



THE CHURCH *of* ST ALBAN *the* MARTYR

A Parish of the Anglican Church in North America

To the Bishop, Clergy, and Delegates of the Diocese of Fort Worth,

This past year many of our parishes engaged in Pro-Life efforts in their local communities. Perhaps one of simplest and most encouraging opportunities we have is the annual North Texas March for Life. Thousands of people gather from across the state to be a joyful voice for those who are voiceless in our society. We had a small contingent of faithful churchmen from our diocese who attended this year. We met up with other Anglicans from the Reformed Episcopal Church parishes in Dallas. Next year's march will be on January 18th, 2023 in downtown Dallas. We generally begin with Mass at St Francis Anglican Church beforehand. Everyone in the diocese – clergy and lay – is invited and encouraged to participate. If you have not been involved in Pro-Life ministry before, the March for Life is an energizing thing to experience, and an encouragement to all who attend.

With the overturning of Roe vs Wade in 2022, it is now more important than ever that we “double down” on our commitment to creating a culture which upholds the inherent dignity of all human persons from the moment of conception until natural death (ACNA Constitution & Canons – 8.3). In recent months we have seen increased attention given to both abortion and the ethical problems associated with “In Vitro Fertilization” (IVF). We have an opportunity to be a sign of contradiction in a culture which continually seeks to commodify the human person. Our parishes and missions are surrounded by many wonderful existing Pro-Life ministries that can benefit from our support. These include: crisis pregnancy centers, pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, Pro-Life counseling & mentorship groups, “stand-and-pray campaigns” such as 40 Days for Life, and many others. Please consider partnering with some of these local efforts.

I am looking forward to working with Bishop Reed and the people of our diocese to strengthen and grow our Pro-Life ministry. All who are interested in collaborating to promote the Gospel of Life may contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted.

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