

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

John 10:10

LETTERS FOR LIFE

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**OFFICE OF
PRO-LIFE
ACTIVITIES
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LIVING**



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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES AND CHASTE LIVING

Background

Beginning in September 2009 the Gabriel Project Life Centers have experienced a dramatic loss of grant funds. This loss in revenue resulted in the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living being short-staffed in order to accommodate the pressing needs of the Life Centers. This is impacting the staff's availability to support their other apostolates, including outreach, education and public policy.

In order to raise funds to off-set the loss of the grant and to develop frequently requested efforts such as a quality Speakers Bureau on life issues and the new Theology of the Body Certification, the 1st annual Pro-Life Benefit Gala has been planned for

Saturday, March 27, from 5:30 – 9 pm
at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock.

***The goal is to raise \$100,000 to accommodate the above needs
as well as to help improve currently existing ministries.***

This Diocesan-wide event will feature Dr. Janet Smith, an expert on Catholic teachings on sexuality and bioethics, who will offer the keynote address on "A Culture of Life vs A Culture of Death". The Benefit Gala will also provide information on how our Diocese is building a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love in Central Texas. We hope you can attend and invite others to join you.

If you cannot attend the Gala, consider purchasing tickets and donating them to your parish or friends so that others can attend in your place. Those not familiar with our Diocesan Pro-Life efforts may be inspired to become involved because of what they experience at the Gala.

You can also help by collecting items for the **silent auction**, by being a **volunteer** at the Gala, or by encouraging your parish or parish organizations to **sponsor a table**. YOUR support, in any of these ways, will make a difference!

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Your help is needed to make the Gala a success! Please take the time to encourage family and friends to support the event. You can help advertise the Gala by sending this letter and attached flyer and registration form, encouraging the recipients to also forward the information to others. Proceeds from the Gala will help our Diocese develop a powerful pro-life presence throughout all of Central Texas, and we want all of Central Texas to know this Good News.

*For more information go to: www.austindiocese.org/prolifegala or call
the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living at (512) 949-2486.*