

# DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I am saddened and disappointed that a bill legalizing assisted suicide has been signed into law by Governor Brown. We believe that the time of our passing from earthly life is to be determined by God, who calls us to cherish and protect all life, from conception to natural death. For this reason, and because we fear the potential impact of this law on vulnerable populations, our Church vocally opposed it. It is now a matter of public policy but it does not change our moral convictions. We will work earnestly to proclaim our belief in the dignity of all human life. Let us pray for one another and let us continue to speak out whenever and wherever the dignity of human life is threatened.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes