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It's an exciting time to stand together for LIFE!

Becky Visosky, Executive Director
Catholic Pro-Life Committee

Dear Friends of Life,

I am so excited to write to you today as we begin a new year in our shared mission to protect life at every age and any stage. For those of you I have not had a chance to connect with yet, let me start by saying how honored I am by the opportunity to help lead this incredible organization with such a passionate and professional staff devoted to serving the most vulnerable among us each and every day. I am most grateful to those who have grown this organization from its humble beginnings, chief among them, Karen Garnett, our honorary Executive Director Emeritus.

The foundation of the CPLC has given us the fortitude to help steer remarkable advancements for the Cause of Life here in North Texas and beyond. We expect this year to be no different. While we face new challenges with the anticipated reopening of a third abortion facility in Dallas, we also have new opportunities with state and federal leaders who profess to share our pro-life commitment. We plan to hold them to their promises and challenge them to defend life from conception until natural death.

We began the effort this month as we marched together in downtown Dallas and Washington, D.C. **But this was just the first step.** The next step is **making our voices heard** throughout the legislative session. We are committed to keeping you updated with the most current information and means to connect with your legislators when critical issues are being debated – like the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act” being considered by Congress.

In addition to keeping our eyes on D.C., we will also be headed to Austin on April 4 for the bi-annual Catholic Faith in Action Advocacy Day. If you have not had a chance to be a part of this important event, I encourage you to visit cathdal.org/advocacyday to learn more. And whether you are a seasoned participant or new to Advocacy Day, we welcome everyone to the training on February 11 at St. Michael in Garland at 12:30 p.m. We expect this legislative session will present several critical opportunities to advance protections for life and family, including a ban on research on aborted fetal tissue, defunding abortion providers while funding alternative health resources, and increased reporting on abortions to help demonstrate what we already know – **women deserve better than abortion.** We will also advocate for much-needed conscience protections and for reform of the foster care system to encourage the loving option of adoption.

While there is a great deal of work ahead, there is also reason to celebrate! On **April 1, 2017**, we will welcome our new shepherd, **Bishop Edward Burns**, at our **24th Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner**. I hope you can join us for this special evening featuring *national speaker and courageous cultural commentator Eric Metaxas*. Please visit prolifedallas.org/dinner to reserve your tickets today!

Grace and blessings to you and yours,

On the cover: Students for Life
at North Texas March for Life

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