

Pro Life Page - June, 2022

2276 *Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.*

2277 *Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church



At the general audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall on February 9, 2022, Pope Francis spoke about euthanasia and assisted suicide, which is the focus of the Pro Life Apostolate in our Diocese during the month of June.

He expressed gratitude for palliative care, which seeks to improve the quality of life of people suffering from severe illnesses.

“However, we must be careful not to confuse this help with unacceptable drifts towards euthanasia,” he said. “We must accompany people towards death, but not provoke death or facilitate assisted suicide.” He went on: “I would point out that the right to care and treatment for all must always be prioritized, so that the weakest, particularly the elderly and the sick, are never discarded. Indeed, life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered. And this ethical principle applies to everyone, not just Christians or believers.”

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250333/at-general-audience-pope-francis-says-the-dying-need-palliative-care-not-euthanasia-or-assisted-suicide>

Please say a Hail Mary for the dying and those who are experiencing bereavement.



Thank you, Fathers!

The role of a father is so important! Thank you to all men who serve as fathers in our families and community. We appreciate all of the fathers, godfathers, priests, deacons, uncles, and other men who serve as fathers. Thank you for lovingly supporting mothers and children. Thank you for sharing your wisdom, understanding, and strength that help others to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.



If you are interested in attending the next Pro-Life committee meeting at Holy Cross, please contact Suzette Bienvenu for details - suzettec@cox.net or (337)278-0245.

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