Assisted death: Troubling issue requires thought



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rera; long time in a coma.

The issue of assisted or allowed death is similar to abortion. It is a troubling issue that requires much thought and one where there will never be agreement in the religious community, much lead in society. Legal experts sugsect that it will take at least five years to settle the issue in our law.

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The Social Creed of my denomination has determined a position with regard to "Death with Dignizing the position of the agoid personal amoral decisions faced by the dying, their physicians, their families and their friends. Therefore, we dissert the right of every presonal care and without efforts to prolong terminal illnesses incredy because the technology is

Haven hosts fund-raising fashion show

Oakland County's shelter and counseling center for domestic vi-elence, Haven, will host the sixth annual Promenade of Hope fund-ralser fashion show on Monday, Dec. 13. Celebrity models include Joe Dumars, Vinnie Johnson and Duc Change.

Dumars, Vinnie Johnson and Don Chaney, Admission is \$150 for friends, \$300 for patrons and \$500 for ben-efactors. Call Cathy at 788-0482 for reservations.

40 join history honor society

Forty students and faculty in the Oakland University Depart-ment of History were inducted Nov. 12 into Phi Alpha Theta, the International Honor Society in History

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The induction marked the establishment of an OU chapter of Phi Alpha Theta to promote the study and enjoyment of history at Onkland University.

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available to do so."

The main thing that I object to within the position stated by the Archdiocese of Detroit is the rigid rule and set moral theory which they state. These issues regarding anyone with terminal illnesses are agonizing. They are financially draining. They often come to a point where there is no freedom and no quality of life.

As with abortion, we have no

unswers to assisted death. Yes, society must be very careful. Yet, we do not live in a time in which

we do not live in a time in which love, mercy and freedom will be denied.

It is ironic that we also live in a time when there is an increasing cry for the state to execute criminals. Many of the same people would deny choice to a terminally ill person to end his or her own life. We want to kill criminals but

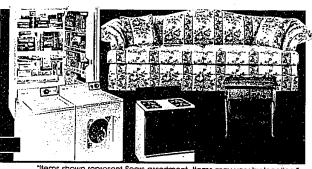
not let a sick person end his or her own life. Assisted death is an important issue which we must follow closely in the months and

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