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## Bishop Brennan Calls Faithful to 'Celebrate Life' At Pro Vita Mass

by Paula Katinas, Senior Reporter

PROSPECT HEIGHTS — Undaunted by high abortion rates in the United States, as well as a new state law that allows assisted suicide, pro-life supporters gathered for the diocese's annual Pro Vita Mass on April 26 to reaffirm their commitment to preserving life.

Bishop Robert Brennan said the gathering at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph was important because it is centered on prayer. "It's a moment where we stand for life, celebrate life, and pray for respect for all life," he told The Tablet.

Bishop Brennan celebrated the Mass, which was sponsored by the Long Island Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, and noted in his homily that because God created human beings in his image, "there is no human life that is expendable."

The Knights are steadfast in their dedication to life, said the Knights' New York State Deputy Gary Leonardo.

"The Knights are 100% committed to pro-life. We have to make sure we get the message out there," Leonardo said, adding that the Knights advocate for life in many ways, including raising money to pay for ultrasound machines.

He noted that the Knights have provided more than 1,500 ultrasound machines to health care centers in New York.

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Pallbearers carry Staff Sgt. Nicholas J. Governale's casket from church to a waiting hearse for the journey to Linden Hills Cemetery, where he was laid to rest alongside his parents and siblings. (Photo: Paula Katinas)

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