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Dear Catholic School Families,

As part of the upcoming election, you will be asked to vote on several important proposals. From a Catholic perspective, we want to draw your attention to Proposal 3. We have an obligation to ensure that our school communities are well informed on Proposal 3. In short, Proposal 3, (the “Reproductive Freedom for All” proposal), if approved, would amend Michigan’s Constitution to make abortion a fundamental, constitutionally protected right.

For many years, our schools have been involved in various right to life activities. With the overturning of Roe v. Wade, our right to life activities begins a new chapter. Opposition to Proposal 3 is a very visible aspect of our faith-based defense of life from natural conception to natural death.

From the Catholic perspective, Proposal 3 is not a political issue, it is a moral issue. As such, the Church has an obligation to speak out on this matter. As Catholics, we recognize that “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270). That is because every person is wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God and is therefore of immense worth.

The Office of Catholic Schools is sharing information and educational resources with parents, students, staff and faculty. We encourage you to review and share the information below. To support our teachers and administrators, we have created teaching resources and opportunities that are age- and grade--level appropriate to help our students understand this matter. How these resources are used will be determined at the building level. The Michigan Catholic Conference, in the fall edition of its [Focus](#) publication, provides information on Proposal 3 as well a “Faithful Citizen’s Approach to Voting as a Catholic in the November Election.”

- [Diocese of Saginaw, Proposal 3 Resources](#)
- [Video from the Office of Catholic Schools, with Resources](#)

If you have questions on how this topic will be addressed at your school, please contact your building principal. Resources have also been shared with local parishes by the Diocese and the Michigan Catholic Conference. If you have specific questions on Proposal 3 or the resources referenced in this document, please feel welcome to contact the appropriate diocesan staff member referenced below.

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Please join us in praying for a defeat of Proposal 3. Thank you for allowing our schools to partner with you in the education of your child.

Respectfully,



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