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Texas Roman Catholic Bishops blacklist Texas Right to Life (**TRTL**) for reasons including:
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The **Texas [Roman] Catholic Conference of Bishops (TCCB)** issued a " **Parish Advisory on Texas Right to Life** " February 22, urging Texas * Roman Catholic "parishes not to participate in their (TRTL's) activities or allow the organization (TRTL) to use parish sites."

*There are **13 Roman Catholic Dioceses** and **2 Roman Catholic Archdioceses** in the State of Texas, with **more than 8 million** Roman Catholics statewide (the population of Texas is **more than 28 million**).

Texas Roman Catholic Bishops blacklist Texas Right to Life
Catholic News Agency
'**Texas bishops raise concerns about state pro-life group**'
March 1, 2018

Historical background : The US Roman Catholic Bishops organized National Right to Life in **1968**

National Right to Life Committee

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Right_to_Life_Committee

National Right to Life was originally formally organized by the US Roman Catholic Bishops (then-**NCCB**) in **1968**.

National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) originally founded in 1968 under the auspices of the National Conference of [Roman] Catholic Bishops (NCCB)

"The Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973, overthrowing all existing abortion laws, led to an enormous growth in the movement. The National Right to Life Committee which had been founded in 1968 under the auspices of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in 1973 became autonomous and non-sectarian. It is the largest and most influential national organization, with well over two thousand local affiliates by the 1980s."

Posted August 1, 2010

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2010-07-26-National-Right-to-Life-Comm-originally-founded-1968-under-auspices-of-Natl-Conf-of-Catholic-Bishops.doc>
<http://lefemineforlife.net/?p=480>

National Right to Life is the daughter of the US Roman Catholic Bishops.



"Texas bishops raise concerns about state pro-life group" [[printable version](#)]

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/texas-bishops-raise-concerns-about-state-pro-life-group-77851>

March 1, 2008

Excerpt [emphasis, additional information added]:

"The TCCB [Texas Conference of [Roman] Catholic Bishops] cited **Texas Right to Life's opposition to incremental pro-life reforms**, such as laws that restrict certain types of abortion rather than outlaw the act entirely, ... and issues with the organization's voter guide among their concerns about the organization."

Austin, Texas, Mar 1, 2018 / 07:00 pm (CNA).- The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops has suggested churches in Texas sever ties with pro-life group Texas Right to Life, encouraging Catholic to volunteer with other pro-life groups in the state.

The TCCB's advisory was read after Masses and printed in church bulletins in the Diocese of Fort Worth last Sunday.

Texas Right to Life is the state affiliate of National Right to Life.

The TCCB urged in a [parish advisory notice](#) that Catholics not be involved with Texas Right to Life's activities and that parishes not allow the organization to use their sites for events.

The TCCB cited Texas Right to Life's opposition to incremental pro-life reforms, such as laws that restrict certain types of abortion rather than outlaw the act entirely, and mentioned "conflicts on end-of-life reform" and issues with the organization's voter guide among their concerns about the organization.

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The TCCB claimed that Texas Right to Life's voter guide excluded pro-life members of the Texas legislature, and "was not based on a fair analysis of a legislator's work."

"Unfortunately, a number of legislators who have consistently voted for pro-life and end of life legislation have been opposed by Texas Right to Life," said the bishops.

The TCCB encouraged people to volunteer their time with other pro-life organizations as well as Church-sponsored pro-life ministries.

On its website, Texas Right to Life issued a [statement](#) defending themselves from the TCCB's claims, saying they were "disappointed but not surprised." Texas Right to Life stated that the bishops were being "uncharitable" in their description of the group, and that they had in fact worked hard to secure wins in the legislature.

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The US Roman Catholic Bishops organized National Right to Life in [1968](#).

National Right to Life is the daughter of the US Roman Catholic Bishops.

Texas Right to Life is the Texas [state chapter](#) of National Right to Life (for now !)

Texas Right to Life has been officially and publicly rebuked and sanctioned by the Texas Roman Catholic Bishops (TCCB) for reasons including not falling in line

with the TCCB's even moreso perpetual incremental regulation of child-murder-by-
"abortion",
and for opposing RINO allies of the TCCB in the Texas State Legislature in TRTL's
scorecard.

As gradualist turned abolitionist American [William Lloyd Garrison](#) asked rhetorically
regarding the
battle in America to end Slavery in the 1800's:

"... Has not the experience of two centuries shown that gradualism in theory is perpetuity in
practice?"

Observations :

1) Even though Texas Right to Life is significantly incrementalist, having previously
supported the detestable so-called "[pain capable](#)" legislation, and the repugnant
"[dismemberment](#)" bill [neither of which establishes justice as does [personhood](#) ,
which TRTL has [not](#) advocated], [TRTL is still not incrementalist enough for
Rome's
Pope - appointed Bishops in Texas](#) , as TRTL did not support other incrementalist
legislation supported by the TCCB.

2) TRTL also took to task RINO's in the Texas State Legislature who obstructed
even TRTL's
incrementalist bills, and opposed them in the TRTL scorecard. The Texas Roman
Catholic
Bishops took offense at RINO allies of the TCCB in the Texas State Legislature
being scored
negatively in TRTL's voter's guide. The Texas Republican Primary was scheduled
for [March 6](#).

To paraphrase William Lloyd Garrison and adapt his quote to the most important human
rights battle currently in America:

"... Has not the experience of over four decades shown that incrementalism in theory is the
perpetuation
of child-murder-by-"abortion" in practice?"

Additional Coverage and Information :

Texas [Roman] Catholic Conference of [Bishops (TCCB)

THE PUBLIC POLICY VOICE OF THE [ROMAN CATHOLIC] CHURCH [IN TEXAS]

Parish Advisory on Texas Right to Life

<https://fwdioc.org/TCCB-parish-advisory-texas-right-to-life.pdf>

[Excerpts, emphasis added, edited]

The organization Texas Right to Life at times seeks volunteers from parishes and Catholic schools to participate in their efforts. We write to inform you of our concerns with Texas Right to Life and **we urge parishes not to participate in their activities or allow the organization to use parish sites.**

1. Conflicts on pro-life reform. Texas Right to Life often opposes the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops and has implied that the bishops do not faithfully represent Church teaching. **Part of the dispute is rooted in Texas Right to Life's rejection of incremental pro-life reforms,** which bishops support following the guidance of St. [CLL/CCL: sic] John Paul II's **Evangelium Vitae**. An incremental reform is one which improves the current situation but does not reform the status quo as much as we might desire. It is "incrementally" better than the status quo.

Evangelium Vitae states:

A particular problem of conscience can arise in cases where a legislative vote would be decisive for the passage of a more restrictive law, aimed at limiting the number of authorized abortions, in place of a more permissive law already passed or ready to be voted on... This [vote] does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects. (EV, 73) [CLL/CCL: sic]

CLL/CCL Note: **Evangelium Vitae** [V atican] translated from Latin to English means: "Gospel of Life" [sic]. It was promulgated by former Pope John Paul II in 1995. So here we see Papal / Vatican endorsement for incremental child-murder regulation legislation, going back over 20 years. Christians, this is part of what we are fighting by advocating Biblically-based personhood legislation which seeks to establish justice for preborn human beings consistent with the Word of God (e.g., the Sixth Commandment, Exodus 20:13, **KJV**). **The Bible is NOT the supreme authority for Rome.** Rome is one of the

biggest obstacles to **ENDING**

(instead of perpetually, incrementally "regulating") child-murder-by-"abortion" in America.

Rome's so-called "Gospel of Life" [sic]

defends the incremental regulation of child-murder. **At the same time, Rome's Pope-appointed Bishops in Multiple States have opposed Personhood Legislation !!!**

Personhood Report :

Opposition of **Pope - Appointed** US Roman Catholic Bishops to Multiple States' Personhood Legislation: 2006 - 2012

Michigan (2006)

Georgia (2008)

Colorado (2008, 2009/2010, 2012)

Montana (2008, 2009)

North Dakota (2009)

Florida (2009)

Missouri (2010)

Mississippi (2011)

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2018-01-09-Opposition-of-Pope-Appointed-US-Roman-Catholic-Bishops-to-Multiple-States-Personhood-Legislation-2006-2012.pdf>

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Texas Right to Life responds to unjustified attack

<https://www.texasrighttolife.com/texas-right-to-life-responds-to-unjustified-attack-by-texas-catholic-conference/>

BY **TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE** ON FEBRUARY 24, 2018

[Excerpts, emphasis added]

Texas Right to Life is disappointed but not surprised by recent politically motivated attacks about the endorsements

made in the upcoming Republican Primary Election on March 6.

Texas Right to Life has worked for decades with diverse stakeholders and advocacy organizations to build consensus

on needed life-saving incremental reforms. [**CLL/CCL: sic - All incremental child-murder-regulation bills are**

"fake" bills which do not establish justice as the proper use of the law requires.]

"... most life-saving legislation was killed in the committee process, ..."

"... one of the goals of this upcoming Republican Primary Election is to defeat a few more of the liberal House leadership and those with ties to the Austin Establishment. In doing so, Texas Right to Life has endorsed challengers and incumbents who are committed to new leadership in the Texas House - ..."

"... lukewarm incumbents in power."

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Texas State Representative Matt Rinaldi letter
to Dallas Roman Catholic Bishop Edward Burns
- Feb 26, 2018

<https://4580-presscdn-0-3-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-rinaldi-letter.pdf>

[Texas Representative Matt Rinaldi supporting Texas Right to Life]

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Austin-American Statesman [Austin, Texas]

[Roman] Catholic bishops sever ties to Texas Right to Life, exposing rift

<https://www.mystatesman.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/catholic-bishops-sever-ties-texas-right-life-exposing-rift/ptea9UQIgmN2Lq01M1L43H/>

February 25, 2018

[Excerpts, emphasis, comment added]

On one side are Texas Right to Life and its close associate, Empower Texans. Fueled by social and religious conservatives, the groups have adopted a take-no-prisoners approach at the Capitol, particularly when it comes to attacking organizations and politicians that oppose or decline to fully support their priorities. Both groups have targeted House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, who is retiring, and other centrist Republicans, saying they have blocked abortion limits and other favored legislation

for too long.

On the other side are groups that Right to Life and Empower Texans have denigrated as “fake pro-life organizations” - including the [Roman] Catholic Conference of Bishops, Texas Alliance for Life and the Texans for Life Coalition.

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FOX News

[Roman] Catholic bishops cut ties with Texas anti-abortion group

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2018/02/26/catholic-bishops-cut-ties-with-texas-anti-abortion-group.html>

February 26, 2018

[Excerpts, emphasis added]

AUSTIN, Texas - Catholic bishops are directing churches across Texas to refrain from working with Texas Right to Life, exposing a widening rift in the state's anti-abortion movement .

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops released the written directive Thursday, the Austin American-Statesman reported

The group sets policy for the parishes serving 8.3 million Catholics in Texas.

Texas Right to Life, the oldest and largest anti-abortion group in the state, is well-funded by GOP donors, organizes conferences that attract top Republicans and its endorsements of GOP candidates for state and local office can affect primary elections.

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THE JESUIT REVIEW

Texas bishops cut ties with Texas Right to Life | America Magazine

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/03/02/texas-bishops-cut-ties-texas-right-life>

March 02, 2018

In a surprising move last week, the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops, the church's public policy voice in a state of more than eight million Catholics, directed all parishes to refrain from activities with Texas Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization.

"Texas Right to Life often opposes the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops and has implied that the bishops do not faithfully represent Church teaching," the bishops wrote in a [parish advisory](#). They went on to highlight three main areas where Texas Right to Life has misrepresented Catholic positions or made misleading attacks on Texas legislators.

On pro-life issues, the bishops cited Texas Right to Life's [opposition to incremental reforms](#) to reduce abortions like H.B. 200, [a state ban on partial-birth abortion](#), arguing that such an approach is in keeping with the guidance of St. [[CLL/CCL: sic](#)] John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae."

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[Roman Catholic conservatives]



TEXAS BISHOPS SLAM FAITHFUL PRO-LIFE GROUP

<https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/Texas-Bishops-Slam-Faithful-Pro-Life-Group>

ChurchMilitant.com • February 22, 2018

[Excerpts, emphasis, comments added]

[[Roman Catholic](#)] Church leaders shielding RINOs?

AUSTIN, Texas ([ChurchMilitant.com](#)) - Fake Republicans in Texas are losing, and the [[Roman](#)

] Catholic bishops

seem ready to sacrifice a faithful pro-life leader to defend them.

On Thursday, the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops issued a rebuke to Texas Right to Life, warning parishes

"not to participate in their activities or allow the organization to use parish sites."

Texas Right to Life, headed by outspoken [Roman] Catholic Jim Graham, has openly, consistently criticized the

"soft push" of GOP Establishment leaders who have obstructed pro-life legislation. The bishops, meanwhile - members

of the Church Establishment - are cozy with Texas RINOs (Republicans in Name Only).

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The bishops' denouncement of Texas Right to Life comes in the wake of a split looming inside the Texas Republican Party

- a winnowing of the conservative wheat from the Establishment chaff. Internal polling indicates Lone Star State RINOs

are facing extinction in the upcoming elections, and political insiders believe the bishops' "advisory" is a ploy to save

their political hides. By demonizing Texas Right to Life, they suggest, the bishops hope to preserve their political allies in office.

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Representing the Lone Star State's 13 dioceses and 2 archdioceses, the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops includes:

- Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston
- Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller of San Antonio
- Bishop Patrick J. Zurek of Amarillo
- Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin
- Bishop Curtis John Guillory of Beaumont
- Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville
- Bishop Michael Mulvey of Corpus Christi
- Bishop Edward J. Burns of Dallas
- Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso
- Bishop Michael F. Olson of Ft. Worth
- Bishop James Tamayo of Laredo
- Bishop Robert Coerver of Lubbock
- Bishop Michael J. Sis of San Angelo
- Bishop Joseph E. Strickland of Tyler
- Bishop Brendan J. Cahill of Victoria

The conference is available for comment:

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Texas bishops tell parishes to cut ties with pro-life group

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2018/02/25/texas-bishops-tell-parishes-cut-ties-pro-life-group/>

Feb 25, 2018

[Excerpts, emphasis, comment added]

[**Roman Catholic**] Bishops in Texas have told parishes in the state to not to participate in the activities of one of the state's largest pro-life organizations.

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops issued a statement on Feb. 22 stating that Texas Right to Life "has implied that the bishops do not faithfully represent Church teaching" and parishes should not host the organization.

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Texas Republicans Escalate Their War — on Each Other

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/article/texas-republicans-escalate-war/>

FEB 16, 2018

[Excerpts, emphasis added]

This primary season, the struggle between tea party and moderate Republicans is getting even more pointed.

The closer we get to the March 6 primary election, the more we should expect to see the conflict between centrist Republicans and far-right conservatives grow more intense. Already the intra-party struggles are increasing. Texas Right to Life is supporting four challengers to incumbent legislators deemed insufficiently anti-abortion. In Tarrant

County, four Republican state senators have denounced a county judge for saying that the current state budget is balanced on the back of local taxpayers. A Republican state senator from Lubbock calls claims that the state's share of public education funding has dropped to 38 percent "fake news." And the governor is wading into House races.

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Disagreement Pits Texas Anti-Abortion Advocates Against One Another

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/politics/bishops-versus-texas-right-to-life/>

FEB 26, 2018

A bruising primary season is now splitting incrementalists from absolutists.

The internecine struggle for control of the Republic Party of Texas took an unusual turn last week when the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops-the leaders of every Catholic diocese in the state-issued an advisory urging parishioners to boycott the much more aggressive anti-abortion group Texas Right to Life. In a letter, the bishops accused Texas Right to Life of dishonestly rating state legislators: "We urge parishes not to participate in their activities or allow the organization to use parish sites."

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Texas Catholic Conference Conducts Ugly, Unprecedented Attack on Texas Right to Life

A Blog for Dallas Area Catholics

<https://veneremurcernui.wordpress.com/2018/02/23/texas-catholic-conference-conducts-ugly-unprecedented-attack-on-texas-right-to-life/>

February 23, 2018

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Texas [Roman Catholic] Bishops Excommunicate Texas Right to Life
The American Catholic

<http://the-american-catholic.com/2018/02/26/texas-bishops-excommunicate-texas-right-to-life/>
February 26, 2018

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[TX Rep.] Cook exploits weak Pro-Life bills for campaign fodder

[CLL/CCL: All incremental child-murder-regulation bills are "fake" bills which do not establish justice

as the proper use of the law requires.]

<https://www.texasrighttolife.com/cook-exploits-weak-pro-life-bills-for-campaign-fodder/>

BY TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE ON APRIL 25, 2017

In the Texas House of Representatives, Byron Cook (R-Corsicana) is singlehandedly obstructing all priority Pro-Life legislation

that will save lives, move the cultural conversation in the right direction to opposing abortion, and advance the Pro-Life movement

toward the reversal of Roe v. Wade. Cook chairs the House Committee on State Affairs where Pro-Life bills are commonly heard

and voted to the next step in passage. While stalling the real Pro-Life bills, Cook and other establishment Republicans are wasting

time on weak legislation (fake, symbolic bills that do not save lives) that serves as campaign fodder for primary re-elections.

These fake bills are not only ineffective or non-priority, but these bills are detrimental to the Pro-Life movement.

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An honest look at rape and incest exceptions

<https://www.texasrighttolife.com/an-honest-look-at-rape-and-incest-exceptions/>

BY TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE ON JANUARY 25, 2012

[Excerpts, emphasis, comments added]

All innocent Life, including unborn babies resulting from rape and incest, deserve protection. Their lives are no less precious despite the tragic circumstances under which they were conceived.

Texas Right to Life has never, including during the most recent Texas Legislative Session, drafted Pro-Life bills and policies to include exceptions for rape and incest. However, in order to maximize the amount of Pro-Life legislation that is signed into law, Texas Right to Life has supported and lobbied for bills that included such exceptions to help make Texas law measurably more Pro-Life. [CLL/CCL: sic]

[CLL/CCL: Texas Right to Life does not advocate Personhood legislation]

(2011) Defeat of Mississippi's personhood amendment does not harm the Pro-Life movement

<https://www.texasrighttolife.com/defeat-of-mississippi-s-personhood-amendment-does-not-harm-the-pro-life-movement/>

BY TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE ON DECEMBER 9, 2011

[Excerpts, emphasis, comments added]

Although the election was a month ago, anti-Life advocates and media are still touting that the Pro-Life movement is on the decline and losing its momentum because the Personhood Amendment in Mississippi failed to pass in the November 8th election. However, Pro-Lifers should not be discouraged by Mississippi's failure to pass the recent Personhood Amendment. The reality is that Pro-Lifers have a stronger and more

politically vigilant

way to challenge the abortion agenda in the United States. [CLL/CCL: sic]

The Pro-Life movement's number one priority is to stop the 98 percent of abortions [CLL/CCL: sic] that occur out of convenience, yet personhood legislation is not the way to reach that goal right now [CLL/CCL: sic].

Personhood legislation skips many steps that are crucial to changing hearts, minds, and the legal context ' of abortion in Texas and the United States. [CLL/CCL: sic].

If a personhood law were to pass, its constitutionality would be challenged. The lawsuit would move up the courts and would ultimately be heard by the Supreme Court, thereby directly challenging Roe v. Wade. Having the right number of Pro-Life Supreme Court justices is essential to overturning Roe v. Wade [CLL/CCL: sic]. Currently, we do not have that number, and a decision by liberal judges would reaffirm Roe and prevent the Pro-Life position from being heard in that court for another several decades [CLL/CCL: sic].

However, we can take a different approach by crafting legislation that will eventually yield the opportunity to successfully overturn Roe v. Wade. This means defeating abortion through a strategy called **incrementalism**: ... [CLL/CCL: sic].

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