

MESSAGE FROM THE LAPTOP

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST; NOW AND FOREVER!

Sunday Greetings Parish Families of HNOJ & HC:

This Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time brings us to the junction of a few happenings. It is our final weekend of September. It is also the weekend that every parish in the Archdiocese is called to offer financial support to our Seminary system that is forming the future priests, deacons, and lay leaders for our parishes. It is the first weekend within the national 40 Days for Life campaign for the Fall season this year. It is also the lead up to October and the Respect Life activities that will be taking place.

Regarding St. Joseph's Seminary, just over a week and a half ago, I gathered with a good number of my brother priests to join with Cardinal Dolan in the offering of Holy Mass for the opening of the 125th Anniversary of the Seminary. It had been over a year and a half since I last walked the corridors of that hollowed edifice and it felt so good to be back in the building and to experience all the changes that have come about. I am looking forward to being able to attend some of the special guest presentations that are planned throughout the year. Some are available to the general public, and I would encourage you to visit the Seminary website and as well as the Anniversary site for more details.

This past Wednesday, September 22 was the start of this season's 40 Days for Life. The concept is to join in a silent vigil of prayer at a local abortion facility and to be a standing witness to the sanctity of life and, maybe, save the life of an unborn child by being present to the conflicted mother who may just need that supporting witness to reach out to. I am reaching out to our Respect Life representatives to see about arranging for members of our two parishes to be able to witness at the local abortion facility in Goshen. Flocknote will be one of the avenues that we will use to get the word out. Also, next Sunday is the annual Life Chain along Route 211 from 2:00 till 3:30pm. **HNOJ gathers along the stretch in front of the new bank being built at the defunct Friendly's site. HC gathers along the stretch by Red Lobster.** I hope to join both sites as soon as I finish Mass at OCF. Please take notice of the special Right to Life Banquet that is scheduled for October 24 at Kuhl's Highland House. I hope a number from our parishes can attend as the Sisters of Life will be this year's honorees.

One event that I would like to continue to highlight is taking place at the beginning of Respect Life Month. On Saturday, October 2 from 12:00pm till 2:30pm, please come and join with me, members of the Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes and other Pro-Life supporters as the Monument for the Unborn, that has been donated by Benedict Memorials via the Knights of Columbus, will be formally dedicated. A special time of fellowship is being arranged by the Knights of Columbus to surround the dedication. It has been a dream of mine to have this visible message toward the sanctity of life present on our church/cemetery grounds as other Catholic parishes & cemeteries have across the nation. Please make it a point to set aside a few hours for this fitting start to Respect Life Month.

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

Fr. Mike