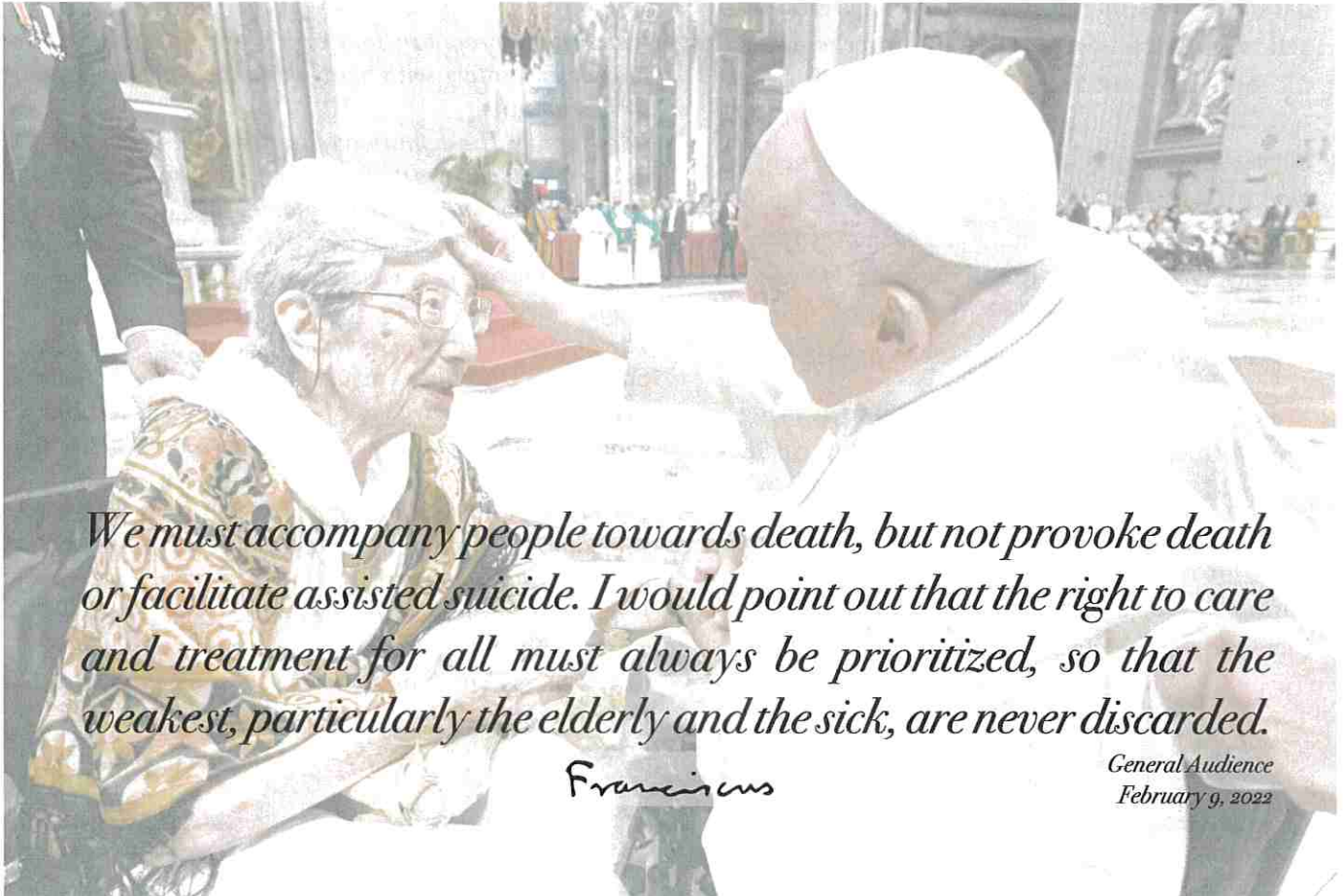
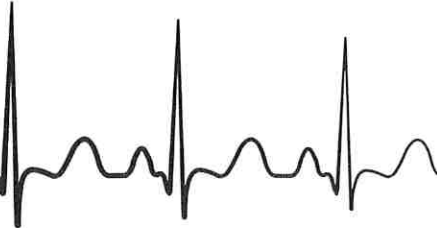


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We must accompany people towards death, but not provoke death or facilitate assisted suicide. I would point out that the right to care and treatment for all must always be prioritized, so that the weakest, particularly the elderly and the sick, are never discarded.

Franciscus

*General Audience
February 9, 2022*



Call Your State Senator



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your voice is urgently needed. Over the past month over 11,000 postcards were presented to our state legislators expressing our opposition to physician assisted suicide. Despite this effort, the Delaware House of Representatives passed HB140, a bill allowing for physician assisted suicide, 21 votes for and 20 against. The bill now is before the Senate for their consideration, and I am asking you—before it is too late—to please contact your State Senator and express your opposition to this bill.

Our Catholic Faith teaches us that all life sacred, from the moment of conception to natural death. This means that there is a great distinction between, on the one hand, death that comes naturally and, on the other hand, performing actions to bring on death. We are never required to undergo medical treatments that are “extraordinary” (i.e., treatments that are burdensome, costly, or offer little hope of benefit). Not undergoing such treatments, however, is much different from having a physician providing the means for a patient to end one’s life. For more information on this distinction, visit cdow.org/StopAssistedSuicide for a 2-page FAQ.

Please contact your state senator today, using the information on this flyer. Your standing up for life could help save the lives of some of the most vulnerable among us. May God reward your generous witness for life, and may God bless you during these Lenten days as we prepare to celebrate the Easter gift of new life.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D.
Bishop of Wilmington



Use the QR Code to visit legis.delaware.gov/FindMyLegislator to find your Senator

Type your address and click “Find My Legislator”. It will display your State Senator. His (her) office phone number is listed on the back of this flyer.

Call your Senator’s office and let him (her) know you want him (her) to Vote NO on HB140.

Always be kind and respectful and identify yourself with your full name and address.

If you are leaving a voicemail or message with a staff member, leave your phone number and ask for a return call.

Here are some **talking points** to help prepare you.

- A six-month prognosis for death is extremely difficult to predict accurately, with many patients living far beyond the six months.
- Additionally, the definition of terminal illness under assisted suicide laws includes patients who refuse treatment and might live for many years, and diabetes and anorexia nervosa – a treatable mental health issue – have been listed as a reason someone received lethal drugs.
- The American Medical Association and the National Council on Disability are just a few of the many medical associations and advocates for those with disabilities who are against assisted suicide. Do we know better than them?
- The bill does not require a mental health evaluation of someone seeking assisted suicide, putting those with mental health issues at risk.
- People with disabilities and the elderly fear assisted suicide due to the potential for coercion and abuse.
- Government sanctioned suicide sends the dangerous message to young people that it is acceptable to kill oneself.

STOP HB140