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Fourth Sunday of Easter — May 12, 2019

Venerable Bruno Lanteri with the Madonna and Child
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Bishops Speak Out Against Abortion Legislation

The Massachusetts State Legislature will consider passing into law two deeply troubling bills this legislative session. They are identical in text but differ slightly in their titles. The first, (HB 3320) is “An Act removing obstacles and expanding access to women’s reproductive health”. The second, (SB 1209) is “An Act to remove obstacles and expand abortion access”. Combined they share the same acronym – ROE.

We, the Roman Catholic Bishops of the four Dioceses of Massachusetts, call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that these bills would bring to the lives of infants, parents, families and the citizens of the Commonwealth. We urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures.

How can your voice be heard?

Log on to macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

1) Your local Senator and Representative via zip code link. Let them know that you are opposed to these two bills and that you are a voter in their district.
2) Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary who will consider House Bill 3320
3) Contact the members of the Joint Committee on Public Health who will consider Senate Bill 1209

For those without internet access, call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information. Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to take the same action.
Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA

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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.

The OMV motto, “MARIAM COGITA, MARIAM INVOCA” “THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.