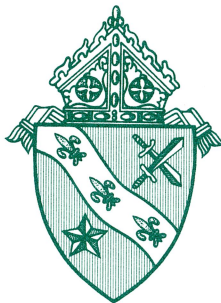


Diocese of Dallas



OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

April 27, 2016

Dear Dallas Area Interfaith and IAF Leaders,

I am writing to congratulate you on the 40th anniversary of your organizing efforts in the state of Texas. Since 1990 DAI has been involved in many significant issues of justice that affect the daily lives of so many people in the Dallas area. Your patient and persistent efforts to organize and train people to act on their own behalf with power they did not previously know they possessed has been very impressive. I think often of the Iron Rule: never do for others what they are capable of doing for themselves. You live this well. Leadership development is central to your work, helping people realize they own dignity and helping them raise their own voices to effect change. DAI's most recent efforts around issues of wage theft, housing standards and rest breaks for workers addresses basic standards of justice for those who many times are left out of the conversation.

Several of our local Catholic parishes are using the Congregational Development process to help themselves reflect internally on their mission as a parish; to raise up new leadership in the parish; and to look for effective ways of reaching out to the local community to address issues facing their members and facing others in the community.

As you continue to build on past successes and face current challenges may your efforts continue to be guided by the democratic values of our country and informed by the values of our Judeo-Christian tradition with special concern for the least of our brothers and sisters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Kelly".

Most Reverend Greg Kelly, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas