

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

A few things to think about.

This weekend, I am speaking at all the Masses to encourage participation in this year's Cardinal's Appeal. I know, and the Archdiocese knows, that it is somewhat difficult to run the Appeal only a couple of months after completing the Capital Campaign in our parish. I tried to be clear in my presentation for the Capital Campaign that the gifts and pledges included our parish's donation to the Cardinal's Appeal for 2018, but that the Cardinal's Appeal would come back each year after 2018, beginning early in 2019. Well, here we are with the Cardinal's Appeal for 2019. As always, the Appeal helps many in the Archdiocese, with 50% this year going to needy parishes. All of the other usual goals are accounted for also, from helping the poor, supporting our seminarians and retired priests and providing many services to every parish. I know it is an added sacrifice but I am sure we will all do the best we can to support our parish and the Cardinal's Appeal as well. Our goal is \$180,500.00.

On another note, I just want to say that the talks I gave in Church about current issues affecting the Catholic Church seem to have been well received. I spoke about good and evil in the Church and in the World. I focused on the abuse issue and what has been done, what is being done and, hopefully, what will be done to combat the evil of abuse and end the cover up. I also raised some issues like the new abortion expansion law in N.Y. and some lively discussion followed. I hope to hold other similar sessions in the future.

Speaking of that terrible law, I simply want to encourage people to make their horror known about the RHA (so called Reproductive Health Act) in N.Y. State. The RHA is really about making abortion more accessible and actually can make things more dangerous for the mother and the baby. Please sign the petition on-line to register dissatisfaction with the law. The petition comes from the Bishops of N.Y. State. Information is provided in this bulletin. The petitions will be delivered to the Governor's Office.

God bless everyone of us, beginning with the babies in the womb.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the typed name "Monsignor Giandurco".