

Leading on life

2015 Bishop's Dinner Honorary Chairs Mike & Barbara Weller

We are pleased to introduce Michael and Barbara Weller as this year's Honorary Chairs for *The Bishop's 22nd Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner* on April 18, 2015. The Wellers are parishioners of St. Ann, Coppell and have two sons, Eric (14) and Aidan (12), whom they adopted in 2007.



In 2011, the Wellers attended their first Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner. During the event, the words of keynote speaker Carl Anderson and the slideshow picture of Texas' oldest abortion facility, Fairmount, being razed in uptown Dallas seared Mike's heart with the understanding that "this is not our parent's battle – it's ours."

Since that dinner the Wellers have been engaged supporters of the CPLC. We are so thankful for the Wellers' leadership role and pray you and your friends and family will join them at the annual dinner to help save and change more lives!

Giving moms hope

New Adopt a Hopeful program saves lives

Because of your prayers and support, over 575 babies were confirmed saved from abortion in Dallas in 2014, and an additional 262 mothers were what we call "hopefuls" – they left an abortion facility undecided about choosing life, but we have no record of their return. To help these "hopeful" mothers choose life, the CPLC initiated the "Adopt a Hopeful" program this past fall to assure these hurting, anxious women that someone is praying for them. On one of the first days that CPLC counselors gave out the "Adopt a Hopeful" prayer cards, three of the mothers immediately chose life! Here's one story:

... She arrived at the abortion facility for her initial consultation. Upon leaving, she stopped to speak to one of the CPLC counselors. The counselor offered her material help; but she declined. Then the counselor handed her an "Adopt a Hopeful" prayer card, telling her that a family was praying for her and her unborn child. The mother looked at the card, began to cry, and declared, "Oh my God, what was I thinking! No, we are not doing this." The CPLC counselor affirmed her decision: "You can't do this because you love your baby so much." The young mother agreed. "You're right. I love her so much. What was I thinking?" She looked at the card one more time and left. This summer, she will welcome the birth of a precious life thanks to the power of prayer and God's amazing grace!

Each day, mothers stand on the precipice of a deadly decision. Your prayers and support can help them make the decision for LIFE. To learn more about how you can give the gift of hope, visit prolifedallas.org/hopeful.

Thank You!

Why I support the CPLC

"I give because of the cause. The cause is so necessary and requires action.

"I deal with a lot of different charitable initiatives and agencies, and I don't know of anyone that is more effective and has been more effective for more years than your organization.

"One of the things that has always impressed me is how efficient the CPLC is with the money you're receiving ... how low your operating expenses are, how professional your staff is, and the dedication that you all have and exhibit."

– **Walter E. (Ed) Johnson**, co-founder of Grandy's restaurant; Advisory Board Chairman for Christian Community Action; longtime CPLC supporter and



2014 Christmas appeal a life-saving success!

Thank you to all who responded to our urgent year-end appeal. Earlier in 2014 we were blessed by record Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner proceeds, but our fall giving was critically lower than expected. Thanks to your generous response to our need, we not only qualified for the \$10,000 matching gift, we also exceeded the goal of raising \$45,000. Your sacrificial gifts will help save many lives in 2015!

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 Ellen Rossini, CPLC Director of Development, at 972-571-8705.