

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I first want to say that it was wonderful to have Archbishop Bernardito Auza here to celebrate the 12:30PM Mass last Sunday. He celebrated a prayerful Mass and gave a powerful homily in favor of life at every stage of development. It was uplifting and it reminded me of the task of Papal Nuncios, or Vatican Ambassadors, to bring the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, on behalf of the Pope, to the various countries of the world and also to the United Nations. It was an honor to have the Archbishop here and I ask that we keep him in our prayers as he finishes his assignment at the U.N. and prepares to become the Nuncio in Spain.

All of us priests delivered a strong pro-life message in our homilies last weekend, and I am grateful to the members of the parish Respect Life Ministry who staffed the table to distribute pro-life materials after all the Masses. It is important that we all try to help others to spread the word to defend life which comes from God. It is equally important that we try to change the culture away from accepting or promoting death when life is vulnerable or weak.

In addition to prayer and seeking to change the minds and hearts of lawmakers in New York State especially, I support the Respect Life Ministry's effort to show three pro-life movies in the Parish Center Hall for three Sundays in a row after the Sunday 5PM Mass. Some aspects of the movies are graphic and a bit disturbing but the three movies can change hearts in favor of life. *Gosnell* (today-October 13); *Instant Family* (October 20) and *Unplanned* (October 27). The first two are rated P.G. 13 and *Unplanned* is graphic enough so as to be for those 18 years and older only. Parents have to decide if younger family members can see these films, and young people must be accompanied by adults. All three movies, but especially the movie *Unplanned*, can help adults to realize without question the tragedy of ending life in the womb.

May God bless every person, born and unborn.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the typed name.