



CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

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Dear Youth Leaders and Educators,

Greetings in Christ! I hope you are enjoying a blessed Advent season. Shortly after the Christmas season when students return to school and youth programs, there will be a unique opportunity for families to witness to the sanctity of life at the **2016 Diocesan Roe Memorial Events** on **January 16, 2016**. As we commence the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, these events also remind us of our Church's embrace of the millions who are suffering from a past abortion experience.

On January 16, 2016, the principal Roe Memorial Events will again take place at the **KBH Convention Center** in downtown Dallas, including:

- ❖ **Concert for Life** at 11:30 a.m. in the convention center arena, featuring **Vince Lujan** and **Manuel Bravo** of **Jesus Team A**, **Tori Harris**, **The Crossroads Pursuit** and **Tom Grossman** of **Communities of Prayer**.
- ❖ **Roe Memorial Mass** (bilingual) at 1:00 p.m., celebrated in the arena by **Bishop Kevin Farrell** with **Bishops Michael Olson** and **Douglas Deshotel** and **Father Abbot Peter Verhalen, O.Cist.** This year's homilist will be **Father Edwin Leonard**.
- ❖ **North Texas March for Life** beginning at 3:00 p.m. from the convention center to the rally outside the federal courthouse housing the district court where *Roe v. Wade* was first filed. The rally will feature a dynamic speaker lineup, including the powerful testimony of **former abortion worker Jewels Green**.

We are excited to see the number of participants in the March growing with approximately 12,000 this past January. Bishop Farrell hopes to likewise see attendance at the Mass grow, and encourages all parishes and schools to send at least one bus to facilitate participation in these events. Schools and parish groups are also welcome to bring identifying signs and banners for the family-friendly March.

To assist in building attendance by youth and their families, we would greatly appreciate your help in promoting the Roe Memorial Events in the following ways:

- Please post/distribute the enclosed **letter from Bishop Farrell** as well as the **Roe Memorial flyer** with a schedule of the day's events (both available in English and Spanish) to your youth and their families.

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

- Please prominently display the Roe Memorial **posters** and/or **yard signs** which will be delivered to your parish/school.
- Please include this information in any electronic communications and **via social media**. (Electronic versions of all promotional items, including digital ads, are available for download at the website listed below.)

More information on how schools and parish groups can participate in the Roe Memorial Events is available at prolifedallas.org/roe. If you have any further questions, please contact us at 972-267-LIFE (5433) or cplc@prolifedallas.org.

Thank you for your kind assistance with this important event with our Bishop. We look forward to seeing many of your youth and their families on Saturday, January 16th, as thousands of us pray and march together for life!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger J. Scott, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roger J. Scott, Jr
Interim Executive Director