

# *MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP*

## **PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!**

*Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:*

We have crossed over the threshold of October and now we are fully into the beauty and crispness of autumn. We also have begun the great **RESPECT LIFE MONTH** reflection upon the sanctity of **LIFE** in all of its stages, from **CONCEPTION TILL NATURAL DEATH**. As you gaze upon this message, one of the activities that I have been touting over the past several weeks has come to pass. Through the generosity of Benedict Monument Company of Middletown and the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. McDonagh Council #16365 out of Holy Cross parish, our parish cemetery at HNOJ now has a memorial to all the **UNBORN CHILDREN** who have not shared in the goodness of life as you and I are doing now because of the **SCOURGE OF ABORTION** that has been upon our nation for 48 years. The dedication took place this Saturday afternoon, fittingly, after I was privileged to baptize a newborn child. If you have not had a chance to visit the monument, it is located just along side the sacristy section of the church's bump-out along the path leading from the church into the cemetery. I just want to thank all who put effort into the day's festivities. May this silent witness to our unborn brothers and sisters help to keep the continuing fight for the unborn always stoked in our lives.

While we are on the subject of the unborn, are you aware that the House of Representatives just a week ago Friday passed the most radical abortion-wielding bill under the guise of women's health? This bill would override any state laws that have been fought for that would place limitations upon the time and scope by which abortions can be procured. I would like us to think back to the gospel of last Sunday where our Lord Jesus, as His apostles discussed among themselves who was the first among them, took a child and placed the child before Him and schooled them as to whoever seeks to be the first must become like that child. Jesus was taking to task the perceived notion of that age which saw children as chattel. Children at that time were a mere step above those who were slaves. They had little or no rights. Our Lord was speaking about the sanctity and value of the child to help the so-called enlightened and educated to recognize what has been lost which should be rediscovered.

I greatly feel that the action of our Lord Jesus in highlighting the innocence and simplicity of the child in His midst is a cry to our age to listen to Him. Look at what the legislatures of our age and time are doing. Look at how the so-called experts have succeeded in taking the clear truth of conception, which brings into the world a soul that becomes united to flesh in the womb of its mother; these experts have taken the language and totally eradicated any ideal of human life and have totally de-humanized any reference to the child forming in the womb. What a disservice that has been done by the leading minds of our times to befuddle the minds of generations since Roe v Wade that will take ages to correct. May this Respect Life Month help to lead us to the correct avenues to begin the resurgence to a **CULTURE OF LIFE**.

**REMEMBER: LIFE CHAIN THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2:00 – 3:30 ALONG ROUTE 211. HNOJ IN THE VICINITY OF DUNKIN' & HC IN THE VICINITY OF RED LOBSTER. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

That is all for now. **GO FORTH AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK!!!!**

*Fr. Mike*