



# Our Lady of the Snow Respect Life Ministry



Winter, 2019

## Alert!- Assisted Suicide Legislation Proposal in NY

### Upcoming Events:

- Our next **meeting** will be held **Thursday, March 7th at 10 a.m.** in the cottage. OLS Respect Life Coordinator, Loren Christie, can be reached at 631-363-6394 x115.
- **Public Witness** - Join us as we silently and peacefully protest abortion. Our monthly **Prayerful Presence** will be held Saturday, **March 9th at 10:30 a.m.** on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood on Waverly Avenue in Patchogue. Signs will be provided. We will be participating in a **Forty Days for Life Prayerful Presence** at Smithtown Planned Parenthood on **Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m.– 12 noon.**

The first bill (A 30) is a study bill requiring the commissioner of health to conduct a study relating to medical aid in dying. Study bills always raise a caution because you don't study an issue unless you are considering legalization.

The bill concludes: *The commissioner of health shall submit a report including recommendations and findings based on this study to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and the chairs of the senate and assembly standing committees on health no later than December 31, 2020.*

Most studies on euthanasia and assisted suicide have been intentionally one-sided. If this bill passes EPC – USA will challenge the New York commissioner of health to conduct a transparent, open and complete report.

The second bill (A02694) would legalize assisted suicide in New York.

This bill follows a similar construct to the current Oregon assisted suicide law. The writer of the bill has attempted to use clear definitions in response to critics who correctly argue that the Oregon assisted suicide law lacks clear definitions that are being interpreted in a wider manner.

This bill does not require the patient to be a citizen of New York. Therefore this bill allows suicide tourism.

This bill does not require a waiting period, which follows the new direction of the assisted suicide lobby. Therefore any person could quickly die by assisted suicide in New York.

This bill requires the physician to falsify the death certificate by requiring the physician to state that the cause of death is the medical condition and not assisted suicide.

All assisted suicide bills assume that it is possible to identify and safeguard a person who is being coerced, abused or living with situational depression or temporary feelings of hopelessness. You cannot bring patients back from a wrongful death.

*-article excerpt by Alex Schadenberg for Lifenews.com*

*“Give us the grace... When the sacredness of life is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.”*  
*- Saint Pope John Paul II*

# DLS Respect Life Ministry News

Our Ministry protested the RHA bill (S240) at The Dennison Building in Hauppauge on January 17th, and traveled to Albany to lobby and protest with NY State Right to Life on the day of the bill vote, January 22nd.

OLS RLM traveled to Washington D.C. on January 18th to participate in the Annual March for Life. Members visited the offices of Senators Schumer and Gilibrand, leaving letters.

Our ministry participated in a Day of Mourning Rally against Governor Cuomo's Abortion Expansion Bill on February 23rd at The Dennison Building in Hauppauge.

Shown Right OLS RLM member Jean Delaney speaks to a reporter at the RHA protest in Hauppauge on January 17th.

## What else can I do to be Pro-Life?

Support the movie "Unplanned" in theaters March 26th. Memorize the phone number 1-800-712-HELP and the web address [www.PregnancyCenters.org](http://www.PregnancyCenters.org) to help those who need alternatives to abortion. Write to your local assemblyman and other members of the NY State Assembly urging them to **oppose Bill A02694 which will legalize assisted suicide in New York**. To find out more go to <https://assembly.state.ny.us>



## Formed.org Respect Life Resources

### Why I Left Planned Parenthood

by Abby Johnson (audio book)

Abby Johnson is a former Planned Parenthood Director. After a powerful experience at the clinic that changed her thinking, Johnson left her position and became a leading pro-life advocate.

