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We Need to Build a New Culture of Life

Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell and Fort Worth Bishop Kevin Vann were the co-recipients of The CPLC's Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership at The Bishop's 16th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner on March 28, 2009. The following are Bishop Farrell's remarks on building a culture of life.



Thank you all. It's so wonderful to see so many of you here tonight. It fills us with courage, and fills us above all with great hope, hope for the future, in a time, perhaps, of great darkness. I want to thank, especially, Bishop Vann for his support, for his support in every

endeavour that we try to undertake for the good of the Church here in North Texas.

I want to thank all of you in a very special way for being here tonight because the fact that you are here tonight sends a very clear message to the whole Catholic community of North Texas.

We are here to stay, and we are here to continue the fight and struggle as never before. It also tells me that our Catholic faith is alive and well despite those who wish to proclaim that God is really dead in our modern culture.

In a very special way tonight, I want to thank all the young people here. There are over 150 young men and women volunteers in this movement and this defense of human life serving tonight. To them, we say that we give them our encouragement and our support and hope that next year, we will not have them in a separate room away from all of us old folk here. *(laughter)* They agree.

I thank all of you for this award. I did not want it, and I can hear in the back of my brain, the words of St. Luke's Gospel, and it's somewhere probably around the seventeenth chapter when it says, "Useless servant, you just did what you were supposed to do."

And I believe that that's what we did. We just did what we were supposed to do. We did not enter into the world of politics like some would like to say we did, but we used it to teach a fundamental ethical principle, and that is what we did. We used it as a moment to teach. However it was interpreted, the only purpose was to teach us what the true ethical principles about life and death really are and what our cooperation in evil means and does not mean.

Finally, I would like to say a few words of encouragement to all of you. These are difficult times, and you do not need me to stand up here and tell you that, and I don't refer to the economy. These are very difficult times for our Church, and they are very difficult times for our beliefs. They are very difficult times for human life, innocent human life. Whenever

I reflect on this, I often reflect on the life of John Paul II.

Back in 1995, as you all know, John Paul II wrote a letter, which we quote quite frequently. It is a letter on the gospel of human life, *The Gospel of Life, Evangelium Vitae*, it was called in Latin.

He wrote that letter reflecting on the end of the millennium. It was 1995, and he wrote this particular letter as part of his reflection on where we were as a people of God at the end of the second millennium of Christianity. He was looking forward to the third millennium, and as you all know, he wrote many letters encouraging us to renew our faith in Jesus Christ and our love of God in the year 2000. He sponsored many events and many organizations to promote not only the culture of life, but the renewal of our Catholic faith. He did this reflecting on what he saw was coming down the road.

He saw that we were now living in a culture, in a world, which was, as he termed on at least four occasions, the post-Christian era, a stunning term,



Redemptionist Seminarians at the Bishop's Dinner

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Life Matters

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where Christianity was no longer our general way of thinking. And by that, I mean, when you look back on your lives, I'm sure you remember that we lived in a culture where our language was many times Christian, our way of thinking, our way of understanding was Christian, and today it is not. He was a person who lived, in his own personal life in the world, where the culture of the day was so contrary to Christianity. He lived through the Second World War, through the ideology of Nazism, and he lived then true Marxism. Before his election as Pope, they were the only two ideologies he lived under, neither of which permitted defense of human life. On the contrary, they were the determiners - the people who determined who should live, who should be born, how many children should be born, and what they should do. They were governments who determined life and death and everything in between.

His sense was that we needed to create a new culture of life. And today, I renew that call to all of you here present today. We need to create a new culture of life.

We do that by building on our younger generations. We need to transmit the value of life. Our young people do not live in a world that most of us lived, where human life was sacred and respected when all of us were growing up, where our values were certainly Christian. Our young people do not live in that culture, and we need to transmit that culture.

Over the next coming years, and I won't say how many, we are going to live through difficult times. Laws may not exist that

defend even our freedom of conscience; we may lose it. It is a time when we need to increase our efforts to not only defend these fundamental principles, but also we need to make a special effort to promote the culture of life from conception to natural death with every step in between those two defining moments. We must promote this among our young people. It does not come naturally anymore in our society.

So, I would encourage you all to not just condemn the darkness of today and the darkness of the moment and the dark clouds on the horizon, but actually to do something. Remember the old philosopher that says, "It is much easier to condemn the darkness than it is to light a candle and shine a light in our world and in our society."

We need more than ever before, my dear people, to stand up and to create this new light, which will guide our world, and that is the new light that John Paul II wished us to create back in 1995 when he spoke about the culture of life.

So, I thank you all for your presence here today. It is a great sign of hope for all of us. It is a sign that we will continue, and it is a sign that encourages all Catholics, as I said, to take up the cause of defending human life and of creating a new culture, a new society and a new world where the rights of every human person, even the unborn, are defended and protected. So, thank you all, and God bless you all.

Mark your calendar for The Bishop's 17th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner on April 10, 2010!

Roe Memorial March brings in record crowd

A record-breaking crowd of 5,000 people came out on Saturday, January 17, to participate in the "Dallas March for Life" marking the 36th annual memorial of the tragic Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in America and has taken the lives of 50 million unborn children.



The morning started with 1,500 people shuttled to Fairmount abortion center to pray the Rosary, followed by Mass with more than 3,000 people at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe with Bishop Farrell and diocesan clergy. The faithful knelt, sat and stood anywhere they could find room in the packed cathedral, even in the overflow room where hundreds watched the Mass on a large screen.

"There is nothing more important than life," said Bishop Farrell during the rally at Cathedral Plaza. "We must never be discouraged. We must continue to fight and struggle to defend life."

The next Roe Memorial Mass, Rally and Dallas March for Life will be January 16, 2010.

Catholic Action Team (CAT)

Next training: Saturday, July 18, 2009 at St. Joseph Church, Richardson, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Want to become active in the political process? Sick of pro-life bills not being passed in Congress?

Then join the Catholic Action Team (CAT)! The Catholic Action Team trains citizen volunteers to pray for and monitor the activities, votes and records of our elected officials and to visit them at least once a year. Each CAT citizen volunteer will be assigned to one or more elected official in their district.

Legislators tell us that they need to hear from their constituents when they are attempting to pass pro-life laws.

Training is provided free of charge. Space is limited, so please sign up today! Go to www.prolifedallas.org/CAT to register.

The July 18 training will cover the Federal Congress and the issues at the national level like FOIA, conscience protections and the Pregnant Women Support Act.



More than 65 people attended our first CAT training January 31 with Joe Pojman of the Texas Alliance for Life. (left)

Honors & Memorials

In Honor Of:

Aborted Babies
 All those who defend life
 All Babies
 All saved babies in '08
 All of those who work in Pro-life
 Ethan Bannerman
 1st Wedding Anniversary of Adam & Julie Billmeier
 Birth of Maura Dorothy Palmer
 Rosemary Bowler
 Mrs. Barbara Brummitt
 Mr. George Brummitt
 Zina Butschek
 Carmelite Cloistered Sisters
 Catholic Pro-Life Committee
 Father Tim Church & Father Antony
 Closing of Aaron's abortion center
 My new born Alexandra
 Lourdes Cole - Yes, 5!
 Leslie Charles Cook
 Michael George Cook
 Mrs. Barbie Cook
 Father Corapi
 Manuel & Lupe Costilla
 Counselors White Rose
 CPLC Volunteers
 CPLC Partners
 Dads of Harmeyer Family
 Divine Mercy
 St. Jose Maria Escriva
 Bishop Kevin Farrell
 Jason & Shawna Freeman
 George Fuentes
 Annie F. Fuentes
 Mrs. Karen Garnett
 Karen Garnett & Staff
 Garret & Ryan
 Alyssa Michelle Glend
 Edwin & Ruby Green
 Camile Henderson
 Holy Name of Jesus
 Mrs. Mary Huber
 Herbert W. Hundt, Jr.
 Elizabeth Hutchinson on her birthday
 Andy Kelly
 Maureen Vanacore Kemberling
 Kristine & her baby
 Bonnie Cemino Lampo, my grandmother, for getting me involved in the pro-life prayer & witness. She is truly my angel.
 Mrs. Betty Landrum
 Mr. & Mrs Jimmy Landrum
 Carmen Llerena
 Mary C. Lozano
 Joseph Lucido
 Jeannette Lynch
 Benjamin Marks

Given By:

George & Marina Blackwood
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Herbert Hundt
 Herbert Hundt
 Ann Simons
 Ivan & Rosalie Camp
 Deacon Michael & Cathie Seibold
 David & Paula Palmer
 David & Anna Vanhaverbeke
 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Edgar & Zina Butschek
 Catherine Lawler
 Vanessa Ardila
 Jim & Jeannette Goodman

 John & Clara Carlisle
 Darrell & Kathy Cole

 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Quinn Cook
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 John & America Costilla
 Leonard & Bette Harmeyer
 Catherine Lawler
 Burt & Margaret Coty
 Leonard & Bette Harmeyer
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 Carlos & Martha Valdivia
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 Harry & Deborah Freeman
 Annie Fuentes
 Raquel Fuentes
 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Catherine Lawler
 Anson & Rita Smart
 Hilda E. Wayne
 Charles & Mitzi Suter
 Gregory & Liza Henderson
 Lawrence Fernandez
 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Herbert Hundt
 Marie Schade Wood

 David & Anna Vanhaverbeke
 Michael & Laney Sherburne
 Joseph & Kathleen Murphy
 Monica Trevino

 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Santos & Carmela Lozano
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 Deacon Larry & Mary Lucido
 Jim & Jeannine Weisman
 Gary & Jeanne Miller

In Honor Of:

Monsenor Mario Magbanua - St. James Parish. For: Juan y Rosa Arevalo aniversario bodas #16.
 Marriage of Lisa & Robert Minz
 Bethany Martin
 Senator John McCain
 Lucy McSpadden
 Patricia Moondragon, my best friend since elementary school, for the cause she helps
 Isabella Moore
 Nicolas Ray Morales III
 Emilia Moreno, mother of Jose
 Mothers who keep their babies
 Mother's Day
 MSMCS Community
 My Father & Mother
 My four children - Carmel, Santos, Juan Miguel, Santiago
 My Grandchildren
 My mother & father
 My deceased wife, Patricia
 My mother Magaly E.
 My Unborn Child
 My wife's mother & father
 Sybil Novinski
 Norma Ortiz
 Our Grandchildren
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Our Lord Jesus Christ!
 Our Lady, Blessed Virgin Mary
 Gail Peterson
 Dan Polcari, our son
 Pro-life Volunteers
 Gertrude Provencher
 Mrs. Joan Pruit
 Joseph Rodriguez
 Mother, Sandra Salinas
 Michael Schaefer - son given for adoption
 Robert Sexton
 Olivia Shuler
 Dale & Darlene Simpson
 Baby Smith - "Praise God for New Life"
 Michael Stepaniak
 Charles & Helen Suter
 Denise Sweetnam
 Dr. James Taylor
 The Unborn Babies & their mothers
 Fran Thompson
 Todos los niños(as) no nacidos
 My Grandchildren Abby, Blake & Luke Toppins
 Unborn children
 Unborn babies
 Unborn babies
 Bishop Kevin Vann
 The Family of H. Winnubst
 Women who have had abortions

Given By:

Juan Jose & Rosa Arevalo

 Brian Laufer
 Ivan & Rosalie Camp
 George & Marina Blackwood
 Charles & Joan Nies
 Mrs. Yasmin Aguilar

 Gary & Linda Olson
 Nicolas & Natalie Morales
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 George & Marina Blackwood
 Rand & Blair Brown
 Catherine Lawler
 Benjamin & Leona Miller
 Santos & Carmela Lozano

 Joe & Mary Barbosa
 Benjamin & Leona Miller
 Herbert Hundt
 Melanie Morales
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Benjamin & Leona Miller
 Greg & Brenda Novinski
 Catherine Lawler
 Joe & Mary Barbosa
 Michael & Vicki Shaw
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 Kendall Plattner
 John Polcari
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Daniel & Denise Shaw
 Dan & Sally Cook
 Antonio & Nancy Rodriguez
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 Jim & Zuzanna Fennell

 Stephen & Elaine Sexton
 Julie Shuler
 Michelle Kiecan
 Andrew & Jacquelyn Smith

 John & Donna Stepaniak
 Charles & Mitzi Suter
 Mary Ann Greer
 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Deacon Larry & Mary Lucido
 Raul & Cecilia Rangel
 Neal & Anita Thomas

 Robert & Carol Baca
 Raul & Cecilia Rangel
 Herbert Hundt
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 Hank & Jeanne Winnubst
 George & Marina Blackwood

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Honors & Memorials

In Memory Of:

Aborted Babies
 All the babies who have died at Aaron's
 All unborn never born
 All aborted babies
 All lost babies in '08
 All unborn babies
 All the pre-born children who have been killed by abortion throughout the world
 Pura Antonio
 Baby Bear our Unborn Child
 Baby Young & Baby Barnes
 Margaret Baillargeon
 Parents - Donato & Vicenta Baniqued
 Ethan Bannerman
 Allison & Zack Barcevac
 Marian Bell
 Susan Streit Blount
 Patsy Oakes Bolfing
 Mr. George Brummitt
 George Brummitt
 Henry & Susie Butschek
 Jose' Cavazos
 Menna D Cerrone (mother)
 Enrique Cervantes
 Ryan Chedister
 Harry Cialkowski
 Margaret Clarkin
 Ruth Coerver
 Mardelle Cruse For: Her birthday (Feb. 13th) or the anniversary of her death (March 9th).
 Joseph Anthony & Mary Theresa Celine Davis - Our two treasures in heaven
 Francis C. & Alice M. DeCarlo
 Deceased membes of Bufer & Harmeyer Families
 John Dixon
 Mr. Theodore Donahue
 Theodore Gerard Donahue
 Theodore Gerard Donahue
 Theodore G. Donahue
 Jane Duncan
 Sam Emmett (1916-1991) For: All Souls Day
 Dr. Donald Ferrari, Ph.D. Deceased-June 2008
 George Fuentes
 Victor C. Fusselman, Jr.
 Alvino Gandora

Given By:

Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Sheila Duncan
 Stephen & Elaine Sexton
 George & Marina Blackwood
 Herbert Hundt
 Raul & Cecilia Rangel
 Ann Simons
 Nel & Cora Mancenido
 Andrew & Jacquelyn Smith
 Jesse & Trisha Simpson
 Joseph & Kathleen Murphy
 Pelicano Baniqued
 Ivan & Rosalie Camp
 Joe & Mary Lou Barcevac
 James Bell
 Edward & Patty Fulbright
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 Quinn & Barbie Cook
 Barbara Brummitt
 Edgar & Zina Butschek
 Santos & Carmela Lozano
 Rev. Michael J. Cerrone III
 Gabriela Garcia
 Anson & Rita Smart
 Daniel & Sarah Proctor
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Leo Coerver
 William & Sally Beardslee
 Greg & Marcy Davis
 Mary DeCarlo
 Leonard & Bette Harmeyer
 Harry & Deborah Freeman
 Rand & Blair Brown
 David & Karen Hales
 Larry & Linda Bednarz
 Stephen & Carolyn Donahue
 Sheila Duncan
 Ross & Josephine Emmett
 Jim & Zuzanna Fennell
 Annie Fuentes
 Greg & Debbie Fusselman
 Juan Jose & Rosa Arevalo

In Memory Of:

Jose' Marie Garcia
 Paula Gonzalez
 Olivia Marie Grant
 Olivia Marie Grant
 Olivia Grant
 Edwin & Ruby Green
 Robert Grotendorst "Happy Birthday in Heaven"
 Mary Grotendorst
 Peter Daniel Gutierrez
 Frances Hare
 Perry Hasten
 Allison Hendry - An amazing mother dedicated to giving babies everything possible
 Morgan Angel Hendry
 Mark Hennes
 Mark Hennes
 Mark Hennes
 Mark Hennes
 Mark Hennes
 Mark Hennes
 Mark Hennes
 Mark Hennes
 Robert & Agnes Hennessy
 John L. & John R. Hennessy
 Richard Hinds
 Daniel Hudbavny
 Patricia A. Hundt
 Mary Ann Jabusch
 George Jackson
 Joe & Glo
 Christy Kiefer
 My father
 Lucille & Norman Leamy '07
 Violet Lemons
 Ted & Irene Lenard
 Helen Limbeck
 Little Aaron
 Jorge Lopez death: 8-8-06
 Albert Lorence
 Barbara Larince
 John Loveland
 Jesus L. Martinez, Jr.
 Joseph L. Mathews
 Virginia McCauley

Given By:

Concepcion Garcia
 John & America Costilla
 Kieran & Melanie Quinn
 Tuesday Afternoon, Inc.
 Kevin & Elizabeth Grant
 Charles & Mitzi Suter
 Katherine Rix
 Katherine Rix
 John & Sylvie Tomich
 Deacon Larry & Mary Lucido
 Knights of Columbus Council #10879
 Keir Burke
 Glenn J. Hendry
 Catherine Lawler
 Bill & Alicia Condon
 Sheila Duncan
 Dr. Stephen & Mary Beth Burns
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 Jim & Zuzanna Fennell
 Daniel & Bettina Hennessy
 Daniel & Bettina Hennessy
 James Bell
 Harry & Deborah Freeman
 Herbert Hundt
 William & Stacy Green
 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Currin
 Beverly Kosco
 Thomas & Terry McDowell
 Catherine Lawler
 Bob & Nancy Bowen
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Felicia Harding
 Thomas & Terry McDowell
 Aaron Foley
 Esmeralda Lopez
 Harry & Deborah Freeman
 Harry & Deborah Freeman
 Matthew & Kristin Brandt
 Christina Martinez
 N. Colleen Mathews
 Sheila Duncan

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Honors & Memorials

In Memory Of:

Marie McCloskey
 Charles McConnell
 Helen McManus
 Frank Medivil, Jr.
 Paladio Mendez
 Al Joseph Moore
 Emilia Moreno - Jose's Mom
 Veronica Morzen
 My deceased wife, Patricia
 My wife's father & mother
 My brother
 My deceased family & friends
 My mother & father
 Kathy Leamy Nunez '98
 Jeanine Oberholzer
 Jeanine Oberholzer
 Jeanine Renae Oberholzer
 Jeanine Oberholzer - A life fully lived
 Jeanine Oberholzer
 Jeanine Oberholzer
 Paul O'Keefe
 Barbara Olive
 Olivia & all our unborn heavenly babies
 Our Parents
 Our Baby
 Our children
 Irene Pence
 Anna Penic
 Father Anthony Pondant
 Pope John Paul II
 Rick Poracinta
 Our Parents, Joseph & Josephine Proctor
 Raquel Puente
 Mr. Jim Rech
 Paul Redding
 William Rix
 Richard Robb (My Dad)
 Walter Robinson, father of Debbie Weisbruch
 Michael Rodriguez
 Gregoria Rodriguez, my mother who had 11 children
 Michael Rodriguez
 Juan y Juanita Rodriguez
 Mary Elizabeth Ryan
 Joe & Rosa Schafer
 Charles Schmidt

Given By:

Katherine Rix
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Brian & Dorothy McManus
 Jose & Patricia Aragon
 John & Shirley Lopicola
 David & Mary Stack
 Jose & Carmen Moreno
 Todd & Christa Herbert
 Herbert Hundt
 Benjamin & Leona Miller
 Melanie Morales
 Remus Parcon
 Benjamin & Leona Miller
 Bob & Nancy Bowen
 Thomas Larocque
 James & Gayle O'Donnell
 Linda Carson
 Sarah Gehring
 Dr. Amanda Miller
 Alexis Doval
 Catherine Lawler
 Sheila Duncan
 Kevin & Elizabeth Grant
 Edgar & Zina Butschek
 Art & Ann Criscuolo
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Edward & Geraldine Werner
 Ivan & Rosalie Camp
 David & Anna Vanhaverbeke
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Santos & Carmela Lozano
 Daniel & Sarah Proctor
 Juan Jose & Rosa Arevalo
 Rand & Blair Brown
 Sheila Duncan
 Katherine Rix
 Keith & Debra Russell
 Doug & Peg Weisbruch
 Antonio & Nancy Rodriguez
 Annie Fuentes
 Antonio & Nancy Rodriguez
 Juan Jose & Rosa Arevalo
 Charles & Joan Nies
 Geraldine Schafer
 David & Shana Druffner

In Memory Of:

Michael Rodriguez
 Mary Elizabeth Ryan
 Joe & Rosa Schafer
 Charles Schmidt
 Suzanne Sexton
 Mary Helen Sexton
 Baby Bear, unborn child of Jacquelyn & Andrew Smith
 Joseph B. Stepan
 Jean D. Strait deceased 5-16-08
 Jim Sullins
 Mrs. Dorothy Sullins
 Mrs. Jim Sullins, Jr.
 Flo Supan
 Charles & Helen Suter
 Kristin Terreri
 The unborn & those who mourn
 The Grandparents of Santos and Carmela
 The aborted unborn babies
 The Unborn
 Those [babies] aborted
 Elpidio & Zoila Ticman
 Bishop Tschoepe
 Unborn babies
 Unborn Babies
 Jean Vasel
 Father Carl Vogel
 Tina Vornbrock
 Paul A. Wayne
 John Welch
 My mother, Mrs. Wetherholt
 George Wilcox
 Edwin Wilkins
 Dean Yates
 Mrs. Betty Yost

Given By:

Antonio & Nancy Rodriguez
 Charles & Joan Nies
 Geraldine Schafer
 David & Shana Druffner
 Stephen & Elaine Sexton
 Stephen & Elaine Sexton
 Ron & Carol Engler
 Marcella Stepan
 Bill & Deborah Strait
 Ted & Ferndale Sullins
 Ted & Ferndale Sullins
 Ted & Ferndale Sullins
 Annie Fuentes
 Charles & Mitzi Suter
 Keith & Donna Terreri
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Santos & Carmela Lozano
 Remus Parcon
 Robert & Carol Baca
 Herbert Hundt
 Leilani Ticman
 Ed & Lydia Bustamante
 Nicolas & Natalie Morales
 Leonard & Bette Harmeyer
 Lewis Vasel
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President Barack Obama's Pro-Abortion Record: A Pro-Life Compilation

by Steven Ertelt LifeNews.com Editor May 30, 2009

- November 5, 2008** – Obama selects pro-abortion Rep. Rahm Emanuel as his White House Chief of Staff. Emanuel has a 0 percent pro-life voting record according to National Right to Life.
- November 19, 2008** – Obama picks pro-abortion former Sen. Tom Daschle as his Health and Human Services Secretary. Daschle has a long pro-abortion voting record according to National Right to Life.
- November 20, 2008** – Obama chooses former NARAL legal director Dawn Johnsen to serve as a member of his Department of Justice Review Team. Later, he finalizes her appointment as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel in the Obama administration.
- November 24, 2008** – Obama appoints Ellen Moran, the former director of the pro-abortion group Emily's List, as his White House communications director. Emily's List only supports candidates who favor taxpayer-funded abortions and oppose a partial-birth abortion ban.
- November 24, 2008** – Obama puts former Emily's List board member Melody Barnes in place as his director of the Domestic Policy Council.
- November 30, 2008** – Obama named pro-abortion Sen. Hillary Clinton as the Secretary of State. Clinton has an unblemished pro-abortion voting record and has supported making unlimited abortions an international right.
- December 10, 2008** – Obama selects pro-abortion former Clinton administration official Jeanne Lambrew to become the deputy director of the White House Office of Health Reform. Planned Parenthood is "excited" about the selection.
- December 10, 2008** – Obama transition team publishes memo from dozens of pro-abortion groups listing their laundry list of pro-abortion actions they want him to take.
- January 5, 2009** – Obama picks pro-abortion Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine as the chairman of the Democratic Party.
- January 6, 2009** – Obama chooses Thomas Perrelli, the lawyer who represented Terri Schiavo's husband Michael in his efforts to kill his disabled wife, as the third highest attorney in the Justice Department.
- January 22, 2009** – Obama releases statement restating support for the Roe v. Wade decision that allowed virtually unlimited abortions and has resulted in at least 50 million abortions since 1973.
- January 23, 2009** – Obama forces taxpayers to fund pro-abortion groups that either promote or perform abortions in other nations. Decision to overturn Mexico City Policy sends part of \$457 million to pro-abortion organizations.
- January 26, 2009** – Obama nominee for Deputy Secretary of State, James B. Steinberg, tells members of the Senate that taxpayers should be forced to fund abortions. Nominee erroneously says limits on abortion funding are unconstitutional.
- January 29, 2009** – President Obama nominates pro-abortion David Ogden as Deputy Attorney General.
- February 12, 2009** – Obama nominates pro-abortion Elena Kagan to serve as Solicitor General.
- February 27, 2009** – Obama starts the process of overturning pro-life conscience protections President Bush put in place to make sure medical staff and centers are not forced to do abortions.
- February 28, 2009** – President Obama nominates pro-abortion Kathleen Sebelius to become Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- March 5, 2009** – The Obama administration shut out pro-life groups from attending a White House-sponsored health care summit. Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business, made the invitation list as did other pro-abortion groups.
- March 9, 2009** – President Obama signed an executive order forcing taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research.
- March 10, 2009** – Obama announces the creation of a new foreign policy position to focus on women's issues. He names Melanne Vermeer, an abortion advocate, to occupy the post.
- March 10, 2009** – Obama reverses an executive order to press for more research into ways of obtaining embryonic stem cells without harming human life. The order Obama scrapped would have promoted new forms of ethical stem cell research.
- March 11, 2009** – Obama signed an executive order establishing a new agency within his administration known as the White House Council on Women and Girls. Obama's director of public liaison at the White House, abortion advocate Tina Tchen, became director of it.
- March 11, 2009** – Obama administration promotes an unlimited right to abortion at a United Nations meeting.
- March 11, 2009** – Obama administration officials deny negative effects of abortion at United Nation's meeting.
- March 17, 2009** – President Obama makes his first judicial appointment and names pro-abortion federal Judge David Hamilton to serve on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.
- March 26, 2009** – President Obama announced \$50 million for the UNFPA, the UN population agency that has been criticized for promoting abortion and working closely with Chinese population control officials who use forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations.
- April 7, 2009** – Obama has named pro-abortion law professor Harold Hongju Koh as the top lawyer for the State Department.
- April 7, 2009** – Obama put more abortion advocates on his White House advisory council for faith-based issues.
- April 8, 2009** – Obama nominee for Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs, Ron Weich, is pro-abortion.
- April 14, 2009** – Obama administration releases document that claims pro-life people may engage in violence or extremism.
- April 17, 2009** – Obama administration releases the proposed guidelines that implement his decision to allow taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research that involves the destruction of human life.
- April 23, 2009** – Obama refused to appeal a ruling requiring the FDA to allow 17-year-old girls to purchase the morning after pill without either a doctor visit or parental involvement beforehand.
- April 27, 2009** – Obama's women's ambassador Melanne Vermeer touted Obama's decision to send \$50 million to the United Nation's Population Fund.
- May 5, 2009** – Details emerge about a terrorism dictionary the Obama administration put together in March. The Domestic Extremism Lexicon calls pro-life advocates violent and claims they employ racist overtones in engaging in criminal actions.
- May 8, 2009** – Obama releases a new budget that allows the Legal Services Corporation to use tax dollars to pay for pro-abortion litigation.
- May 8, 2009** – President Obama's new budget calls for taxpayer funded abortions in the nation's capital.
- May 8, 2009** – President Obama's budget eliminates all federal funding for abstinence-only education.
- May 15, 2009** – Appointed pro-abortion New York City health commissioner Thomas Frieden as head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- May 17, 2009** – During his commencement speech at Notre Dame, Obama deceived listeners into thinking he wants a conscience clause, promoted embryonic stem cell research and misstated his pro-abortion record.
- May 26, 2009** – Appoints appeals court Sonia Sotomayor as a Supreme Court nominee. Sotomayor agrees that the courts should make policy, such as the Roe v. Wade case. Sotomayor is later opposed by pro-life groups and supported by pro-abortion groups and those who know her say she will support abortion on the high court.



Pro-Life Boot Camp is for high school and home-schooled students ages 14 and up. Keynote speakers for this year are Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests For Life and pro-life blogger Jill Stanek.

This year's Boot Camp, "Debunking the Myths: Overpopulation, Media Bias, Adoption, Live-Birth Abortions," will take place July 24-29 at the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas.

Activities include praying at Dallas and Fort Worth-area abortion centers, talks from experts on various pro-life issues, skits, pro-life testimonials, Mass and the Sacraments and pro-life volunteer projects. Space is limited to 127 people (100 Youth, eight Junior Staff and 20 Chaperones).



Pro-Life Boot Camp needs Chaperones (cleared adults 21 and over) and Junior Staff (cleared adults ages 18-20) to help put on the event. **Early Registration** ends June 30 (prices will go up after).

[Register online at www.prolifedallas.org/bootcamp](http://www.prolifedallas.org/bootcamp).

Upcoming Events

For a full listing of upcoming events, go to www.prolifedallas.org/events.

June 2009

5 First Friday All-Night Adoration at Discalced Carmelite Monastery, 600 Flowers Ave., Dallas 75211, 5:00 p.m. Friday to 7:00 a.m. Saturday.

26-28 Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat in Spanish: An extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. To register call 214-544-CARE (2273) in English, or 972-679-4760 in Spanish, or visit www.racheldallas.org. All inquiries kept strictly confidential.

July 2009

3-5 Crossroads: America's Pro-Life Pilgrimage: Students proclaiming the pro-life message while walking across the country. If you would like to host a college student or invite Crossroads to your parish, contact Jacquelyn Smith at 972-416-9591 or jsmith@prolifedallas.org.

11 Quarterly Mass and Rosary Procession: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Monica Catholic Church, 9933 Midway Rd., Dallas, followed by Adoration and a Rosary Procession by bus to Robinson's abortion center, 1929 Record Crossing, Dallas 75235. We will return to St. Monica Church for Benediction. Following Benediction is a baby shower for a Gabriel mother in Room 109 of the Family Center.

18 Catholic Action Team Training: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 601 S. Jupiter Rd., Richardson. We will discuss the Federal Congress and attacks on human life at the national level. Register online at www.prolifedallas.org/CAT.

24-29 Youth For Life Pro-Life Boot Camp: Total Pro-Life Immersion for youth ages 14 and up. Guest speakers Fr. Frank Pavone and Jill Stanek. Space is limited. Register online today at www.prolifedallas.org/bootcamp. Chaperones and Junior Staff needed!

September 2009

23 - November 1: 40 Days for Life Dallas. Great Prayer Campaign in support of life. Details TBA.

January 2010

16 Roe Memorial Rosary, Mass and Dallas Rally and March For Life. Details TBA.

April 2010

10 The Bishop's 17th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner at the Hilton Anatole Dallas. Save the date!

Largest crowd ever gathers for The Bishop's 16th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner

On Saturday, March 28th, more than 2,275 people gathered to celebrate "Life, the First Right" and to listen to guest speaker Gianna Jessen, an abortion survivor. The enthusiasm of the crowd and the excitement of the evening have set the bar for the rest of the year. Gianna's inspirational talk has become the most requested DVD in the history of the Bishop's Dinner. Order your copy of Gianna's talk on DVD with the enclosed reply slip.



"You have no idea the level of joy one can possess when one limps through the world. If Jesus were standing in front of me now and he said, 'G, do you want me to make you whole?' I'd say, 'No. No, life is interesting this way and funny and I need you.' But if there would be one thing that I wish could change, it would be that Jesus change the shallowness of the world." – Gianna Jessen (left), abortion survivor and keynote speaker, autographs her books after the dinner.



Above: Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell pulls out the winning ticket to the 2009 Honda Accord grand prize while CPLC Executive Director Karen Garnett and Honorary Chairman Joe Peterman watch.



Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell (left) and Fort Worth Bishop Kevin Vann (right) shared the 2009 honor for The CPLC's Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership, partly for the clear teaching statement they issued in the Fall of 2008.



The boys of Columbian Squires Circle #5106 of St. John the Apostle in Terrell were this year's Public Witness Honorees, pictured here with Bishop Farrell (back center)



Youth Volunteers

(right) CPLC Development Director Ellen Rossini with Supportive Services Honoree Marianne Chapman and son Joseph



Bishop's Dinner pictures, continued



2009 Bishop's Dinner Pro-Life Honorees: (left to right) Fort Worth Bishop Kevin Vann with Fr. Edward Robinson; the boys of Columbian Squires Circle #5106; Andrew Smith; Marianne Chapman and sons Alex and Joseph; Rebecca Lowery and Mary Kristin Toates; Jacquelyn Dudasko; Dr. Daniel McDonald and family; and Dallas Bishop Kevin Farrell

Bishop's Dinner Honorary Chairs Joe and Rebeca Peterman



Andrew Smith (left), Civic Action Pro-Life Honoree, with daughter Cecilia and Bishop Farrell



(right) Bishop Kevin Farrell congratulates Prayer Honoree Jacquelyn Dudasko and (below) Education Honorees Rebecca Lowery (left) and Mary Kristin Toates (right)



CPLC Executive Director Karen Garnett with husband Eddie and Bishop Farrell



NFP-Only Dr. Daniel McDonald (center) receives The 2009 Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year Award from Fr. Edward Robinson and Bishop Farrell

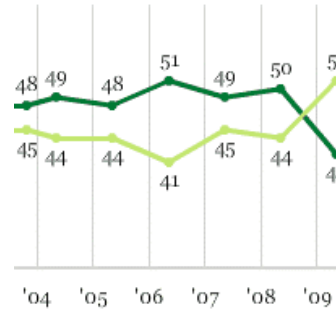
"I pray three things, when I remember to, in the morning. I pray for the unprecedented favor of God, the unprecedented peace of God, and the willingness to be hated. Because if I'm willing to love you while you hate me, then I win." - Gianna Jessen



Pro-Life America

It's official: America is pro-life. At least according to several recently released polls.

51 percent of Americans now call themselves pro-life, when asked in a recent Gallup poll. This is an increase from recent years, although the polls have been trending this way for over 10 years. The Gallup poll indicated that, although there might be many reasons for the results, a primary factor seems to be the pro-abortion policies of President Barack Obama and the speed with which he has implemented them since taking office this year.



2009 Gallup Poll map lines indicate a sizeable swing in pro-life identification in the last year alone, continuing a more than decade-long trend.

Three other polls from FoxNews, Pew and Rasmussen asked different questions and came to similar conclusions.

President Obama's promise to sign the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), his rescinding of the Mexico City Policy and removal of conscience protections for health care workers has alerted the public to the radical, and now in the minority, agenda of the new administration.

There are other factors making people pro-life, most of which pro-abortion supporters can do little or nothing to stop, such as the large number of women who are telling how they regret their past abortions and are now speaking out so that other women who are pregnant will not make the same mistake.

Locally, we have seen a big increase in the number of people who have become involved in the work of the CPLC, including our largest-ever Roe turnout last January, the largest-ever turnout at our annual Bishop's Dinner in March, and an increase in the number of people involved in Advocacy Days at the Texas Legislature.

Fun Fall Fundraisers!
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Strike For Life Bowl - a - Thon
Saturday, October 10, 2009

CPLC Golf Tournament
Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Holy Christ Child Gift Market
Saturday, November 21, 2009

2010 Events for Life!

Saturday, January 16, 2010
Roe Memorial Rosary, Mass and
Dallas Rally and March for Life

Saturday, April 10, 2010
The Bishop's 17th Annual Catholic Pro-Life
Dinner at the Hilton Anatole Dallas

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Every year we reach out to help an average of one mother each day to choose life instead of abortion.

You may use the enclosed envelope, mail your gift to: CPLC, P.O. Box 59852, Dallas, TX 75229, or make a donation online at www.prolifedallas.org.

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