

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND HONOREES – 1994-2024

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

10th 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

40th 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

45th 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

20th 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

25th 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

2024 Special Guest: Tim Tebow
Master of Ceremonies: Jeff Schiefelbein
Honorary Chairs: John and Kathleen Pelletier

The Father Edward Robinson, O.P., Pro-Life Persons of the Year – John & Dorothy O'Dwyer