



DIocese OF DALLAS

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Office of the Bishop

John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy
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Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

As the Bishop of Dallas, I am extremely proud of the work and success of our Natural Family Planning Center of Dallas, Inc. Begun just 7 years ago, the program has grown from start-up with fewer than 25 teachers, to a diocesan-wide activity, with over 100 teachers serving a majority of our parishes. Astonishing success.

Natural family planning is a critical tenet of the Roman Catholic Church, probably best articulated in Pope Paul VI's Encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, nearly 40 years ago. Pope Paul stressed the sacredness of marriage and the Church's teaching respecting the natural law and the will of God in family planning. God gave us the knowledge and understanding to plan our families in a responsible way.

This program provides the necessary knowledge and understanding for couples to follow the teaching of the Church and natural law, and at the same time, to protect the health of the mother. For many poorer families, this is critically important in not only family planning but also financial planning.

As the program has grown dramatically, so have the costs. Yet cost cannot be reason enough to limit this precious and important program. This grant from the Kenedy Foundation would be a wonderful boost to enable the program to continue its rapid growth and add needed on-line services as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request for assistance.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, D.D.
Bishop of Dallas