the status of Parish Pro-Life Committees/Groups. We clarified with the Office of Pastoral Planning and Research at the Pastoral Center on December 7, 2009, that Parish Pro-Life Committees/Groups are indeed “parish-based organizations.” They are not appointed/governed by or chapters of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee. Per the U.S. Bishops’ *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities*, the Parish Pro-Life Coordinator is appointed by the pastor to serve him and the parish; the Parish Pro-Life Committee/Group works with the Parish Pro-Life Coordinator to serve the parish and pastor and help build a culture of life within the parish. The Catholic Pro-Life Committee as an organization provides support and information to Parish Pro-Life Committees/Groups per the U.S. Bishops’ *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities*. Parish Pro-Life Committees/Groups also network with other pro-life organizations in the diocese, such as The White Rose Women’s Center, Birth Choice Counseling Centers for Women, and Hike for Life.

There are occasions throughout the year when the Catholic Pro-Life Committee as an organization will request that a parish host a meeting for Parish Pro-Life Coordinators from across the diocese, or to be the site for a training to bring volunteers into CPLC ministries, such as Sidewalk Counseling, Project Gabriel, Catholic Action Team or Speakers Bureau, or to host a conference. On those occasions, the Catholic Pro-Life Committee provides the requested proof of insurance to the parish in order to be able to come into the parish as an outside organization.

Parish Pro-Life Committees/Groups are parish-based organizations versus non-parish based, and as such, do not need to provide proof of insurance to have their Parish Pro-Life Committee/Group meetings in their parishes.

We hope this clears up any confusion. Should you have any questions, please contact CPLC Director of Parish Coordination Jim Walker, 972-270-3019, or [jwalker@prolifedallas.org](mailto:jwalker@prolifedallas.org).

Thank you for all you do to build a culture of life in your parish!

Blessings in Christ, for Life,

Karen Garnett  
Executive Director

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