

November 3, 2019

Please Vote to Protect Life

Tuesday, November 5 is Election Day. This year, New Jersey voters will select representatives for all state assembly seats. As you weigh all factors influencing your election decision, please give prayerful consideration to each individual's position and record when it comes to protecting life. In NJ, at least three bills have either come to the floor for a vote or are pending further action:

In April 2019 New Jersey passed an Assisted Suicide bill (A1504) to the dismay of many Catholics. In August, we published a letter from Bishop O'Connell expressing his objection to the bill's passage, contemplating "what other consequences for human life it will directly or indirectly introduce"?

The NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (A1686) has been drafted. It recognizes that a baby can feel pain at 20 weeks gestation and seeks to prohibit abortions after this period.

The NJ Born Alive Survivors Protection Act (A5287) has also been drafted. It simply provides that if an abortion or attempted abortion results in an child being born alive, then that child must receive the same degree of professional skill and care to preserve its life as would any other child born alive at the same gestational age: the child cannot just be left to die.

To see how an incumbent representative voted on the Assisted Suicide bill (A1504), or to see the sponsors of the Pain Capable Child Protection Act (A1686) or Born Alive Survivors Protection Act (A5287) you check online at <https://legiscan.com/NJ/bill>. You will need to enter the bill number in the panel on the left hand side of the first screen.

Please pray that we will elect leaders who will steer us away from a culture of death and back to a society where every life is precious and must be protected.