



Office of the Bishop

DIocese of Dallas

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin the season of Advent in anticipation of celebrating the Christ Child, I write to you today about a special opportunity to give thanks for the gift of life from our Lord and pray for those who have been denied that gift.

On **January 19, 2019**, thousands of North Texas Catholics will gather to memorialize the 46th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that has led to the loss of over 60 million children in the United States. Please join me as we remember this tragic loss and witness to the beauty of life at the **Roe Memorial Mass** and **North Texas March for Life**.

The 2019 theme is “A Post-Roe World: Equal Dignity, Equal Support.” This message encourages us to pray and march for a better world in which women *with* their children are valued, in which families are supported, and life is celebrated as sacred without exception. I invite you and your family to a full day of events on January 19th, including:

- **Peaceful Prayer** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. outside Dallas abortion facilities,
- **Youth For Life Rally** beginning at 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude Chapel in downtown Dallas,
- **Procession of Roses** at 9:45 a.m. at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe,
- **Roe Memorial Mass** at 10:00 a.m. at Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, and
- **North Texas March for Life** at 12:30 p.m. from Cathedral to rally at federal courthouse.

For more information about these events, please visit prolifedallas.org/roe or contact the Catholic Pro-Life Committee at 972-267-LIFE (5433).

I look forward to sharing this important day with you and your family. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas