



Oct. 7/8 Pulpit Announcement

Good morning/evening,

By now, you have likely heard about Issue 1, the proposed amendment to enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution. I am here today to share a bit more about this extreme amendment and what we can do to help protect the women, families, and children of Ohio.

While some believe Issue 1 would simply restore Ohio back to the pre-Dobbs decision days, this proposed amendment goes DANGEROUSLY BEYOND what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. If passed, this amendment would:

- Open the door to **remove health and safety standards that protect women** seeking an abortion;
- **Threaten parental rights**, as the language directly conflicts with current requirements for parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion;
- **And allow for abortions in the third trimester**, well beyond when a baby feels pain.

Issue 1 is too extreme for Ohio. We need your help to ensure this scary amendment does not find a home in our constitution, making it very difficult to change. So, what can you do?

First – if you are not already registered to vote, REGISTER TODAY! The deadline to register is this Tuesday, October 10th. You can register online at www.voteohio.gov

Next – please VOTE NO on Issue 1. Early and absentee voting begins this Wednesday, October 11th. Again, you can visit www.voteohio.gov to request your absentee ballot or find your early voting location.

Finally – Pray, visit the Ohio Catholic Conference website to learn more about Issue 1, and tell your family and friends about the extreme implications of Issue 1 and encourage them to Vote No!

Optional: Thank you for your time – I will be available after Mass to answer any questions.