



Office of the Bishop

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This past year has been astounding in its victories for life, including landmark state legislation to protect unborn babies and their mothers, record numbers of children rescued from certain death outside the Dallas abortion centers, and the largest crowds ever for the annual Roe Memorial events in our city.

We have come so far in our battle to uphold the sanctity of human life! Yet we are certainly not through.

Today, as we mark 41 years of legalized abortion in the United States, with the blood of 56 million unborn Americans staining our land, we must seize the momentum of 2013 and do still more to protect life. I thank God that we have a way to do that, right here in Dallas. I am proud to say we have the most comprehensive and effective local pro-life organization in the country.

Over the past 21 years, the peaceful and prayerful efforts of our own diocesan Respect Life Ministry, the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, have resulted in the rescue of over 7,300 innocent unborn children, support for hundreds of mothers, the training of thousands of young people in chastity and pro-life activism, and the healing of hundreds of parents who have suffered in the aftermath of an abortion decision.

To celebrate 21 years of life-saving accomplishments, and to ensure the continuation of this most critical work, I urge you to please attend and support *The Bishop's 21st Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner: "Open Your Hearts to Life"* on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas.

I hope you'll make a special effort to join me in welcoming our celebrity guest, Collin Raye, an award-winning country musician who will perform an entertaining and inspirational concert as well as share the story of how God touched his life powerfully through the love of his special needs granddaughter.

If you cannot attend this extraordinary night, I urge you to please send the most generous donation you can to the CPLC for their life-saving work. You may also use the enclosed card to underwrite dinner scholarships for clergy, seminarians and students, or to buy a raffle ticket. Your support for saving unborn children and restoring respect for all human life is deeply appreciated, and urgently needed. God bless you.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ *Kevin Farrell*

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