



Roman Catholic
Diocese of Lubbock



Texas Catholic
Conference of Bishops

Advocacy Day 2017

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 Austin, Texas

**Registration
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On **Tuesday, April 4**, Catholics from across the Lone Star State will unite for **Texas Catholic Conference Advocacy Day at the State Capitol**. This bi-annual rally is hosted by the Texas Bishops brings thousands of Catholics from around the state to Austin to advocate for **LIFE**, to stand for **SOCIAL JUSTICE**, and to promote the tenets of our **FAITH** to members of the Texas Legislature. The Bishops and event participants will address a broad range of diverse issues including advance directives reform, school choice tax credit scholarships, payday lending, justice for immigrants, access to care for the poor and vulnerable and regulation that protects human life.

Ways you can participate:

- Pray that our Texas legislators will hear the voice of Catholics throughout the state.
- As soon as possible, visit www.txcatholic.org to become a Texas Catholic and begin receiving legislative updates.
- Familiarize yourself with our bishops' priorities for the 85th Legislature, the various legislation pending and why the Bishops of Texas support or oppose certain bills. Promote these issues in your parishes and schools.
- Attend a **Legislative Briefing at 6 p.m. March 9** in the Catholic Renewal Center, 4620 Fourth Street, Lubbock.
- Call and let your representatives know that you support the priorities of the Catholic Bishops. Find who represents you at <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>
- Attend a **Mass with Most Reverend Robert M. Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock, at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 2** at St. Elizabeth University Parish to pray for those participating in Advocacy Day in Austin.
- Join the Diocese of Lubbock delegation going to Austin **April 3-4** for Advocacy Day.



The Diocese of Lubbock will provide travel, meals and lodging to the first 100 people to register for Advocacy Day 2017. Bus transportation will leave early **Monday, April 3, 2017** from the Catholic Renewal Center and return late **Tuesday, April 4, 2017**.

Attendees will participate in an opening Mass at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin on Monday night. On Tuesday, wearing the royal blue Advocacy day T-shirt, attendees will be part of the opening of the legislative day in each house, make legislator visits, attend a press conference on the steps of the Texas State Capitol, tour the capitol and enjoy lunch on the Capitol lawn. Students will participate in a mock hearing. **\$50 for adults/\$35 for students** includes bus transportation, T-shirt, hotel accommodations on Monday night, meals and snacks.

Don't miss this opportunity to be the Catholic voice in our government.

For more information contact: Cynthia Quintanilla, TCC Advocacy Day Chair at (806) 765-8475 or Cynthia@cclubbock.org



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Full Name: _____

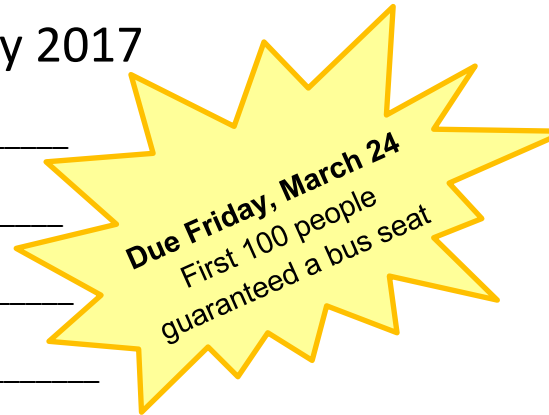
Parish/City: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip _____

Phone Number (Cell): _____ e-mail: _____

Age: _____ Youth** please provide name of chaperone: _____



Select all options that apply to you

- T-shirt needed in size (circle please) Adult: S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL Youth: S M L XL
The T-shirts are very similar to the ones used in 2015, if you attended in 2015 you may prefer to wear that one as there is no date on the shirt.
- I am a youth minister or Catholic school teacher responsible for teens on this trip.
- I have enclosed \$35 student or \$50 adult to pay for: (select one)
 - (bus/hotel/T-shirt) (bus/hotel) (hotel/T-shirt) (hotel only)
- Enclosed is my cash or check made payable to the Diocese of Lubbock.
Debit/Credit accepted by phone. Call Annabelle Ocañas at (806) 792-3943 ext 214 to pay with credit card.
- I will attend but will arrange my own hotel, meals and transportation.
No mileage reimbursements are authorized for persons not traveling by bus.
- I am not coming but will join you in prayer
Please consider attending the Mass with Bishop Coerver at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at St. Elizabeth.
- I am not coming but will contact my State Senator and State Representative by email, mail, phone to ask for his/her support of the Catholic Bishops' Legislative Agenda.
*Find who your state rep is: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>
Please consider attending the Legislative Briefing at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9 at the Catholic Renewal Center.*
- I have a personal relationship with state senator(s) or representative(s). Please share the name(s) of the legislators you know personally: _____

**Orientation for parents and participants traveling to Austin:
Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. in the Catholic Renewal Center, 4620 Fourth Street, Lubbock.**

****Be sure to include your adult or youth Medical Release & Waiver of Liability with this registration form.**

Return this form with payment and waiver to Diocese of Lubbock, Attn: Annabelle Ocañas
PO Box 98700, Lubbock TX 79499-8700