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The Year of Mercy is here *and we are jubilant!*

Kris Kramer, Executive Director

Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas

Dear Friends of Life,

It's a new year and we're already off to an exciting start with thousands marching for life on January 16! Thank you to all who joined us for this incredible day despite the inclement weather. Not only did we stand united for the lives threatened and lost to the tragedy of abortion, we also represented our Church's beautiful message of merciful love for all those suffering with the burden of a past abortion.

Witnessing to Christ's healing love has never been more important than in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This beautiful gift from Pope Francis has special significance for our Healing after Abortion Ministry, opening doors and serving more women and men than any other ministry of its kind in the country.

This ministry continues to break new ground including the beautiful Remembrance Mass for children lost near the dawn of life whether by abortion, miscarriage, still birth or any other cause. The inaugural celebration of this annual Mass was attended by over 1,000 people at the Cathedral. It was nothing short of breathtaking. Our outreach to men suffering from an abortion experience is also gaining national attention as one of our Project Joseph graduates has been invited by the U.S. Bishops to present at a conference on post-abortion healing. Of course, none of this would be possible without the devoted support of volunteers and donors with a heart for healing. I am so excited to announce that thanks to the generosity of one of our retreat graduates, a new fund – the Mercy Fund – has been established at The Catholic Foundation to support future retreatants.

In addition to our relationship with The Catholic Foundation, the past six months have created and built upon multiple historic collaborations for the CPLC. In the fall, our Speakers Bureau coordinated a conference at Medical City with the Catholic Physicians Guild of the Diocese of Dallas, educating medical and mental healthcare providers. At the North Texas March for Life, we saw the fruits of our growing relationship with Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship as national evangelical leader Dr. Tony Evans took the stage to share his inspiring message. And this summer, we will join with Abby Johnson's outreach to abortion workers to support the first-ever all-women's pro-life conference right here in Dallas.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to the Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner on April 16, featuring internationally renowned actor, producer and pro-life advocate Eduardo Verástegui whose courageous voice is blazing a trail from Mexico to Hollywood to the Vatican. It is truly a great time to be a part of this movement – spreading peace, healing hearts and building families.

Together we can change the world,

Read about CPLC's new Executive Director at www.prolifedallas.org

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Retreat Graduate Mary Ann Niles