

Addressing the gap

Groundbreaking conference for medical professionals

In 2014, when Planned Parenthood South opened its doors, the Catholic Pro-Life Committee began a campaign to educate the surrounding community. What we quickly learned from the doctors and nurses who support our ministry is that there was a substantial education gap that needed filling.

So the CPLC embarked on a first-ever collaboration with the Dallas Diocese Catholic Physicians Guild to put on a conference at Medical City on the physiological and psychological effects of abortion as well as natural fertility care and treatment. The conference featured experts John T. Bruchalski, MD, OB/GYN; Vincent Rue, Ph.D.; and Diana Morin, LPC.



In the words of Dr. Cesar Termulo, president of the physician's guild: "Our conference was important because there is significant medical evidence that abortion is harmful both physically and emotionally to women and men. The public discourse often attempts to publicize that elective abortion is physically and psychologically harmless. This is not the case, and our conference presented research supporting this point. We are very grateful that CPLC partnered with us; their dedication to the pro-life movement inspires me."

The conference met with great interest with over 100 registrants, including walk-ins from the hospital. Plans are already in progress for the next conference to focus on cutting edge NaPro Technology to better equip our healthcare providers to treat their clients and protect life.

Leading on life

2016 Bishop's Dinner Honorary Chairs Alfredo and Irma Duarte

We are pleased to introduce Alfredo and Irma Duarte as this year's Honorary Chairs for the 23rd Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner on April 16, 2016. Both from Mexico, Alfredo and Irma met in California and married thirty-eight years ago. Together they have a son and daughter and six grandchildren and are members of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish where their grandchildren go to school.



Alfredo and Irma are committed to pro-life ministry, believing that every life is precious with purpose; that no life is a mistake. In addition to their support of CPLC's ministries, their family-owned food service business has also sponsored multiple pro-life events, including two international congresses. We are so thankful for the Duartes' devotion to the cause and hope you will join them at the annual dinner to help ensure all lives are treasured.

Thank You!

Golf Tournament and Christ Child Luncheon a record success!

Thank you to all who attended, volunteered for and sponsored our annual Bishop's Cup Golf Tournament and Christmas Gift Market and Luncheon.

Your generosity raised over \$57,000 for life with record sponsors and players at the championship Hackberry Creek Golf Course and a standing-room-only Christ Child Luncheon, which benefited the CPLC, as well as White Rose, Birth Choice and Mater Filius maternity home.

At the luncheon, we celebrated a special success thanks to your generosity — the graduation of two of our Project Gabriel mothers from the transformative GEMS program. *Thank you!*



Why I support the CPLC

"Our history with the Catholic Pro-Life Committee goes back twenty years. We've seen so much good with the money people contribute. It is the biggest 'bang for your buck' and best use of our funds.

"If we could give nowhere else, we would give to the CPLC because it's the only ministry truly dealing with life and death issues."

— **Erv and Pamela Prince**
Life Partner Donors

You can leave a Legacy of Life by supporting the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, the Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas. Consider adding the CPLC to your will to help ensure a culture of life for the future. For information on bequests and other non-cash contributions to the CPLC, contact Kris Kramer, CPLC Executive Director, at 972-267-LIFE (5433).

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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

On the cover: Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat Graduate Mary Ann Niles