

## Physician Assisted Suicide—The Evil Is Back

Expecting the unexpected is usually the best course of action to take when approaching a new legislative session. One of the most critical issues we will face during this new legislative session in CO is physician assisted suicide. The first day of the session saw the introduction of two physician suicide bills: House Bill 1054 and Senate Bill 25. The dangers of this type of legislation must not be underestimated. We have seen the devastating effects of this policy in states like Washington and Oregon that have routinely told terminally ill patients (on their state-sponsored health systems) that the program will no longer pay for prescription drugs or treatments that might be providing a good prolonged quality of life; instead they will only pay for the more cost-effective option of a dose of lethal pills.

If we want to see the slippery slope of this policy in action, look no further than Belgium. The practice of physician assisted suicide began over 30 years ago and has gone so far as to recently legalize the ability for children and dementia patients to be euthanized. The courts of Belgium will be left to determine whether Church-run institutions have the right to refuse to be involved in euthanasia or be stripped of public funding.

We have all heard various excuses not to get involved: “My vote doesn’t really matter.” “Politics are too unsavory.” “There are no politicians that embody all the views that I do.” All the excuses in the world cannot absolve us from our duties to participate in the public square. There will be many opportunities to participate this year—from getting registered to vote, participating in the caucus, voting in the primary, and finally voting in the general election. Please don’t forget to remind your friends and family to do the same. Together with one voice we can make a difference and we must not get discouraged or lose hope; as Padre Pio was fond of saying “Pray, hope and don’t worry.”

Contact your representatives and tell them we do not need this evil legislation:

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## Pray to End Abortion—Your Prayers Matter!

On Friday, January 22, our nation will mark the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade. 58,632,638+ babies have been aborted (<http://www.numberofabortions.com>).

Please fast on Friday and pray for nine days in a row to end abortion. Try to pray from January 17 – 25.

There are Masses available at Our Lady of the Snow (8:30 a.m.) and St. Peter (5 p.m.) this Friday.

## Annual Pregnancy Resource Connection Banquet

-When: Friday, Feb 19

-Where: Younglife—Crooked Creek Camp;  
3000 CR 517, Fraser

-Time: 6 p.m. -Cost: Free Admission

-Pre-registration only: call the PRC at 970-887-3617;

Email: [office@prcgrand.com](mailto:office@prcgrand.com)

Visit: [www.pregnancyresourceconnection.org](http://www.pregnancyresourceconnection.org)

-Free childcare; be sure to register the children in advance. Contact the PRC office at 970-887-3617  
*How can you help?*

-Assist with design on table decorations

-Set up and/or clean up on the night of the banquet

-Corporate or individual sponsorships

-Encourage people to attend

Please consider volunteering your time at PRC this New Year as a resolution. Please call Pat Pulliam at 361-442-3532 if you have any questions.

## Calendar of Events

**-Feb 14 (Sun).** Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

**-Feb 19 (Fri).** PRC Banquet at Younglife

**-Mar 13 (Sun).** Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

**-Apr 10 (Sun).** Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

### Mass Collections, January 9 – 10

St. Anne	\$ 1244
St. Bernard	2208
Our Lady of the Snow	2077
St. Peter	563
St. Ignatius	<u>to be counted</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6092</b>

### Vocations Prayer Calendar; January

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

**Sat**--Donald Rasolofoarimanana & Hernaldo Arrieta

**Sun**--Jason DiRito & Jonathan Hantsbarger

**Mon**--Josh Madrid & Joshua Gallegos

**Tue**--Kevin Kasel & Micah Flores

**Wed**--Miguel Mendoza & Patrick DiLoreto

**Thu**--Samuel Munson & Stephen Sonnier

**Fri**--Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

### Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

**KEY:** StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Jan 16, StA, 5 p.m., Jim and Jeri Moat

-Sat, Jan 16, StB, 7:30 p.m., Peter and Kathleen Brownell

-Sun, Jan 17, StB, 7 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Jan 17, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Thomas and Karen Giblin

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, Jan 18, StA, 8:30 a.m., Chip McGinn

-Tue, Jan 19, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Don and Jennifer Neumann

-Wed, Jan 20, StB, 8:30 a.m., John and Carolyn Murphy

**-Thu, Jan 21, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Jackie Mullen**

**-Fri, Jan 22, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Stephen and Lisa Gatschet**

### Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

**KEY:** StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-Sat, Jan 16, StI, 4 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Jan 17, StP, 10 a.m., Tom Jamison; Brian Jamison

-Fri, Jan 22, StP, 5 p.m., Tom Jamison; Brian Jamison