

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, most of you heard seminarian Sam Bellafiore talk about St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, the call to become a priest, the need for support from God's people around the Archdiocese. Sam had a good point when he said it is a little bit awkward to ask for financial assistance for the seminary system when so many people need help due to natural disasters. The truth is that so many regular causes need support in addition to emergencies. Our parish, The Archdiocese, the Seminary, the Pope, all need our help. This parish and many others do all we can to support many causes. Individuals do the same for many charities. With God's help, all of the genuine charities, including our Church, receive the funds they need to keep serving others. It is nothing short of a miracle that Catholics and other people of good will are able to do so much good. Please support today's Seminary Collection as best you are able.

Also, this weekend we have a speaker at Mass for Respect Life Sunday. Whether it is a Sunday, a weekend, a month or a whole year, we have to find ways to show our love for the gift of life which comes from God. Christopher Bell, who is co-founder of Good Counsel Homes for women in crises, often with crisis pregnancies, will tell us of the good works Good Counsel is able to do with help. (Deacon Peter Venezia, who is a Board Member of Good Counsel Homes, will speak on Saturday evening.) In addition to prayers for a greater respect for every human person, especially those who suffer and the unborn, we can help with the Baby Bottle Campaign. If everyone takes a look-alike Baby Bottle, fills it with change, cash or check, we can assist women and their babies in extreme need of help.

Like the baby in the manger at Bethlehem, we all need extra care when we are first born. We can never stop caring for God's people, born and unborn.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco