

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM: DOCAT

The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church
Unique and Infinitely Valuable - The Human Person
Digression - The Person in Bioethics

78. Do I have the right to determine for myself the moment of my death?

No. Christians believe that “life” is not personal property with which you can do whatever you want. Because God is the one who gave us life, there is no absolute freedom in dealing with this gift that is entrusted to us for a time. “You shall not kill” applies to my own life, too. The desire to live and to have life is the deepest desire of a human being. Physicians report that even the request to be killed because of unbearable suffering is often a last desperate cry for help. Moreover, we should ask how free the call for euthanasia really is. Where euthanasia is already possible today, suffering patients often ask for it so as not to be a burden to others. Thus the supposed right to “death on one’s own terms” suddenly seems to become a duty to one’s relatives.

79. How should commercial euthanasia organizations be viewed?

Any sort of commercialized euthanasia is absolutely objectionable. Human life has no price, and death must not become a profitable business, either. It is in no way ethically defensible for associations and companies to perform euthanasia for a fee. Physician-assisted suicide must also be rejected. A physician must not become the instrument of a patient’s subjective desire for death. Every act of euthanasia by a doctor or a nurse turns a healer into a killer. That does not mean that we ignore the suffering that is no doubt present. Improved methods of palliative medicine and hospice care for the dying are important ways of dealing with it.

‘VOCATION SEEDS’

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon,

call Fr. Chris Lemeieux, Vocation Director
Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997
email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

2017 INCOME TAX RECIEPTS
are available for pick up after all Masses
this weekend in the gift shop.

SANCTUARY LAMP
Intentions of Patterson Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 3:

5:00 pm +Edelberto Acon
+Joel Rosales
+Cheryl Pedesani
+Josephine & Felix Francis
+Harty Ryan
+Rosie & Joseph Fernandes

Sunday March 4:

9:00 am +Maria Olga de Souza

10:30 am +Luciano & Gilbert dela Cruz

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday March 5:

9:00 am +Shilo Bernardino

Tuesday March 6:

9:00am In Thanksgiving of Wong Family

Wednesday March 7:

7:30 pm +Elizabeth & Janusz Hejka

Thursday March 8:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Loong Family

Friday March 9:

9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention

7:30 pm +Sebastiao Braganza

Saturday March 10:

9:00 am Celebrant’s Intention

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

on Fridays with Mass at 9:30 am concluded with
Benediction at 7:00 pm and Mass at 7:30 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the
Cross after the 7:30 pm Mass.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

on Friday March 9, 2018

This service will be together with the Stations of the
Cross after the 7:30 pm Mass.

March 4, 2018

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth....

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentor, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

A Parish Lenten Mission will be held in our parish on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 19 to 21, 2018.**

Mass: 7:00 pm

Parish Mission: 7:30 pm

Speaker: Deacon Gary Johnson

ALL ARE WELCOME

HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

"The weekend of March 10-11 we will have with us a special guest speaker, Sebastian Cardinal representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces.

Process of the sales generate much needed employment of four of our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Cheque, cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted.

May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

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"But you know what it is to labour in charity? It is to labour in God, for God is charity, and it is to labour for God purely and entirely; it is to do so in the grace of God." - Saint Vincent de Paul -

Thank you to all who donate to the 'Poor Box'. Would appreciate if you continue to do so. Your donation is helping us to serve the less fortunate.

God Bless,
SVP

SIGN-UP SUNDAYS! March 3/4

From Cardinal Collins' Letter

Periodically, I would like to contact you directly or through a trusted faith partner to share information in a timely manner on issues such as health care, education and religious freedom. For this reason, I encourage you to participate in a "Sign-Up Sunday" being held in your parish and across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

I ask all parishioners to provide their names, postal code and email address on lists available at parishes on designated weekends in February and March. Anticipating a provincial election this June, we will begin with an awareness campaign around conscience rights related to assisted suicide/euthanasia. In 2017, more than 30,000 letters were sent to local Members of Provincial Parliament. The 2018 Call for Conscience campaign has the following goals:

1. to renew the call to protect the right of health care professionals to abstain from any involvement in causing the death of their patients;
2. to provide protection for faith-based facilities that do not wish to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia; and
3. to ask elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office to increase access and funding for palliative care in Ontario.

Alternatively, some parishes are pointing parishioners to sign-up website, <http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration> to register for this program.

No matter which method of registration you use, thank you for living a faith that acts!

FAMILY OF FAITH

We trust you recently received your charitable tax receipts for your 2017 Family of Faith campaign donation.

If you have any questions about your donation or if your contact information has changed, please contact us at campaign@archtoronto.org or 416 934 3400 x555. If you have general questions about the Family of Faith campaign, please contact John Ecker, Director, Family of Faith Campaign & Special Projects, at jecker@archtoronto.org or 416 934 3400 x805.

JOIN US FOR A ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELTIC GOSPEL SHOW

RHYTHM & GRACE

Fun music for the whole family from Lakefield, Ontario

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday March 14, 2018
St. Aidan Parish Hall (free-will offering)