



DIOCESE *of* GAYLORD

Statement by the Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, bishop of Gaylord

My Dear people,

As faithful citizens, we look forward to casting our votes on November 8. Catholics in the Diocese of Gaylord are called to uphold the inherent dignity of all people by voting **NO** on Proposal 3, and its “anything goes” approach to the destruction of human life. The proper formation of our conscience guides us to *reject* this proposal and **recognize** that we would be actively participating in the promotion and expansion of the intrinsic moral evil of abortion if we vote otherwise.

This is a **defining** moment. With the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe versus Wade*, every state in the Union is now tasked with the establishment of abortion laws. As of November 9, let it be said, pray God, that the state of Michigan reaffirmed the genius of our system of government by rejecting Proposal 3. “We the People” have the opportunity to shine a bright light on the familiar line in the U.S. Constitution which states: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and are endowed *by their Creator* with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

And now, allow me to close with the words of Sacred Scripture. Please take these words to heart:

“Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you; consider how their lives ended and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teaching.” (Hebrews 13:7-9).

Peace,

+Bishop Walsh