

*"I came so that  
they might  
have life and  
have it more  
abundantly."*

*John 10:10*

# ***LETTERS FOR LIFE***

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### **TAKING TIME TO EXPRESS AFFIRMATION AND APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT OF THE TCHD ADVOCACY**

#### **Background**

On Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, by unanimous consent, the Board of Central Health (formerly the Travis County Healthcare District) approved contracts to fund abortion services, allocating the use of \$450,000 of property taxes from Travis County residents.

The 9-0 vote of the Central Health Board is not an accurate indication of our advocacy's effect on this issue. Consideration needs to be given to TCHD's history with this entrenched abortion funding program. Please take time to read "Reflections on the TCHD Vote" to appreciate the unprecedented pro-life opposition to abortion that occurred in our Diocese.

The advocacy that was promoted in our Diocese has brought to light the unacceptable use of tax funds dedicated to healthcare in Travis County. Our advocacy will continue until there are no funds being used for abortion, so that healthcare efforts in Travis County will be committed to supporting the well-being of both the pregnant mother and her child.

#### **Affirmation and Appreciation**

Our advocacy could not have been possible without the generous response of the Pastors and the "people in the pews" of our Diocese. We also benefited from collaboration with Texas Alliance for Life, who "broke" the news about the abortion funding, and other pro-life community organizations. But it took a firmly resolved and responsive leadership to educate and mobilize the Diocese to the extent that was realized. This would not have been possible without an exceptional Diocesan staff under the very capable leadership of Msg. Mulvey.

Msg. Mulvey is singled out for our Letter for Life this month. End of year obligations make this an exceptionally busy time for a Diocesan Administrator. In spite of many extraordinary demands on his time, Msg. Mulvey's support for this advocacy and the attention it necessitated helped to produce an unprecedented effort for Life in our Diocese. Please take time to thank our Administrator for his leadership, his very dedicated staff, and his unwavering commitment to Life. Send letters to:

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