

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Several items to write about in this column. The first one is of high importance.

On Tuesday of this past week, I received very disturbing information from the chairwomen of The Respect Life Committee in our parish. On that day, the NY State Court of Appeals was to hear a case which sought to effectively undo the state's ban on physician prescribed suicide. What had promised to be a battle in the NY State Legislature now shifts to NY State's highest court. Once again, government executives are relying upon a handful of judges to reverse centuries of proven jurisprudence. At least in the Legislature, pro-lifers could make an argument against suicide in any form. When it comes to a court decision, there does not have to be a public debate. Sometimes politicians want to avoid putting issues up for a vote. Please pray that life be protected and defended by those with authority in government. We may have to become better organized to peacefully resist changes in laws which are made solely to give "rights" in situations in which they have never been given before. Certain behaviors have been forbidden by our Creator. Again, please pray that God's will be done!

Keep up the good work in living the faith! In our parish, as in so many parishes, there are some people who volunteer to assist in the work of the Church. Our volunteers help make all our programs effective for so many. Today, we will have a luncheon after the 12:30pm Mass for those who volunteer and have signed up for the luncheon. I wish I could do more to say thank you to our dedicated volunteers.

I will simply conclude by saying that it is hard to believe June is here. The weather has been damp and chilly these past few weeks, but summer is around the corner. Blessings upon all students, especially those graduating, and upon all our loved ones. God's peace to you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco