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### Texas Catholic Conference

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Catholic Conference is the association of the 15 Roman Catholic dioceses of Texas. The primary purpose of the Conference is to encourage and foster cooperation and communication among the dioceses and the ministries of the Catholic Church in Texas.

The Conference participates in public policy on behalf of the Bishops of Texas regarding institutional concerns of the Catholic Church as well as issues related to Catholic social teachings. The Education Department and Catholic Archives of Texas are also components of the TCC.

The TCC Education department, in cooperation with the diocesan schools office staffs, oversees the accreditation of the Catholic elementary and secondary schools of Texas. The Catholic Archives of Texas is the only Catholic state archival repository in the United States. The Archives' mission is to collect, preserve, and make available for research records of individuals and organizations who have been engaged in the ministries and works of the Catholic Church in Texas.

Andrew Rivas is the Conference's current executive director. Prior to coming to the TCC, Rivas spent five years as a policy advisor in the office of Social Development and World Peace at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC. Rivas has also served as an advocate on immigration, hunger and housing issues on behalf of Catholic Charities USA.

For more information on the Texas Catholic Conference, visit  
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