

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## PRE-BORN BABIES-NO "ME TOO MOVEMENT?"

*The other day I decided to go to visit a very good friend of mine, Monsignor James McDonald who is a pastor out on Long Island. Unfortunately, Monsignor McDonald was just diagnosed with cancer and some other serious health problems, so I would ask for your prayers for him. As I had an almost two hour drive out to a nursing home facility in Islip where Monsignor is recuperating, I had plenty of time to listen to the radio.*

*On this day (September 27th) almost every radio station was broadcasting the Senate hearings featuring Brett Kavanaugh, a potential Supreme Court nominee and Christine Blasey Ford who had accused Mr. Kavanaugh of sexually molesting her at a party while in a drunken stupor over 35 years ago.*

*Both Mr. Kavanaugh and Ms. Blasey Ford's testimonies were very moving and riveting. Without any witnesses, it is very hard to prove the guilt or innocence of anyone. It's a classic of "she said, he said!" considering that Kavanaugh and Blasey Ford were teenagers at the time, maybe we could be a little less harsh in our judgements. I am not excusing immorality, but a lot of teenagers do have sex-it is known to happen! This does not make it right at all- it is against the sixth commandment.*

*When we look back over our lives there may be things in our past that we might be embarrassed about- some pretty bad sins. But we Catholics have confession which has been called the "Last plank after shipwreck." Even if we do make a wreck of our lives, through penance we can make it right again. In our country in the last year or so, there has been a phenomena known as the "Me Too" movement. Women have come forward accusing men, some of them very famous, of sexual abuse and harassment. No doubt about it, people in the entertainment industry, sports, politics and even the Church have acted badly. This past summer someone suggested that the Catholic Church had its own "MeToo" movement as many came forward to accuse not only priests but also a Cardinal of sexual abuse.*

*Perhaps there could be some good derived from the "Me Too" movement. But there also could be some bad effects. For instance, once an accusation is made, even if it is not credible, that person is tarnished and it's difficult, nearly impossible to restore one's reputation after such a serious charge has been made. In our society today in this regard, you are presumed guilty first and then you have to prove your innocence!*

*As of this writing, I do not know if Judge Kavanaugh will be confirmed for the Supreme Court. I certainly hope he will be, for he strikes me as a very upright, sincere and highly intelligent individual. Kavanaugh's real sin in the eyes of some in the Senate, especially Senator Diane Feinstein, is that he stands for life. He does not believe that abortion is a moral choice.*

*The great fear among the liberal members of government is that with a conservative majority on the court, the infamous Roe VS. Wade decision in 1973 which legalized abortion could be overturned or at least crippled. Since that time over 60 million abortions have been performed in the United States. While sexual abuse and violence is a crime and a sin, a worse sin is the murdering of the child in the womb.*

*Who knows what 60 million children could have become if they had been allowed to live? Where is the "Me Too" movement for these little ones? Who stands up and protests this ultimate abuse? Something to think about and pray about on this Right to Life Sunday!*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Jerome*