

Life Matters

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On the Cover: CPLC Executive Director Geralyn Kaminsky and Bishop Edward Burns pose with the *Dallas Morning News*' front page headline, *ROE FALLS*, after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe vs Wade* in 2022.

Navigating a Post-Roe Landscape

Seven months after the fall of Roe, pro-life advocates across the country are still navigating our way through the post-Roe landscape.

Some pro-abortion factions have mobilized in ways no one could have anticipated — riots, threats, hate speech, and vandalism.

One protestor even interrupted our annual Roe Mass on Jan. 14, shouting “why are you doing this?” Thank God for our Knights who peacefully ushered him out.

This episode only attested to Bishop Burns’ point from his eloquent homily that day that our march was not one of victory, but one of **determination**.

Although abortion is illegal in Texas, thank God, that is not the case in other states. In fact, in response to Roe’s overturn, some states have passed the most extreme abortion laws we’ve ever seen.

Kansas voters rejected a proposed state constitutional amendment that would deny the right to have an abortion. California's Governor signed into law many protections for abortion and abortion providers. And sadly, Michigan voters said “yes” to a bill that carved abortion rights into that state’s constitution.

And the common denominator in these and other states’ pro-abortion legislation is Planned Parenthood. Our nation’s largest abortion provider spent millions of dollars to support pro-abortion laws and politicians last year. Planned Parenthood is on a mission to permanently legalize abortion in every state. They are desperate, but we are determined to change hearts and minds to build a culture of life !

That is our challenge going forward. The pro-abortion lobby is well funded and mobilizing across our country. It is more important than ever that we educate our



community, our youth, and our leaders with the truth concerning the sanctity of life and be a determined voice in a loud and brutal environment.

In this issue of *Life Matters*, we bring you an exclusive video discussion (via QR Code) I had with former CPLC Executive Directors and pro-life icons, Karen Garnett and Becky Visosky, about how

we’ve progressed in our mission and where we go from here. I think you’ll enjoy hearing what they had to say.

Speaking of milestones, this year marks the 30th anniversary of our Bishop’s Pro-Life Dinner. For 30 years, this tentpole event has provided financial support necessary to sustain our work to protect the dignity and sanctity of all life. Look for more details on this special night in this issue and please make plans to join us on March 25. We have a lot to celebrate.

May God continue to bless you and the CPLC.

Geralyn Kaminsky
Executive Director



Walking With Our Moms

Mom feels truly blessed, forever changed, and thankful to God

Thank God for GEMS! My name is Michele and I have two children – Melechi and Nia. They are the most important people in my life today, and have changed my life forever.

I started this journey with Gabriel Education and Ministry Support (GEMS) in January, 2021. I met some strong people who encouraged me. Maria, our leader, and my Gabriel Angel, Rosemary, who kept me motivated through times when I wanted to give up, but I didn't. The program is Catholic based, and although I am a Christian and held some different beliefs, it didn't matter to them – they treated me as a child of God.

My cousin first introduced me to GEMS. She spoke highly about the help she received through Project Gabriel and the GEMS Program. She told me about the amazing people she had met. She put me in touch with Maria and Jessie Anne.

Due to covid, I attended my first year of classes via Zoom, so I didn't get to know the other moms in my class as my cousin did. The program includes 22 classes needed to graduate. Each class taught me life skills, how to be a better parent, and improve my self-esteem. I learned how to properly install a car seat, how to manage my finances, and to create and stay within a budget.

One class that helped me a lot was the Nutrition class. I learned to change my eating habits, get healthier and improve the type of food I fed my kids. Another class that impacted me was Dignity & Self Esteem. I realized how hard I was working to support my family. The teacher encouraged me and gave me positive support to deal with my daily challenges. The Prayer class taught me the importance of daily

“I want to help people like me, women in need, guiding them through their struggles, just like GEMS did for me. I feel compelled to pay it forward.”

happy experiences through daily interactions with family and others. I suffer from depression and I realized that with God I can cope with my difficulties. Every day I reflect on the gifts of my children and family, and realize how blessed I am.

At one point I was having difficulties with my long-time employer. I became more depressed and stressed, and through the support of Maria and Rosemary, they helped me through this crisis. I now have another job and my family and I am doing much better. With God and this program, I've moved forward to achieve great things. I am motivated and encouraged to be a stronger person not only for my kids but for myself.”

Editor's note: Michele plans to use her GEMS scholarship to continue her education online through University of Phoenix. She will study Human Services. 🙏



Michele poses with her guest, Nathaniel, and children Nia and Melechi after receiving her scholarship at the 2022 Christ Child luncheon.



Will You Be An Angel?

Project Gabriel is CPLC's longest running ministry and has been walking with moms and parenting families for decades.

Project Gabriel Angels provide:

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- Emotional support
- Practical resources
- Spiritual guidance

Your support witnesses to the value of both the unborn child and the mother who chooses life for her child.

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Would you consider being an Angel to a mom in need? We'll provide all the training necessary for you to provide:

- Effective inter-communication skills
- Strategies for meeting the material needs of mothers in crisis
- Adoption information
- Resources for mothers and babies
- Natural family planning
- Spirituality
- Goal-setting
- Role-playing

To learn more, scan the QR code below.

Becoming a Gabriel Angel is a rewarding way to **Put Pro-Life in Your Life!**



What does a Post-Roe

The photo gallery below illustrates what we've seen of the new

On Friday, June 24, 2022, Feast of the Sacred Heart, at 10:10 a.m. EST, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 landmark legislation that made abortion legal in the United States. The decision dismantled 50 years of bad law and paved the way for individual states to legislate abortion laws. As a result of the Supreme Court decision, "Trigger Bans," or laws pending *Roe*'s overturn, took effect in 13 states making abortion illegal. It is expected that half of the 50 states will restrict or limit abortion through legislation, while abortion in 14 states remains legal.



How does the World Look Like?

landscape since Roe vs Wade was overturned last summer

The pro-life message remains clear: *Making abortion not only illegal, but unthinkable.* We have taken a giant leap toward this goal. But we are not there yet! States will continue to fight this battle in courts and on the streets using rhetoric that abortion is women's healthcare and a constitutional right. In 2023, the Catholic Pro-Life Community celebrates its 30-year Anniversary. For 30 years the Dallas community has supported our important work through prayer, volunteerism, and generous funding. With God's grace, we will continue to spread the truth, heal the suffering, mobilize the faithful, assist moms and families, and advocate for the sanctity of all life.



30TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S PRO-LIFE DINNER

March 25, 2023

Bishop Edward Burns and 2023 Honorary Chairs Dr. Joseph and April Behan invite you to join them at the 30th Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner on Saturday, March 25, at the Addison Renaissance Hotel.

"We are proud to announce that this year's keynote speaker is not other than **legendary football coach Lou Holtz,**" said CPLC's



Development Director, Bobby Lonergan.

"Aside from his amazing coaching success, Holtz is also unapologetically pro life and definitely talks the talk."

The evening will also feature musical entertainment as well as all the fan favorites — raffle, Heads 'N Tails, wine pull, jewelry pull, plus much, much more.

And you'll be supporting CPLC's critical mission to preserve the sanctity and dignity of all life from conception to natural death.

For more information on tickets and sponsorships visit prolife-dallas.org.

Want to be part of making this great event come to life? Be a volunteer! It's a great way to put pro-life in your life and IT'S FUN! Contact our office at 972-267-5433.

So, mark your calendar and make plans now to attend this special anniversary celebration that's 30 years in the making.

CPLC Executives Discuss Three Decades of Pro-Life Ministry and What's Ahead

Last fall, as the summer euphoria from the overturn of *Roe* started to slightly settle, we thought it would be a good time to reflect on the road it took to get to this point. What was the environment like when CPLC began this mission in 1993, and how did this grassroots committee grow to become the largest and most effective diocesan pro-life organization in the world? And now, with the landscape changing and evolving, where do we go from here?

So we invited two iconic pro-life leaders and former CPLC executive directors, Karen Garnett and Becky Visosky, to join current executive director Geralyn Kaminsky for an impromptu discussion. These three ladies share a profound passion for life, but experienced distinct "eras" in CPLC's history that has brought us to the point we are today.



Click on the QR code below to watch as these ladies take us back through 30 years of the pro-life movement in Dallas and then discuss what happens now.

Karen takes us through the early days, including her friendship with Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" in *Roe vs. Wade*, how she was manipulated by pro-abortion lawyers, her conversion to Catholicism, and the lifelong regret of her role that paved the way to legalizing abortion in this country.

"The pro-life message was never about saying no to abortion, but saying yes to life."

— Becky Visosky

Becky's background in law helped advance CPLC's civic action efforts and elevate CPLC's brand into a model for peaceful pro-life activism and service to the most vulnerable in this community. Geralyn's tenure has built on the sturdy foundation left by her predecessors to elevate CPLC into an organization that is ready to face the challenges and opportunities ahead.



Scan the QR code above with your phone's camera to view the video.

The Catholic Pro-Life Community thanks Becky and Karen for their tireless efforts serving this organization and community; Bishop Edward Burns and the Diocese of Dallas for their guidance and support of our mission; and this great community which has supported CPLC through participation, donations, volunteerism, and prayers over the past 30 years in support of what St. John Paul II called *"the most important work on earth."*

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Patti Wood, Bucky & Baby Arnold
The culture of life, pro-life counselors,
fathers, mothers, & babies, a pro-life victory
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My mom, Rikie DenOuden
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All my grand and great children

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FEBRUARY

24-26 Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat (en español)

MARCH

11 Gabriel Angel Training (en español)

17-19 Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat (in English)

25 **30th Anniversary Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner**
Renaissance Dallas - Addison

APRIL

1 Gabriel Angel Training (in English)

7 Good Friday

9 Easter

MAY

1-31 Month of Mary

1 National Day of Prayer

23-25 Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat (en español)

MAY (CONTINUED)

TBD Annual Gravesite Memorial & Blessing
Cemetery of the Innocents

TBD One Million Rosaries for the Unborn

14 Mother's Day

JUNE

12-16 Youth for Life Middle School Boot Camp Jr

18 Father's Day

JULY

9 Summer Mass and Rosary

14-18 Overnight Boot Camp (High School)
University of Dallas

AUGUST

4-6 Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat (in English)

26-27 Project Joseph Retreat for men (in English)

For a complete calendar of CPLC activities and events, as well as updates to scheduled dates, please scan this QR code or visit prolifedallas.org/calendar



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