

The Parish of *St. Christopher*

BALDWIN, NEW YORK



September 29, 2024
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MISSION STATEMENT

"We the People of St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church, united by faith in one God and Father, nourished by Jesus Christ through the Word and the Eucharist, and anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit, strive to meet the spiritual needs of our parish family and the local community as we journey in faith together through prayer, faith formation, evangelization, stewardship, and fellowship."

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:30 AM, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Weekdays: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM (M-F)
9:00 AM (Saturdays)

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass - 7:00 PM

Holy Day - 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday: CLOSED

15 Pershing Blvd Baldwin, NY 11510

516-223-0723

bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org



Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Adoration

Monday - Friday 7:30-9:00 AM & 2:00-10:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Sunday 8:15 - 9:00 AM

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Rosary

Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass

The Parish

CLERGY

Rev. Johnny R. Mendonça, *Pastor*

Rev. Ryan Joseph, *Assistant Parish Priest*

Rev. Anthony Kannampuzha, *Priest-in-Residence*

Deacon Ralph Muscente

Deacon Paul Cavanagh

PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. Laura Aldorasi

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Mr. Joseph Fragola

Mrs. Rosemarie Scarola

Mrs. Marie Jose Saint Surin

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Deacon Paul Cavanagh

Ms. Ana Arevalo

PARISH STAFF

Mrs. Maureen Brady, *Parish Receptionist*

Mrs. Mary Beer, *Parish Receptionist*

Ms. Dimitra Vrosgou, *Organist*

Mr. Jack Sullivan, *Director of Faith Formation*

Ms. Sabrina Chan, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Mr. Julius Cespedes, *Parish Social Ministry Coordinator*

Mr. John Kornobis, *Parish Bookkeeper*

Ms. Louise Kiesling, *Baptism Coordinator*

PARISH TRUSTEES

Mrs. Gail Milne

Mr. Matthew Davis



Please Pray For

Mass Intentions

The Deceased

Please Pray for all Parishioners born into eternal life. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

The Sick

Zachary Chan	Virginia McWalters
Jeanette C. Larsen	Anne Hartvig
Maureen Carl	Jeannie Clarke
Baby Alana Jackson	Joseph Marrin
Helen De Palma	Patricia Beitler
Rose Vrabel	Joanne Giretti
Alexandra Vrabel	Margaret Healy
Baby Thomas Gerard	Mercedes Murray
Fr. Robert Holz	



Names of the Sick for the bulletin will remain for three weeks unless the Rectory is notified for an extension.

Please send all requests to bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org.

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace.

I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen

SFC Ralph Pereira	Lieutenant Margaret Mary Oriani
Nick Duran	Anthony Pascucci USMC
Rosy Duran	Brian Feeney, Navy
Captain Alexander LeClaire	Kaitlyn O'Connor
2nd Lieutenant Jacob Neumann	

Kindly only submit the names of deployed troops and the duration of deployment to the bulletin for prayer to bulletin@stchrisbaldwin.org.



Week of September 29th,
The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Bread & Wine

Altar Flowers

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Patrick Cashin



Monday *St. Jerome, Priest and*
7:00AM *Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM

Tuesday *Saint Therese of Lisieux*
7:00AM *Virgin and Doctor*
9:00AM *of the Church*

Wednesday *The Holy*
7:00AM *Guardian Angels*
9:00AM

Thursday
7:00AM
9:00AM

Friday *Saint Francis of Assisi*
7:00AM
9:00AM

Saturday *Saint Faustina*
9:00AM *Kowalska, Virgin*
5:00PM

Sunday *Twenty-Seventh Sunday*
7:30AM *of Ordinary Time*
9:30AM
11:30AM
5:00PM

September 30th
Esther V. Marcellus
Fr. McAlear—Liv Int

October 1st
James & Elsie Tomlin
Fr. Richard Fineo—Liv Int

October 2nd
Maureen Fogwell—Liv Int
Patricia & Robert Del Castillo

October 3rd
Slover Family—Liv Int
The Souls in Purgatory

October 4th
Joan Gredys—Liv Int
Doris DelCastillo—Liv Int

October 5th
Wilfredo Suson
Neneth Nator-Latoga
Mary, Patrick, and John Gracey
Joseph Cotoneo
Margaret Healy—Liv Int
Robert Perras

October 6th
For the People of the Parish
Quinn Dominick Reilly—Liv Int
Frank Madden
Joseph Iannuzzo

The Sacraments

Los Sacramentos



Baptism/Bautismos

Pre-registration is required two months before Baptism for the preparation class and the actual date of Baptism. The required Baptismal Preparation class is held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30AM Mass in the Church and class to follow in the Buckley Room in Lawlor Hall. Baptisms happen the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 1pm and the second and third Saturdays at 1pm. Please call the Rectory for more information.

La matriculación para las Clases Pre-bautismales es un requerimiento, con dos meses de antelación a la fecha del bautismo. Estas clases se ofrecen en la parroquia. Le podemos compartir el horario y la ubicación a través de una llamada a la oficina. Los bautismos se llevan a cabo los domingos segundos, terceros y cuartos de cada mes, a la 1pm, y los sábados segundos y terceros de cada mes, a la 1pm. Para matricularse para las Clases Pre-bautismales, por favor llame a la oficina al (516) 223-0723.



Reconciliation/Confesión

Every Saturday from 4PM to 4:45PM in the Church. At other times, please feel free and most welcome to make an appointment with one of the priests by calling the Rectory.

Cada Sábado a la 4PM hasta 4:45PM en la iglesia. Siéntase libre en llamar a la rectoría para hacer una cita en caso de que necesite confesarse a otra hora.



Anointing and Communion for the Sick/Comunión para los Enfermos

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers assist the priests in this ministry. Please call the Rectory.

Si no puede asistir a la Misa por enfermedad, puede solicitar que alguien le lleve la Eucaristía a su casa. Por favor llame a la oficina.



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)/(Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

This is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their Sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information on how to join, please contact the Rectory.

Este es el proceso para adultos interesados en convertirse a la fe católica, para aquellos que desean completar los sacramentos de iniciación, y para todo aquel que desea formar parte de la Iglesia Católica. Para más información llame la oficina.



Matrimony/Matrimonio

An appointment should be made to meet with one of our priests or deacons at least nine months before an anticipated wedding date to begin preparations. Either the bride, groom, or the immediate family must be a resident parishioner. Please call the Rectory to set up an appointment and for more information.

Se debe hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes con al menos nueve meses de antelación de la fecha de la boda. Por lo menos la novia, el novio, o alguien cercano a la familia debe ser un feligres de la parroquia. Para más información llame a la oficina.

Banns of Marriage

Third Bann

Lisette Rizo—Carlos Munos
St. Christopher's, Baldwin—St. Christopher's, Baldwin

Second Bann

Bridget Brosnan—James Kelly
St. Christopher's, Baldwin—St. Gregory the Great, Bellrose



"Love is patient, love is kind ... Love never fails"
1 Cor. 4a, 8a

Bishop's Letter



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state—public and private, religious, and secular—to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.

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The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

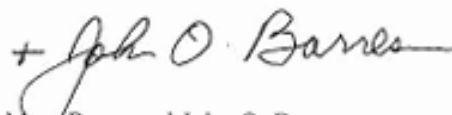
Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of ever day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms to hospitals—even into churches, synagogues and mosques—must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Having returned from the Parish Pilgrimage – journeying the various shrines of Italy - I would like to talk about one of the shrines we visited, St. Francis of Assisi, because we are going to celebrate his feast day this week. Driving through Italy is always a beautiful and enjoyable experience. However, there is something special as you come close and enter Assisi, a feeling of Peace and calm, a great blessing. There you meet people from different parts of the world, and you can say that Assisi has an impact on them. There is something special about this place, its environment, its Spirituality and especially the local people of Assisi.

Francis was born in Assisi in 1181 and was baptized Giovanni di Bernadone. His father, Pietro di Bernadone was a successful silk merchant, and the Bernadone family was very wealthy. Pietro's trade often brought him to France; indeed, he was in France when his son was born. Therefore, Pietro took to calling his son Francesco, "the Frenchman." As a young man, Francis was captivated by musicians and hooked by their romantic love poems. Francis spent his parents' money lavishly on friends and parties. Francis' love of generosity and luxury was not selfish but rather stemmed from a natural disposition of kindness. One famous story from his youth is when a beggar appeared at a gathering, begging for alms, Francis followed after him and gave him everything he had in his pockets.

Around 1202, Francis was part of a military campaign and was taken captive. In captivity, Francis suffered from illness, and during this time, his focus shifted radically. He began to reconcile his ideals of winning honor and glory in battle with a deeply felt call to give away everything he had in order to follow Christ. When Francis connected with his friends again, he was noticeably distracted and distant. People would remark that Francis must be very deeply in love, he would reply, "I am going to take a wife more beautiful and worthy than any of you know."

As he was riding near Assisi one day, Francis met a leper covered in sores. Despite his initial repulsion, Francis dismounted his horse and approached the disease-ridden man. When the leper reached out his hand to receive alms, Francis not only filled his hands with money but also leaned in to embrace him. This encounter inspired Francis to tend to the sick, and he began to visit nearby hospitals to provide money and clothing for the indigent patients there and to minister to their spiritual needs.

While praying at a church outside of Assisi called San Damiano, Francis heard a voice coming from the crucifix, saying, "Francis, go and repair my house, which you see is falling down." Francis thought Christ was ordering him to repair the rundown church building around him. Obediently, Francis began to repair the church building, took rich cloth from his father's warehouse, sold the entire cartful of cloth, and gave the money to the poor priest who was living at San Damiano. Pietro, his father, was outraged and forcefully pulled Francis from the church, beat and put him in chains, demanding that Francis either stay at home or renounce his inheritance and pay back what he had taken. Francis was quite ready to forfeit his own inheritance, but he insisted that the money he had gathered from selling the cloth belonged to God and the poor. Pietro brought Francis to an audience with the bishop of Assisi in the piazza of the town, and the bishop agreed that Francis must return the money to his father. Francis obeyed and went the extra mile. He insisted that he would return everything to his father, and, in front of the crowd gathered in the piazza, Francis stripped off all his clothing. Standing naked in front of the crowd, Francis turned to Pietro: "Up until now I have called you father here on earth, but now I say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'" A man who worked for the bishop gave Francis a simple frock, Francis marked it with the sign of the cross in chalk and this became his first habit. Francis began to travel around the countryside. Possessing nothing Francis relied solely on the generosity of others for food, clothing, and shelter.

Let us take some time this week to reflect and pray through the intercession of St. Francis, to seek God and give God the first place in our lives. St. Francis, whose love for God in Creation and in the poor continues to renew the church today - Pray for us. God bless you all.

Fr. Johnny Mendonca

Liturgy

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Thérèse of Lisieux was so diminished by illness during her nine years in a Carmelite convent in Normandy, that she even signed some letters as the “completely little” Thérèse. Through meditating on the scripture, she came to realize that it was in her smallness that Jesus could lift her in his arms to heaven. This spiritual path bears some resemblance to the words of John the Baptist: “[Jesus] must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30). Thérèse once called this view, “The Little Way.”



Upon entering religious life at the age of fifteen, she was given the title Thérèse of the Holy Face.

Her contemplation of the suffering and glorious face of Jesus developed her spirituality. In her brief twenty-four years of life, Thérèse left behind a trove of writings that have inspired many people to follow her path. The Story of a Soul collects her autobiographical works. Pope Pius XI canonized her less than thirty years after her death. Although she never traveled farther than Rome, she is a patron of the missions because of her concern for the salvation of every human. Although she had little formal education, she has been named a doctor of the Church.

The Collect for her memorial Mass acknowledges that God opens the Kingdom to those who are humble, and asks God to lead the faithful “trustingly in the little way of Saint Thérèse.” Perhaps in reference to her title “of the Holy Face,” the prayer also asks that “we may see your eternal glory revealed.”

Normally, the date of a saint’s death is the preferred date for his or her feast. Thérèse died on the feast of St. Jerome, September 30, so the Catholic Church observes her memorial on the next available day, October 1.

Source: Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: Mary, the Saints, and Angels

Next Sunday’s Readings

Readings for the weekend of October 6th –
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B

Gn 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16



Mass Ordinaries

Holy	#365
Mystery of Faith	#366
Great Amen	#367
Agnus Dei	#311

Stewardship

Weekly Numbers: "What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given to me?"

SEPTEMBER 22nd Sunday Collections

	TOTAL	IN-PERSON	ONLINE
2024	\$ 19,571	\$ 17,505	\$ 2,066
2023	\$ 15,487	\$ 13,453	\$ 2,034
+/-	\$ 4,084		

Ministry Appeal - As of 9/10/2024

Goal - \$95,000.00

# of Gifts	152
Pledged	\$ 64,010.00
Paid	\$ 60,013.00
Average gift	\$ 421

67% of Goal

Stewardship Prayer

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

I come to You in thanksgiving knowing that all that I am and all that I have are gifts from You. Teach me to be generous with these gifts that You have given to me.

I know that You want me to accept these gifts, cultivate them, and return them with increase, and that I may do that only through You. Help me to be Your faithful, evangelizing steward.

Keep me mindful that, as Your disciple, I am called through the Holy Spirit to be an instrument of dramatic missionary growth, radically faithful to participation in the Sunday Mass, deeply devoted to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and courageous in living the truths of our Faith and sharing the "Good News" with the world.

Make us One Family in Mission so that, through our time and talent, we may ignite our Church with the joy of the Gospel. **Amen.**

Taken from: Stewardship Office, Diocese of Rockville Centre



Thank you to our donors for supporting our 2024 Ministry Appeal campaign!

For 2024 the St. Christopher's Parish Catholic Ministries Goal is \$95,000. Many thanks to the 152 families who have made pledges for the 2024 year. Please remember that YOUR participation is paramount to this endeavor. We have over 3,000 registered families at St Chris, if we could all participate, at any level, imagine the difference we'll make in the work of the Catholic Church here on Long Island



BEWARE GIFT CARD SCAM

If you receive an email or text message from Fr. Johnny, or any other staff member of St. Christopher's Church requesting a purchase of gift cards or donations, delete it immediately, block the sender's phone number or email address and notify the rectory office as soon as possible. This is a common scam and is not from St. Christopher's. **Please do not reply to the message nor purchase any gift cards prior to calling the office.**

Next Week's Collection

2024
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
A P P E A L
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



HELP US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every year through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood.

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities Programs serve people in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling and care. And most importantly, it lets those we serve know that God loves them and is with them during the difficult times in their lives.

Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible!

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Pledge \$ _____

Down Payment \$ _____

Balance \$ _____

Ministry News

Are you a teenager?
Wanna have lots of fun in a Catholic environment?
Would you like to grow in your faith?

EVERY
SATURDAY
6PM-9PM
IN THE CAFETERIA

Youth Ministry!

Social Bible Talk Trips
Adoration (Eucharistic Benediction) Festivals
Sports Board Games
Food Arts & Crafts Music
International Pilgrimages



Men's Group

Come share and reflect on
Scripture amongst like
minded Catholic Men.
Our meetings are held
Thursday
at 7:30PM
In Buckley Hall



JOIN ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Young Adult Ministry



EVERY THURS @ 7:30 PM

St. Christopher Parish Church

11 Gale Ave, Baldwin NY 11510 516-223-5813

Connect with
other young adults (21+)
and experience
worship, community,
and connection!



Stay connected with us
through our Facebook and
Instagram !



If you know of any member of the Parish who is homebound and who would like to receive visitors, please contact the Parish Office at 516-223-0723 and share the name and contact information with the staff, identifying it as a person for the Ministry for the Homebound. If you would like to be part of this Ministry please give you name and contact number to the Parish Office and Paul Cavanagh will be in touch with you.

"For I was ill and you cared for me" Matthew 25:36

Grupo de Oración Renovación Carismática

Sábados a las 7:15PM en
Lawlor Hall

Para información

llame a:

Ana Arevalo 516-395-6245

Isidoro Ruiz 516-410-1402



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

- ◇ CANNED CHICKEN
- ◇ MAC & CHEESE
- ◇ CANNED VEGGIES
- ◇ CANNED WHITE POTATO
- ◇ CANNED BEANS (HISPANIC)
- ◇ PASTA
- ◇ KETCHUP
- ◇ CRACKERS
- ◇ CEREAL
- ◇ TISSUE PRODUCTS
- ◇ TUNA
- ◇ SOUP
- ◇ OATMEAL
- ◇ DIAPERS 1-6

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
CONTINUOUS SUPPORT IN HELPING US TO
PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN NEED!
GOD BLESS YOU ALL



PLEASE **DO NOT** LEAVE
PERISHABLE ITEMS
FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN
TUESDAYS 2:30-4:00PM

PLEASE **DO NOT** LEAVE
CLOTHING ITEMS
BY THE FOOD PANTRY
DROP THEM IN THE ST. VINCENTS
BINS IN THE PARKING LOT

THE LAY CARMELITES

The Lay Carmelites of St. Christopher's in Baldwin invite you to consider a deeper commitment to your baptismal promises by becoming a member of the worldwide family of Carmel. We strive to live Carmelite spirituality after the examples of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Prophet Elijah, and the saints of Carmel. Do you desire growth in spiritual formation? Are you called to share your journey with others of like mind and heart in Community? For more information about the Lay Carmelites of the Province of St. Elias, see the provincial website at www.laycarmelite.com.

*If interested, call Andrea Waldron TOC, Director
516-965-0970.*



Proposal One



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Proposal 1: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State

On November 5, faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity once again to exercise their sacred right to vote. Pope Francis has reminded us that as thoughtful Catholics, we must participate in the public square for the sake of the common good. Every Catholic is called to do the work of properly informing his or her conscience and voting for candidates and policies that will best advance the natural law, the protection of human rights, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of all life, and the teachings of Christ and His Church. It is a presidential election year, and there are important votes to be cast for Congress and the state Legislature as well. Importantly, in New York, like several other states, there is also a critical referendum on the ballot.

Educating oneself will be especially important in the case of Proposal 1, sometimes referred to as the "Equal Rights Amendment." The title suggests a noble cause, as all children of God should be treated equally under the law. However, this proposed amendment to the state Constitution is broadly written and could have dangerous consequences if enacted, which is why we oppose it and urge you to vote no. The measure would, effectively, permanently legalize abortion without restriction and up until the moment of birth in New York. Aside from being redundant in a state that already has stripped away all abortion limitations, the amendment would render impossible any change to the law if the hearts and minds of New Yorkers were ever to shift toward protecting the child in the womb.

The amendment's sweeping language and inclusion of "age" as a protected class could also lead to parents' rights being stripped away. Courts could decide that parents have no authority over their minor children on important matters and permit children to make destructive and permanent decisions on their own which they could well live to regret, including but not limited to so-called "gender affirming" treatments and surgeries. The relationship between parents and their children is sacred. Parents must be able to support and guide their children in accord with the natural law, without interference from the government or courts, which would be reaching beyond their competency.

Proposal 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing that could lead to darkness for many New York families. This amendment disregards the lives of unborn and struggling children in the name of political agendas. It could have dangerous consequences for these children and their parents. As they look to make their voices heard in the public square, faithful Catholics should consider these consequences and vote no. Likewise, they should thoughtfully vote their informed conscience up and down the ballot so that we might usher in change for good.

*September 5, 2024
Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Propuesta 1



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Propuesta 1: Un lobo con piel de oveja

Declaración de los Obispos Católicos del Estado de Nueva York

El 5 de noviembre, los fieles ciudadanos de toda la nación tendrán una vez más la oportunidad de ejercer su sagrado derecho al voto. El Papa Francisco nos ha recordado que, como católicos de buen juicio, tenemos la obligación de participar en el ámbito de la opinión pública en beneficio del bien común. Cada católico está llamado a tomarse el trabajo de informar adecuadamente a su conciencia y votar por los candidatos y las políticas que mejor promuevan la ley natural, la protección de los derechos humanos, la dignidad de la persona humana, el carácter sagrado de toda vida y las enseñanzas de Cristo y su Iglesia. Es un año de elecciones presidenciales y además hay votaciones importantes para el Congreso y la Legislatura estatal. Cabe mencionar que en Nueva York, al igual que en otros estados, también hay un referéndum decisivo en las urnas.

Instruirse será especialmente importante en el caso de la Propuesta 1, en ocasiones denominada "Enmienda de Igualdad de Derechos". El título sugiere una causa noble, ya que todos los hijos de Dios deben recibir el mismo trato ante la ley. Sin embargo, esta propuesta de enmienda a la Constitución estatal está redactada en términos generales y podría tener consecuencias peligrosas si se promulga, por lo que nos oponemos a ella y les instamos a votar en contra. La medida, en efecto, legalizaría permanentemente el aborto sin restricciones y hasta el momento del nacimiento en Nueva York. Además de ser redundante en un estado que ya ha eliminado todas las restricciones al aborto, la enmienda haría imposible cualquier cambio en la ley si los corazones y las mentes de los neoyorquinos cambiaran alguna vez hacia la protección del niño en el vientre materno.

El lenguaje amplio de la enmienda y la inclusión de la "edad" como clase protegida también podrían llevar a que se despojara a los padres de sus derechos. Los tribunales podrían decidir que los padres no tienen autoridad sobre sus hijos menores en asuntos importantes y permitir que los niños tomen por su cuenta decisiones destructivas y permanentes de las que podrían llegar a arrepentirse, incluidos, entre otros, los llamados tratamientos y cirugías de "afirmación de género". La relación entre padres e hijos es sagrada. Los padres deben ser capaces de apoyar y guiar a sus hijos de acuerdo con la ley natural, sin interferencias del gobierno o de los tribunales, que irían más allá de sus competencias.

La Propuesta 1 es un lobo con piel de oveja que podría llevar a la oscuridad a muchas familias neoyorquinas. Esta enmienda ignora la vida de los niños no nacidos y en dificultades en nombre de agendas políticas. Podría tener consecuencias peligrosas para estos niños y sus padres. A la hora de hacer oír sus voces en el ámbito de la opinión pública, los fieles católicos deberían considerar estas consecuencias y manifestar su voto en contra. Del mismo modo, deberían votar con buen juicio y su conciencia bien informada en las urnas para que podamos introducir un cambio positivo.

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