



# NEWSLETTER



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### JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 MEETING CALDWELL 7:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 MARCH FOR LIFE-AUSTIN
26 FALLOUT CALDWELL 10:00 AM	27	28	29	30	31	

### NEWS

We mourn the loss of our brother, Sir Knight Dominic Bertone, who passed away on November 5, 2013. Our condolences go out to his wife and family, and to his many acquaintances.

We wish to thank Leon Rieger for volunteering to fill the unexpired term of Jesse Gutierrez, as our one year trustee.

Our next meeting will be in Caldwell, starting with Brookshire Brothers chicken or something better.

We will fall out at St. Mary's in Caldwell on Jan. 26, for the 10:00 AM Mass. We need to be there around 9:30.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The annual Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day will be observed on January 25, 2014. All this starts at San Jose Church, at 2435 Oak Crest in Austin, with a pro-life rosary at 9:45 AM, followed by Mass with Bishop Vasquez at 10:30 AM.

There is then a break for lunch, which you can get at the parish for a cost of \$5.00, or you can follow us to the Whataburger on 1st street. We then meet at 1600 North Congress at 1 PM for the march which starts at 1:30 PM. After the march to the Capitol, you can either stay for all the speakers, or you can make your way back to the starting point and head for home.

If you are looking for a place to take your family or your children's family, without having to spend a bundle of money on rides or games or other such stuff, this is the thing to do. It is the perfect one day outing, and you will feel a lot better when you get home. Plus all that walking will stretch all those muscles that haven't been used in a while. You might even get your picture taken with Bishop Vasquez, or if he is not available, you can have your photo with Josiah Barrow or Hubert Polansky.

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## CARDINAL O'MALLEY CALLS FOR COMPASSION, HOPE, ACTION IN 2013 RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

WASHINGTON—In a statement marking Respect Life Month, October 2013, Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston exhorted Catholics to “engage others and share the truth about human life.” Cardinal O'Malley, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), addressed various threats to human life and the need to entrust pro-life efforts to prayer.

Cardinal O'Malley stressed the link between a lack of faith and threats to those who are most vulnerable: “We live in a society of unbelief, where the unborn, the sick, and the elderly are often unwanted and endangered by acts of violence or neglect.” He noted especially the loss of “over fifty-five million unborn children's lives” from 40 years of legalized abortion after Roe v. Wade, and the spread of legalized physician-assisted suicide in three states “allowing doctors to...end patients' lives rather than provide much-needed comfort in times of pain and distress.”

In the face of these challenges, Cardinal O'Malley stressed hope in the love of God.

By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person,” he said. “Though we are capable of sins against human life such as abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, we are not beyond Christ's mercy.”

“We must personally engage others and share the truth about human life,” he said. “All members of the Church can bring healing to the world by upholding the beauty of human life and God's unfailing mercy” especially to “those who have been involved in abortion.”

Inspired by Pope Francis' call to all people of good will, the Respect Life Program's theme for 2013-14 is: “Open your hearts to life!” Cardinal O'Malley explained the spiritual theme. “We must respond to Pope Francis' call with great urgency. Opening our hearts to life in Christ empowers us for loving, merciful action toward others,” he said, “Only a tender, compassionate love that seeks to serve those most in need, whatever the personal cost, is strong enough to overcome a culture of death and to build a civilization of love.”

Begun in 1972, the Respect Life Program stresses the value and dignity of human life. It is observed in the 195 Catholic dioceses in the United States. The cardinal's full statement in English and Spanish and other Respect Life Program resources for 2013-14 may be found at [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife).

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