

## **Respect Life Society Bulletin – March 6, 2016**

### **Physician Assisted Suicide – Unnecessary, Flawed and Dangerous**

Legislation has been introduced in the NY State Legislature that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. New York must maintain its ban on assisted suicide. Here's why. 1. There is no screening or counseling for depression. 2. There are no safeguards at the time of ingestion. 3. It opens the door to elder abuse and coercion. 4. A terminal prognosis is difficult to predict. 5. It turns doctors into killers. 6. There is no accountability. 7. It sends the message that suicide is acceptable. 8. It discriminates against people with disabilities. 9. It really is a slippery slope. 10. There are increasing financial incentives to limit care. There are alternatives to assisted suicide.