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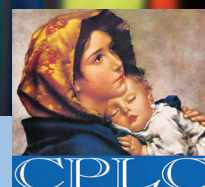
Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas ♦ Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas

Opening the door  
to healing  
in this  
*Year of Mercy*

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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](http://www.prolifedallas.org)

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



# 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).**

# In her words

## Healing after Abortion Ministry Director shares merciful encounter



It was Christmas Eve when I heard from her. This woman had been on our “care radar” for some time and came very close to attending a Rachel’s Vineyard™ Retreat this past year, but she could not yet find the courage. Then the email came in... “I need a priest. I want to confess this sin.”

My immediate mental reaction was... oh no.... how am I EVER going to find a priest on Christmas Eve day. But I told her I would do everything I could as I began to mentally survey who I had the best chance of locating. I knew exactly who we needed. I reached out to him, but realizing it was a far reach, I decided to wait only a few hours before reaching out to others. Within thirty minutes the phone rang. It was Father!! “Do you still need a priest?” he asked. His voice was like the shining star in the dark night calling this woman in pain to new life. I set up the time for them to meet a few hours later and engaged five of our “Vineyard Keepers” to begin praying.

I asked the woman if she would like some company. She answered, “I was alone when I had the abortions, and I have been alone ever since. I guess so... I have never had anyone to walk through anything with me. I never had the expectation.”

I contacted two of our prior retreat graduates, and they both responded immediately. With the woman’s permission, one of the graduates called to encourage her and told her they would be in front of the church waiting for her.

I continued in text communication with her, letting her know how much she was loved by God to have a priest, two graduates, and five Vineyard Keepers focused on her! She shared, “I have lived in such isolation and have avoided people and relationships because I feel so bad about my life and choices made.” I pointed out how much God wanted her back. She responded, “I know. He won’t let up... the Holy Spirit has been stirring my soul these past 10 months with a vengeance.”

A few hours later our graduate texted that they were waiting with Father at the church door. Together we prayed that she would have the courage, that this time would be the time. Then our graduates shared the joyous news — “She is here!!! She is now with Father! We are waiting for her in the pew.”

After her visit with Father, the woman’s first words to me were: “I have friends now! Father and two wonderful ladies who have invited me to coffee! It was GLORIOUS and WONDERFUL! And my job is actually very close to his parish so I will begin to receive direction from him on my lunchbreaks.” I knew then that this priest chosen to help on this day was no coincidence at all. God cared enough to handpick him just for her. I asked her if she could see how much God loves her and she agreed: “Yes, I can now... He really wanted me back!!” The two graduates hope to sponsor her on a Rachel’s Vineyard™ Retreat and will accompany her to the door that day too.

This Christmas Eve, our Lord was born in the heart of a woman who so desperately needed Him. We had the star. We had the shepherds. And the manger this time was a confessional. Praise God! Christmas Eve can happen all over again in ways we never expected!

“I was alone when I had the abortions and I have been alone ever since. ... I have never had anyone to walk through anything with me.”

More about this ministry at [prolifedallas.org/healing](http://prolifedallas.org/healing)



# Speak life!

2016 Roe Memorial Events unite thousands in prayer and public witness

Thousands joined Bishop Kevin Farrell at the Roe Memorial Mass on January 16<sup>th</sup> in the convention center in Dallas and then the-always-inspiring North Texas March for Life and Rally featuring **Bishop Farrell**, **Dr. Tony Evans** of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, **Mariana Schroeder** of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee's Hispanic Pastoral Ministry, as well as former abortion worker, now national pro-life speaker **Jewels Green**, with emcee **Karen Garnett** in her new role as CPLC's Public Affairs Liaison. Thanks to all who were a part of this amazing day! Let us continue to "Speak LIFE to this present darkness" until all life is protected and respected.



Matachines perform



Bishop Farrell celebrates Mass



Pregnant mom ends Procession of Roses



Couples for Christ unified for life!



Next generation marches!



Defending life despite the cold



Powerhouse speakers and sponsors gather before rally

# Honors

## **In Honor of:**

Abigail Marie  
Anna Leah Agniel  
Kiko Arguello  
Miguel Caballero Ayala  
All Unborn Babies  
Saved Babies  
All Babies Saved  
John M. Barto & Family  
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Donna Loraine Burkhardt  
Mary Kate Burkhardt  
Cara Buskmiller  
Cecilia Caballero  
Kate Caballero  
Lucia M. de Caballero  
Frank Campise  
Our Three Adopted Children  
All God's Children  
Father Tim Church  
Connie  
Michael Cook  
Barbie Cook  
Coty Family  
Pat and Martin Currin and Family  
The Lawrence J. Derbes Family  
My Family  
Bishop Kevin Farrell  
Caelyn Fennell  
Alison Murphy Ferren  
Richard Davis Ferry  
Pope Francis  
Pope Francis  
Angela Garcia  
Karen Garnett  
Suzanne Gregg  
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Joey  
My Mother  
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Sebastian Litz  
Deacon Larry & Mary Lucido  
Christy Mayfield  
Lucia Caballero Morales  
Unwed Mothers  
All Mothers and Mothers-to-be  
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Mothers, Fathers & Unborn Babies  
Jeffrey Nelson  
Laura O'Connell  
Daniel Polcari  
Mary Pombuena  
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The Pope, Priests, Deacons, Laity, and Servers  
Gregory Posey  
Sue Power  
Answered Prayer  
Pro-Life Counselors  
Camille Reagan  
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Mother Rose  
Grace Hull Saar Family  
Sarah  
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Adam Sherburne  
Autistic & Special Needs,  
Unborn to Elderly  
Pray for my Vocation  
Caleb Joel Watson  
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Steve Wood  
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# Thanksgivings

## **Given by:**

Blessings  
Lee and Lily's forthcoming baby

## **In Thanksgiving for:**

Paul Willy  
Scott and Kate Morrison



# Memorials

## **In Memory of:**

Camille Adams

Our Dear Son, Carlos Amador

Bradley Apgar

Nola Arceneaux

All Aborted Babies

All Babies Lost

All Aborted Babies and Miscarriages

All Aborted Babies

All Aborted Babies

Margaret Baillargeon

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Guzman, and Others

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Ray Nuss

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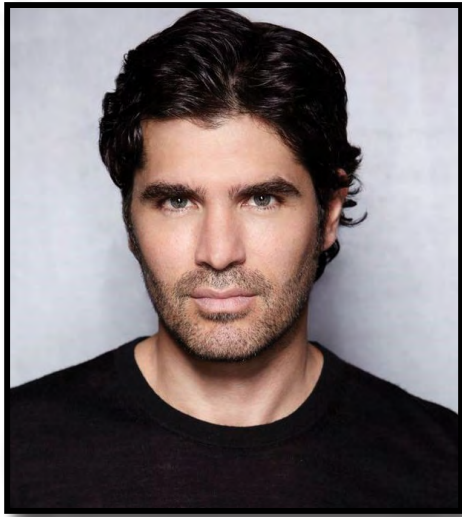
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## Guess who's coming to dinner!

Eduardo Verástegui to headline Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner

We are excited to announce that the 23rd Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner will feature actor, producer and pro-life advocate Eduardo Verástegui. Ten years ago, Eduardo was on the fast track to Hollywood fame, having already attained international attention in Mexico and appeared on popular American TV shows. But after a transformative experience, his mission changed. Now devoted to creating entertainment that inspires and supporting life-affirming charities, Eduardo with his partners at Metanoia Films have brought us films such as *Bella* and *Little Boy*. Make your reservations today at [prolifedallas.org](http://prolifedallas.org) to enjoy an evening with Eduardo Verástegui!

## Mark Your Calendars!

*Spend an hour this Good Friday  
at a Modern-Day Calvary*

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