

Justice, Peace and Life

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Oppose State-Sanctioned Suicide!

We have been opposing the legalization of physician-assisted suicide (PAS) in NYS for years. Unfortunately, the NYS Assembly recently passed the legislation. **NOW** is the time to speak out to our NYS Senators in Albany.

Please note: PAS is not the same as allowing natural death to occur. Choosing not to undergo another round of chemotherapy at the end stage of cancer is not PAS. Administering narcotic pain medicine to a dying person with the intention of reducing her pain is not PAS.

PAS means a physician, who is bound by oath to “do no harm”, facilitating a person’s death by providing the means and/or the information to enable that person to end her life.

PAS discriminates against people with disabilities.

It threatens improvement of palliative care.

It contradicts the efforts to prevent suicide among teens and others contemplating killing themselves.

It puts vulnerable people at risk of coercion to end their lives by the heirs to their estates, or by insurance companies that don’t want to pay for care.

It is a slippery slope. As our NYS bishops **wrote**, “One only need to look to the example of our neighbor to the north, Canada, to understand the risk. That country passed a similar law to New York’s bill in 2016. Within a few short years, it was expanded to allow not only those with terminal illnesses, but also those with “chronic” illnesses, such as arthritis, to end their lives. In 2027, the law is set to expand to those whose only underlying condition is mental illness, such as depression, anxiety or anorexia.”

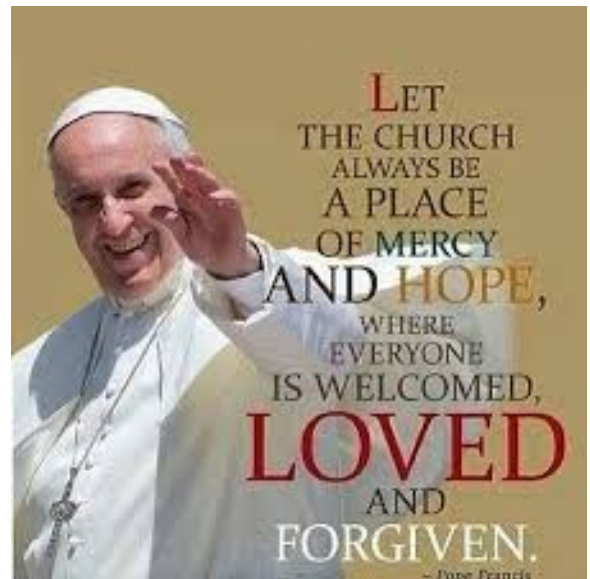
Go to this link: nosuicideny.org/take-action/contact-your-legislator/ where you can call AND email your state senator and ask for a **NO vote on PAS!**

More info at: www.nosuicideny.org and from author Jane St. Clair at this [link](#).

Requiescet in pace, Beloved Pope Francis

**Thank you for your example
and all your inspiring words!**

**See below and page 2 for just a few
quotes from Francis.**



***“the possessing
of nuclear
weapons is
immoral”***

**“A Christian who does not
protect creation
is a Christian
who does not care about
the work of God.”**

**“whoever has an abortion, kills. No mincing
words. ... it is a human life, this human life
must be respected, this principle is so
clear!”**

**“Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for
all. We are called never to abandon those who
are suffering, never giving up but caring and
loving to restore hope.”**

**“I have followed closely the major crisis that is
taking place in the United States with the initia-
tion of a program of mass deportations. The
rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make
a critical judgment and express its disagree-
ment with any measure that tacitly or explicitly
identifies the illegal status of some migrants with
criminality.”**



Pope Francis visiting the US/Mexico border

“I invite you not to build walls but bridges, to conquer evil with good”

“Dialogue is often confused with something quite different: the feverish exchange of opinions on social networks, frequently based on media information that is not always reliable. These exchanges are merely parallel monologues. They may attract some attention by their sharp and aggressive tone. But monologues engage no one, and their content is frequently self-serving and contradictory.”

“It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent.

So what they all need is an “ecological conversion”, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. **Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”**

“We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs. The love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love.”

Giving Hope as His Last Gift

Click [here](#) for the story of Pope Francis' final donation and [here](#) for his video message on solidarity with people on the margins.

Pope Francis gave his remaining money to fund pasta factory at juvenile detention center



Save The Date: Wednesday June 18

Social Ministry Conference at Notre Dame Retreat House

On the Theme:

The Jubilee Year and the Legacy of Pope Francis



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