

ANNUAL  
**BISHOP'S  
PRO-LIFE  
DINNER**  
DIOCESE OF DALLAS

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND HONOREES – 1994-2023

1994            **Host & Keynote Speaker: Bishop Charles V. Grahmann**

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Father Robinson

Also honored:

Hike for Life, Inc. – Ed Hubboch

Jump Start for Life – David DeMattia & Tammy Amosson

1995            Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jack Willke

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Dr. Janet E. Smith

The Bishop's Five-Point Pro-Life Plan Awards:

Prayer – St. Rita Defend Human Life Outreach – accepted by Chris Gladu

Education – “True Love Waits” – John & Lisa Beaulieu

Political Action – Tom Pauken

Public Witness – Oldrich Tomanek & Bob Mangieri

Supportive Services – St. Joseph's Decade-A-Day for Life – accepted by Patty Sherrod

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plaque to The White Rose Women's Center – presented to John Everett

1996            Keynote Speaker: Father Frank Pavone

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Father Denis O'Brien, MM

Prayer – Father Tim Coble, O. Cist. & Father Gregory Schweers, O. Cist.

Education – Couple to Couple League of North Texas – accepted by Meg & Lonnie Jones

Political Action – Danny Dannemiller

Public Witness – Ann Hollacher & Rene Nevarez

Supportive Services – Hunt County Crisis Pregnancy Services – Jan & Max Mattson and Charles & Mary Nyquist

40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary Plaque presented to Bishop Grahmann

1997                    Keynote Speaker: Father Richard John Neuhaus

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Sheila Higgins  
Prayer – Dean & Jan (In Memoriam) Perkins  
Education – Kevin Dougherty, Mary Immaculate Youth Minister  
Public Witness – All Saints Catholic Church – accepted by Monsignor Robert Rehkemper (for display of white crosses on Roe anniversary)  
Political Action – Susan Collis & Deacon Larry Lucido  
Supportive Services – Dr. Roy & Elizabeth Heyne – Low Birth Weight Development Center

1998                    Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bernard Nathanson

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Laura Garcia Weston  
  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Anthony Pondant (In Memoriam)  
  
Prayer – Mitch & Barbara Kralis, Jesus Through Mary Foundation  
Education – Susan Heller Stanzel, Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation of Texas  
Public Witness – Jim Jenkins  
Political Action – The Honorable Will Hartnett  
Supportive Services – Patty Sherrod, CPLC Director of Project Gabriel

1999                    Keynote Speaker: Francis Cardinal George

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Gerri Everett  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father J. Carl Vogel  
Prayer – Margie Giangliulo  
Education – Father Jonathan Austin  
Public Witness – Jeanne Ganz  
Political Action – Mike Drake  
Supportive Services – Paul Robertson

Jubilee Year 2000                    Keynote Speaker: Coadjutor Bishop Joseph A. Galante

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Norma Leah McCorvey, Roe No More Ministry  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Joseph Mehan, Jr.  
Prayer – Lupe Gladu, CPLC Prayer Ministry Director  
Education – Sheree Havlik, CPLC Speakers Bureau Director  
Public Witness – Maria Graham, Jennifer Havlik & Chantel Marshall  
Political Action – Chuck Neubecker, CPLC Political Action Director, & the Political Action Group  
Supportive Services – Diana Morin, LPC

2001            Keynote Speaker: Frederica Mathewes-Green

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Dr. J. Patrick McCarty  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Mark Seitz  
Prayer – Veronica Quiasua  
Education – Jeff Cannon, Monique Taylor, Kevin Majeres, Dwight Yin – UT Southwestern  
Physicians for Life  
Public Witness – Lisa Cannon  
Civic Action – Colleen Parro  
Supportive Services – Dr. Grace Puente Davidson

45<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary Plaque presented to Bishop Charles Grahmann

2002            Keynote Speaker: Monsignor Philip Reilly

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Fonda Lash, CPLC Convert-to-Life  
Ministry Director, Ann Hollacher & Paul Robertson, CPLC Convert-to-Life Missionaries  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Paul Weinberger  
Prayer – Carol Seward  
Education – Lydia Torrez & Terry McElhone, St. Cecilia School  
Public Witness – St. Monica Parish, accepted by Monsignor John Meyers, pastor  
Civic Action – Ron Engler  
Supportive Services – Mark & Barbara Hennes, CPLC Abortion AfterCare-Healing / The Rachel  
Ministries Directors  
Outstanding Service as a Parish Pro-Life Coordinator / Cluster Leader – Georgia Fitzhugh

2003            Keynote Speaker: Alan Keyes

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Tom & Sue Cyr  
Prayer – Mike & Sonhi Cole  
Education – Katie Reich  
Public Witness – Jeanette Sliter & Barbara Powell  
Civic Action – Ellen Eisenlohr Dorn, CPLC Civic Action Director  
Supportive Services – Ellen L. Rossini, CPLC Gabriel Angel Coordinator

2004            Keynote Speaker: Bishop John W. Yanta

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Bob & Margaret Baillargeon  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Stephen Bierschenk  
Prayer – Paul & Darlene Robertson (with special diocesan medallion from the Bishop for Paul)  
Education – Jacquelyn Engler, CPLC Youth For Life Director  
Public Witness – Jackie Lee, CPLC Missionary Sidewalk Counselor  
Civic Action – Kassi Dee Patrick Marks  
Supportive Services – Virginia Murphy

2005                    Keynote Speaker: U.S. Congressman Chris Smith

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Zuzanna & James Fennell, Jr.  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father John Dick  
Prayer – 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Team: Carol & Lew Seward, Melaine & Luis Gutierrez,  
Diane & Morris Sutton and Marie Schädë-Wood  
Education – Terri McLaughlin, CPLC & Texans for Life Coalition Education Coordinator  
Public Witness – Richard & Theresa Martter  
Civic Action – Kyleen Wright, President, Texans for Life Coalition  
Supportive Services – Brian J. Tehan, Ph.D, J.D., The White Rose Family Law Center

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plaque to The White Rose Women’s Center – presented to John & Gerri Everett

2006                    Keynote Speaker: Michael Medved

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Bill & Loretta Schraufnagel  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Wilmer de Jesus Daza  
Prayer – Father Robert Maguire, O. Cist.  
Education – Cheryl Bain  
Public Witness – Daniel Vinzant  
Civic Action – Joe Kral  
Supportive Services – Jennifer Pruitt

2007                    Keynote Speaker: Jennifer O’Neill, Nat’l Spokeswoman for Silent No More Awareness  
Honorary Chair: Bob Baillargeon

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Xavier & Aurora Tinajero, CPLC  
Spanish Ministry Director  
The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Loyd Morris  
Prayer – The Charles & Patricia Rodriguez Family  
Education – Dave Palmer  
Public Witness – Roberta Robinson  
Civic Action – Jonathan Saenz  
Supportive Services – Jessie Anne Nobles, CPLC Project Gabriel Resources Coordinator

Retirement and Appreciation Gift presented to Bishop Charles Grahmann

2008

**Host: Bishop Kevin J. Farrell**

Keynote Speaker: Father Frank Pavone

Honorary Chairs: Walter (Ed) & Anita Johnson

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – JoAnn & Michael Murray

The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Father Greg Kelly

Prayer – Father Joseph Terra, FSSP

Education – Michelle Coker

Public Witness – Tom Clark, Knights of Columbus

Civic Action – Monica Ashour, The Highlands School

Supportive Services – Joe & Mary Borchard

2009

Keynote Speaker: Gianna Jessen

Honorary Chairs: Joe & Rebeca Peterman

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Dr. Daniel McDonald,  
NFP-only OB/GYN

The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, Diocese of  
Dallas, and Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Diocese of Fort Worth

Prayer – Jacquelyn Dudasko, CPLC Prayer Ministry Director

Education – Mary Kristin Toates & Rebecca Lowery

Public Witness – The boys of Columbian Squires Circle # 5106, St. John the Apostle, Terrell

Civic Action – Andrew Smith, CPLC Director of Communications

Supportive Services – Marianne Chapman

2010

Keynote Speaker: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and  
Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Special Guest: Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Director

Honorary Chairs: Patti & John T. Cody, Jr.

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Reverend David Allen and the  
Pro-Life Community of St. Francis Anglican Church

The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Prayer – Karen Mathers

Education – Gretchen Montgomery, Mount St. Michael Catholic School

Public Witness – Ronda Moreland

Civic Action – Andrew Rivas, Texas Catholic Conference

Supportive Services – Carolina Salazar, CPLC Project Gabriel Parenting Options Advisor

2011

Keynote Speaker: Carl A. Anderson

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Ray Guarendi

Honorary Chairs: Roger Scott, Dallas Diocesan Deputy, Knights of Columbus

Tom Clark, Texas & Diocesan Pro-Life Chairman, Knights of Columbus

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Carol Everett

The Bishop Grahmann Award for Exemplary Pro-Life Leadership – Bishop Mark Seitz

Prayer – 2010 40 Days for Life-Dallas Vigil Leaders – Joanne Underwood & Lauren Muzyka,  
Campaign Directors, and Susan Platt & Mike Swain, Vigil Coordinators

Education – Omar Aguilar

Public Witness – Mark Feldman

Civic Action – Joe Pojman, Ph.D., Texas Alliance for Life

Supportive Services – Jeannette Goodman

2012

Keynote Speaker: John Schneider

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Honorary Chairs: Jan and Thom Schliem

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P.\*, Pro-Life Person of the Year – Angela (Angie) Heiter

*\*Our beloved Father Robinson, 97 (May 13, 1914 – March 29, 2012), "Patriarch of the Pro-Life Movement in Dallas," passed through the veil to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at 9:25 p.m. on March 29, 2012, just over two weeks before the 2012 Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner. Eternal rest grant unto Father Robinson, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

2013

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alveda King

Special Guest: David Bereit

Master of Ceremonies: Bill Orender

Honorary Chairs: Harry and Norma Longwell

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Beth Riley

2014

Featured Performer: Collin Raye

Special Guest: David VanVickle

Master of Ceremonies: Bill Orender

Honorary Chairs: Nathan and Diana Harris

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – Tom Clark, David Holder, and Chris Matera (in memoriam)

2015            Featured Performer: Kathy Trocoli  
Special Guest: Shawn Carney  
Master of Ceremonies: Patrick Coffin, Catholic Answers  
Honorary Chairs: Michael and Barbara Weller

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – The Jonas and Tricia Roos Family

2016            Featured Speaker: Eduardo Verástegui  
Special Guest: Omar Aguilar  
Master of Ceremonies: Susan Platt  
Honorary Chairs: Alfredo and Irma Duarte

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Brandy Hayes

2017            **Host: Bishop Edward J. Burns**  
Featured Speaker: Eric Metaxas  
Special Guest: Ramona Treviño  
Master of Ceremonies: Sheree Havlik  
Honorary Chairs: Joe and Kathy Murphy

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Karen Garnett

2018            Featured Speaker: Kevin Sorbo  
Special Guest: Fr. Jason Cargo  
Master of Ceremonies: Susan Platt  
Honorary Chairs: Marc and Georgia Lyons

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders Flame Honorees: Bishop Charles Grahmann, Fr. Edward Robinson, O.P. (in memoriam), John Everett (in memoriam), J.R. “Danny” Dannemiller (in memoriam), Karen Garnett, Sheila Higgins, Anne Lesniak, and Deacon Wayne Nacey, and Bill Orender, and Paulette Standefer

2019            Featured Performer: Tenth Avenue North  
Special Guest: Mike Weller  
Master of Ceremonies: Dave Palmer  
Honorary Chairs: John and Dorothy O’Dwyer

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – James Widman and Randy LeGrand

2020            Featured Guest: Jennifer Bricker  
Special Guest: Kristin Hawkins  
Master of Ceremonies: Omar Aguilar  
Honorary Chairs: Ron and Alphecca Nguyen

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – None

2021            Featured Performer: Francesca Battistelli  
Special Guest: Jason Jones  
Master of Ceremonies: John Rhadigan  
Honorary Chairs: Michael G and JoAnn Murray

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Becky Visosky

2022            Featured Performer: Jamie Thietten  
Special Guest: Dave Moore  
Featured Presentation: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann  
Master of Ceremonies: Louis Murad  
Honorary Chairs: Tom and Sue Chambers

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Joseph P. Behan, M. D.

2023            Featured Performer: Curtis Stephan  
Special Guest: Lou Holtz  
Master of Ceremonies: Reggie Brooks  
Honorary Chairs: Joseph and April Behan

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Person of the Year – Dave Palmer