



2023 History Essay Contest

Homeschool 4th Grade Winner

Getting it Dunn for Tennessee

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“Be busy doing good so that you have no time for evil.” This was a quote that Bill Dunn said to his five children as he raised them. He and his wife Stacy were faithful Catholics who homeschooled their children in Knoxville, TN. Inspired by his faith Bill Dunn prayerfully decided to run for State Representative of the 16th district. Wanting to make Tennessee more pro-life and improve education for all students motivated him. During Dunn’s 26 years in office he was guided by his faith to help Tennessee improve.

Bill Dunn’s Catholic faith inspired him to help Tennessee to become a more pro-life state. Since he was a loyal Tennessee Right to Life member, he knew there weren’t many pro-life laws in Tennessee. Dunn wanted to change that. One of the first bills he passed made sure that tax money wasn’t spent on abortion. Over the years Dunn strongly supported all legislation brought by TRL that helped unborn children and their mothers. Most importantly, he voted for bill 1029, which made Tennessee abortion laws return to how they were before 1973. This bill

went into effect when Roe vs. Wade was overturned. Tennessee became a more pro-life state because of the hard work of Bill Dunn.

Bill Dunn helped better education in Tennessee. Since he had five children who were homeschooled, he knew the importance of a strong education. Passionately, Dunn helped TN students and schools. He was on the education committee while he served in the legislature. Defeating laws that were harmful for homeschooling families was his top priority. One of his main accomplishments was passing the ESA bill. This bill gave money to families so they could decide where their children should attend school. During his time in office, Tennessee students became the fastest improving in the nation. Bill Dunn's strong Catholic faith inspired him to care deeply about all children. This led him to work hard so that every child in Tennessee could have the best education possible.

There is no doubt that Bill Dunn's strong Catholic faith played an important role in how he participated in the legislature. Respecting life was one of his top priorities. While he was in office he helped Tennessee become a more pro-life state. Although he respected life in the womb he also deeply cared about children after they were born, which made him care about their education. Most significantly, Dunn let his faith guide him during his time in office. Boldly, Dunn worked to make Tennessee a great place to live. Many Tennesseans were proud to call Dunn their state representative. I am proud because he is my grandpa.

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