



Garland, Texas  
Diocese of Dallas, Texas

# St. Michael's Pro-Life Times

"Life is everybody's business."



DEFENDING LIFE  
FROM WOMB TO TOMB

Easter Sunday 2013

# CHRIST IS RISEN! Greatest Pro-Life Event Ever!

IN LOCAL NEWS:

## *The Baby Banks are back again*

You can help save babies in a painless, easy way! The coins, cash, checks and gold bullion you tuck into your Baby Banks make a difference to the women who choose life.

And they're so simple to use! We're signing them out this year, so find a Pro-Life volunteer in the Narthex after Mass and get yours. Just sign out your Baby Bank, take it home, fill it up and bring it back. That's all there is to it!

The goal for getting the Baby Banks back is April 21, but feel free to hold onto them a little longer if it helps you fill them up. They're welcome anytime, but the sooner you fill them up and get them back, the sooner those babies and their mothers can get help.

We split the money down the middle and share it with the Catholic Pro-Life Committee (CPLC), the Respect Life Ministry of the Dallas Diocese. They use it to support single mothers and help them find jobs, to ease the pain and guilt of women who've had abortions, for sidewalk counseling outside abortion clinics, and so much more.

With last year's Baby Banks, you helped St. Michael's raise over half of the money that was used to give two scholarships to the Pro-Life Boot Camp for diocese



*Did you know that thanks to you buying all those cute baby calendars last year, St. Michael's raised enough money to give five baby carriers to Birth Choice in April of 2012? Pictured: Fr. Joseph Mehan and Fred Fink, Director of Birth Choice.*

teenagers, to help pay for sonogram training at the White Rose, to buy a basket of St. Michael goodies to donate for auction at the Bishop's Dinner, to pay for part of a new sonogram machine for Birth Choice, and to start a small pro-life library.

Because those cans get pretty heavy when they're full of coins, you should make it easier on yourself. Like Father Joseph says, "Dollar bills aren't heavy."

## COMING ACTIVITIES

St. Michael's Pro-Life Meeting.....	Thursday, April 4th
The Bishop's 20th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner.....	Saturday, April 6th
Advocacy Day in Austin.....	Tuesday, April 9th
Vigil Prayer Rosary.....	Saturday, April 20th
Pray for Life.....	Every Single Day

## Kansas Follows Arkansas, North Dakota with Strong Pro-Life Legislation

*Bill says life begins at conception, and they're **right**, you know*

HR 2253 passed in the Kansas House of Representatives with a vote of 92 to 31, declaring that life begins at fertilization: "The legislature hereby finds and declares the following: (1) The life of each human being begins at fertilization; (2) unborn children have interests in life, health and well-being that should be protected; and (3) the parents of unborn children have protectable interests in the life, health and well-being of the unborn children of such parents." The Kansas Senate is expected to pass the bill, and pro-life Governor Sam Brownback will likely sign it.

The bill follows similar legislation signed earlier in the week by North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple. The Legislature passed the nation's toughest abortion law despite the presence of anti-life protesters outside the State House. The law bans abortion once a fetal heartbeat is "detectable," as early as six weeks into a pregnancy.

In heaven, the angels and the saints rejoice, and so should we here below.

## Celebrated Pro-Life Champion Dr. Alveda King Featured Guest at Bishop's Dinner



**MLK's niece speaks out for the unborn**

*(From the CPLC website biography.)*

Dr. Alveda King is a pro-life warrior and no stranger to fighting for those marginalized, dismissed and even destroyed in our society. The daughter of the late civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and his wife Naomi Barber King, Alveda grew up in the civil rights movement led by her uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her family home in Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed, as was her father's church office in Louisville, Kentucky. Alveda was jailed during the open housing movement. She sees the pro-life movement as a continuation of the civil rights struggle.

Inspired by the heroism of her family and having experienced the tragedy of two abortions herself, Alveda is devoted to restoring the right to life, promoting healing for post-abortive women and men, and fighting the horror of abortion, particularly its devastating effects in the African-American community.

Dr. King lives in Atlanta, where she is the grateful mother of six and a doting grandmother.

To find out more about Dr. Alveda King, visit the CPLC website at [www.prolifedallas.org/dinner](http://www.prolifedallas.org/dinner) and click on Dr. King's picture.

## PRO-LIFER OF THE MONTH



### Tom Clark

Tom got his start in Pro-Life activities when he was invited to The Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner, which he described as "a life changing experience." He went on to support Life at St. Michael's, and then with Hike for Life. He's now the State Pro-Life Chairman for the Knights of Columbus! Tom has inspired many who've followed him. *Way to go, Tom!*

## Prayer Vigil Map

Southwestern late-term abortion facility is located at 8616 Greenville Avenue. The closest major intersection is Royal Lane & Greenville Avenue. The closest major highway is US-75. The best place to park is on *Boundbrook Avenue*, the first side street north of Greenville and Royal, across the street from the office complex or *in the parking lot of the Gaston Oaks Baptist Church*, 8515 Greenville Ave. Join us on the third Saturday of each month to pray and offer faithful witness. The babies will thank you for it!



# PRAY ON THIS: *HOW CAN I HELP?*

*The Holy Spirit calls people in different ways. What's yours?*

by Reg Platt

The Holy Spirit works in funny ways. Just when you think your life is on track and your future settled, you get that unexpected call.

How can you tell if God is calling you to Pro-Life?

In prayer and meditation, ask the Lord. Think about the gifts you've been given, about the things that move you passionately. Of course, the Spirit gives gifts to each as He sees fit. As St. Paul tells us, some

are given tongues, others healing, still others prophesy, "but all this is the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes his gifts as he will to each severally." (1 Cor 12:11) You never know what will trigger the call, whether it's something in your past, or the past of someone dear to you, or something you stumble upon seemingly by accident.

You'll be surprised. I've seen some sidewalk counselors who seem to always know exactly what to say and when to say it. I've known others who, just by being seen with their rosaries, have changed minds without saying a word. Just being there says it all.

Jesus tells us to "use what words are given you when the time comes; it is not you that speak, it is the Holy Spirit." (Mark 13:11b)

Your particular calling might not be directly to Pro-Life ministry. You may be called to feed the hungry, or minister to the sick. You might counsel



Members of St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee and volunteers pray outside the Southwest late term abortion center on the third Saturday of every month. It's warmer now. Won't you join us on April 20?

engaged couples or teach the faith to new seekers of truth. When the Spirit calls, you answer, whether it's for Pro-Life, the food pantry or RCIA.

But these things don't cancel each other out. You can (and must) always keep *all* the teachings of our faith without ignoring any one of them. These things are linked together. These gifts are all part of the same Body, all tied together through love. So answer the call you

receive, but know that there is always Pro-Life within it, just like there's a piece of all other ministries in

Pro-Life. It's the way we follow the Lord's new commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

That's how the world knows we are Christians.

If you feel the call, please join us. You can help in so many different ways, by coming to the Pro-life meetings on the first Thursday of the month, by helping to pass out Baby Banks or sell calendars, by attending the Quarterly Masses sponsored by the diocese's Catholic Pro-Life Committee, or by praying with us at the Southwestern late term abortion center on the third Saturday of each month. Or just by praying. That works, too.

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It can be scary the first time you come out to pray at an abortion clinic, since you don't know what to expect and have been told a lot of... *irregular* information... by the mainstream media. To help you out, we offer the following guidance.

## What We Do

- Pray and offer witness
- Encourage the choice for life
- Give comfort to the frightened
- Share God's love and grace
- Welcome inquiry
- Trust God completely

## What We Don't Do

- Protest or block traffic
- Pick fights with strangers
- Harrass clinic workers
- Display bloody signs
- Trespass on clinic property
- Condemn or judge anybody

## A Prayer for Life

*O God, we ask that you bless*

*the Culture of Life*

*and pour Your Grace out on us all.*

*Give us the courage to stand up to the world,*

*the wisdom to know the truth,*

*and the fortitude to witness to it.*

*We pray for an end to abortion in our city,*

*our state, our country and our world.*

*This we ask through Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

Abortion hurts.

We can help.



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**St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee**

meets on the **first Thursday**

of every month except July.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON:**

**April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

in Room 140

We pray at the Southwestern late term  
abortion clinic on

the **third Saturday** of each month.

**OUR NEXT VIGIL IS ON:**

**April 20, 2013 after 8:00 a.m Mass**

at the corner of

Greenville Avenue & Royal Lane

(see inside for map)