

Culture of Life Report
January/February

Happy New Year to all my Brothers and Sisters of the Knights at all levels. I pray that you all had great times with your family and friends and made lasting memories for a lifetime. Life is the most important right we have as without it, nothing else matters. The month of January not only brings with it a New Year but also the dreaded marking of the 45th anniversary of the horrible 7-2 decision legalizing abortion in the USA. The Supreme court overreached in many peoples opinion when they made this dastardly deal with the unborn. At the time Justices Rehnquist and White were the only two dissenting voices in that decision and thank god that they did as least it was not unanimous. If three other justices had dissented then we would not have abortion in this country. This is why we must keep up the fight!!

January also brings with it the full session of the NY State Legislature and after the State of the State from our Anti-Life Governor, we must all keep an eye on the doings and goings on up there as the liberal controlled Assembly will Re-introduce the blatant attack on women's' bill that would codify abortion in the State up to all nine months even if Roe is Overturned. This is part of the Women's Equality Act that Cuomo put up sponsored by Sen. Andrea Stewart Cousins in the legislature. This was not voted on in the last two sessions and hopefully will not see the light of day again in this session. Again please keep abreast of this by visiting the NYS Senate Website and checking on the bill's status. There will probably also be a reintroduction of the Physician assisted suicide bill in the Senate and Assembly which are Sponsored by Sen Diane Savino and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. This would legalize if passed a terminally ill patients right to end their own life with a poison pill if only six months or less to live upon their own decision. Again legislators overreaching and playing God!

At the federal level congress should take up and pass the Pain Capable unborn Child Act that would not allow abortions after 20 weeks in the womb as the pain is horrific to the fetus. Former employees of Planned Parenthood can tell you this from firsthand experience. We must hold our elected officials accountable as they are the ones that are on the frontlines of being able to assist the unborn be allowed to be born. In November 2018 all federal and state legislators will be up for re-election and we must call, e-mail or write them to ask them their positions on these dreaded issues.

If time allows you could also call your representatives and ask them or their aides their positions on this and other life issues. Remember they work for us.

We will support the annual Knights of Columbus Bus trip to NYC on January 21, 2018 at St. Patrick's cathedral and hope all who can will attend. This is looked forward to annually by the Knights and their families as Cardinal Dolan will celebrate mass for us and speak of the unborn. We also have the March for life in Washington DC on Friday January 19 and busses will leave from Long Island around 5:00 AM. See your parish or local council for details. The day is long but worth the trip and effort to send a loud clear message to our federal officials about this scourge in our society we call....abortion.

May god bless us all as we work together to save the unborn and helpless in our society and communities. We all cannot do everything....but everyone can do something.

*God bless...on behalf of the unborn,
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