

# Message from our Archbishop

## Stand for life in NSW

Friends,

As you might have read in the media, Independent MP Alex Greenwich tabled the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021* in NSW Parliament yesterday.

NSW is only coming out of lockdown, our health facilities remain stretched and our health professionals wearied, and the new Premier is tasked with our physical, economic and social recovery. Even so, Mr Greenwich and other euthanasia advocates inside and outside NSW Parliament believe that our MPs should be focused on pushing a pro-death message.

**If you haven't done so already, please phone your local State MP and express your opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide laws and ask your friends and family to do the same.**

Fortunately, there have been some wonderful articles in the media in recent days explaining the dangers of these extreme laws. I have also done my best to offer my thoughts on Mr Greenwich's 'kill bill.' Links to these are included below and I encourage you to listen to and read these resources to inform yourself about this important issue.

It is also vital that we pray. This is the Year of Saint Joseph, the Patron of a Happy Death, and so it is appropriate that we seek his intercession for the protection of life in NSW. Our Life, Marriage & Family Office of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation has developed a Prayer to Saint Joseph for the defeat of the NSW Euthanasia Bill that I encourage you to pray daily.

With our prayers and our efforts, I am confident that this bill will be defeated.

Yours sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Fisher, OP". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.