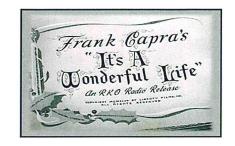
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Save the Date

Sunday, January 7 ~ Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents and Teens ~9:30A Sunday, January 14 ~ Young Adult "Service and Sips" Brunch and Service Opportunity ~ 2:30PM Saturday, January 20 ~ MLK Jr. Mass ~ The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception ~1:00PM Sunday, January 21 ~ Life Issues Q&A - How to be a Sheltering Grace Sponsor ~ 9:00AM









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One of America's favorite holiday movies tells the story of a thwarted attempt at suicide. On Christmas Eve, a drunk and despairing George Bailey is about to throw himself off a bridge when an angel visits him to show him how valuable his life has been to other people and how much they would suffer without him. Only then does he realize, as the classic film's title states, "It's a Wonderful Life."

HONORING A DEADLY CHOICE

Sadly, many other Americans do not get that message in time. A recent study in JAMA Psychiatry notes that the suicide rate in the U.S. has been steadily rising during the past two decades. In 2015, more than 44,000 American adults took their own lives. The rate has risen from 10.4 per 100,000 people in 2000 to 13.26 per 100,000 people today, and attempted suicide is on the rise, especially among young people with limited education and/or income and a history of mental illness or substance abuse.

Unfortunately, Western society has been sending mixed signals to people inclined to end their own lives. The euthanasia movement which began in Europe has spread to Canada and to our own country. Six states and the District of Columbia now allow terminally ill patients to request assisted suicide, and a push is underway to expand eligibility to those whose maladies are not terminal or even physical. Recently in both the UK and Canada, physicians have declined life-saving treatment for patients brought to the hospital after attempting suicide in order to honor their deadly "choice."

"GOD IS GOING TO BRING GREATNESS TO MY LIFE"

On his visit to Colombia this past fall, Pope Francis met with a woman who was planning to end her life. Seventeen years earlier, middle-aged Consuela Cordoba had been horribly disfigured in an acid attack by her boyfriend. After 87 operations to save her face, she was diagnosed with a brain infection and decided to die by lethal injection. But when she asked the pope for permission, he refused, convincing her that she was both brave and beautiful. As she told her doctor, "God is going to bring greatness to my life."

Of course, neither an angel nor the pope can be on hand for every person who considers suicide. But friends often are, and so are trained counselors available 24/7 through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Like the pope, each of us can be an angel to a person who may have lost hope for a wonderful life.

If you or someone you know is in emotional distress or suicidal crisis, CALL

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

National Suicide Prevention Hotline