



MICHIGAN
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Statewide Catholic Action Plan to Defeat Proposal 3

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Dear Pastor/Pastoral Administrator/Deacon:

On Tuesday, November 8, Catholics across the state will have the opportunity of a lifetime to defeat a proposal that would impose unregulated abortion-on-demand on the people of Michigan. Voters will be asked if the state constitution should be amended to create a right to abortion throughout pregnancy with no regulations, no opportunity for the legislature to change the law, and no limitations on who can obtain an abortion from any person, at any time, without consequences. The question appears on the ballot as Proposal 3. Catholic engagement is necessary to defeat this proposal and its grave consequences.

To witness to and uphold the right to life in this state, and to prevent the abortion industry from turning Michigan into the pro-abortion capital of the country, Michigan Catholic Conference, in collaboration with the seven dioceses in the state, has launched a statewide Catholic Action Plan to defeat Proposal 3.

Every parish in Michigan is asked to engage in this effort, to distribute educational materials, and to encourage a No vote on Proposal 3.

The statewide Catholic Action Plan is designed to assist you and your parish staff with running an educational effort over a seven-week period leading up to the election, starting the weekend of September 24/25, to encourage Catholics to vote against Proposal 3. Enclosed you will find from MCC:

- *FOCUS*: Protect Life: Vote No on Proposal 3
- Questions and Answers about Proposal 3
- They Say/We Respond Document
- Prayer Card
- Suggested Pulpit Announcements
- Suggested Prayers of the Faithful
- 7-week Preaching Guide
- One Page Overview of Proposal 3
- Suggested Parish Action Plan

These resources can be copied and used as needed. Your diocesan communications and pro-life offices will provide additional resources to support the Church's opposition to Proposal 3. MCC is also leading the official ballot question committee with Right to Life of Michigan to defeat the proposal. The group is called Citizens to Support MI Women and Children. MCC encourages your support of this coalition of pro-life professionals and organizations; their website is supportmiwomenandchildren.org.

As highlighted in our *2022 Election Year Guidelines for Catholic Parishes and Organizations* pamphlet sent in July, **Catholic organizations and clergy can speak against a ballot proposal and encourage a No vote without limitations.** It is your right to do so. Lastly, I encourage you to use the enclosed form to order additional copies of MCC's *FOCUS* publication and prayer cards at no-cost to distribute within the parish.

With gratitude for your service to the people of God and participation in this immense effort, I am

Sincerely,

Paul A. Long
President and CEO