

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend is Respect Life Weekend and we will be asked to continue to pray for a greater respect of every human person, born and unborn. The visiting Archbishop and Papal Ambassador to the United Nations, Most Rev. Bernadito Auza, and our priests will speak about God's precious gift of life during Masses. Members of our Respect Life Ministry will be on hand to distribute pro-life materials. In addition to prayer, we should all try to encourage others to cherish the gift of life which comes from God.

Without a doubt, our greatest and most powerful prayer is the sacrifice of the Mass. We are blessed to have many Masses on Sundays and on weekdays. We are also blessed to have many servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to assist at the Masses. At the present time, we could use even more assistance so I am asking those who are interested in becoming a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister to leave your name and phone number at the Rectory and I will call with information. We will be having some training sessions in October or November, to be announced.

Another form of powerful prayer is the Rosary, and the Respect Life Ministry is leading the Rosary each Monday until December 8th/9th outside the Main Church near the Memorial to the Unborn at 6:30pm. (The Rosary is prayed every morning after the 9:00am Mass also.)

In many ways, then, we are all encouraged to lift up our hearts and voices to the Lord as we seek to change the secular mindset of our culture to a spiritual way of seeing God's hand in our life and knowing that God has a plan for every human person. Each person is loved by God.

May the Lord help us to live the Gospel of Life with his grace and mercy.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*