

When Missourians head to the polls on Tuesday, November 5, we will be asked to vote “yes” or “no” on Amendment 3. Pro-abortion advocates seek to amend the Missouri Constitution and legalize abortion throughout ALL stages of pregnancy. Amendment 3 goes too far. We are asking all people of faith, those who value women’s health and the sanctity of life to **VOTE NO on Amendment 3 this November**. Empower women to choose life and safeguard preborn babies from this dangerous initiative.

## WHAT IT SAYS:

1. This Section shall be known as “The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative.”
2. The Government shall not **deny or infringe upon a person’s fundamental right to reproductive freedom**...including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion care, **miscarriage care**, and respectful birthing conditions.
3. The right to reproductive freedom shall not be **denied, interfered with, delayed, or otherwise restricted unless the Government demonstrates that such action is justified by a compelling governmental interest achieved by the least restrictive means**. Any denial, interference, delay, or restriction of the right to reproductive freedom shall be presumed invalid.
4. Notwithstanding subsection 3 of this Section, the general assembly may enact laws that regulate the provision of abortion after Fetal Viability provided that **under no circumstance shall the Government deny, interfere with, delay, or otherwise restrict an abortion that in the good faith of a treating health care professional is needed to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person**. ...
8. For purposes of this Section, the following terms mean: (1) “Fetal Viability”, the point in pregnancy when, in the **good faith judgment of a treating health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus’s sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures**.

\* Missouri Revised Statutes, Sections 188.010 - 188.375

\*\* Based on Doe v. Bolton

## WHAT IT DOES:

### THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “person” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

### MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes the myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have *always* provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this petition.

### PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Missouri laws\* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed and to administer medication abortions in person in case of complications for the woman. These health and safety standards could be seen as an “interference” or “delay” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

### ALLOWS FOR ABORTIONS IN THE SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER

This amendment allows abortions at any time to protect not only the physical, but also the mental health of the woman. This means that a health care provider could justify a late-term abortion due to a woman’s “emotional, psychological, [and] familial” concerns\* \*. An abortion provider would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.



**BISHOP JOHNSTON** asks for your prayers to prevent this proposed Amendment from becoming part of the Missouri state constitution.

## What can we do to help prevent Amendment 3 from passing this November?

### PRAY!

Dear Gracious God,

By Your hand we received the gift of life at the moment of conception.

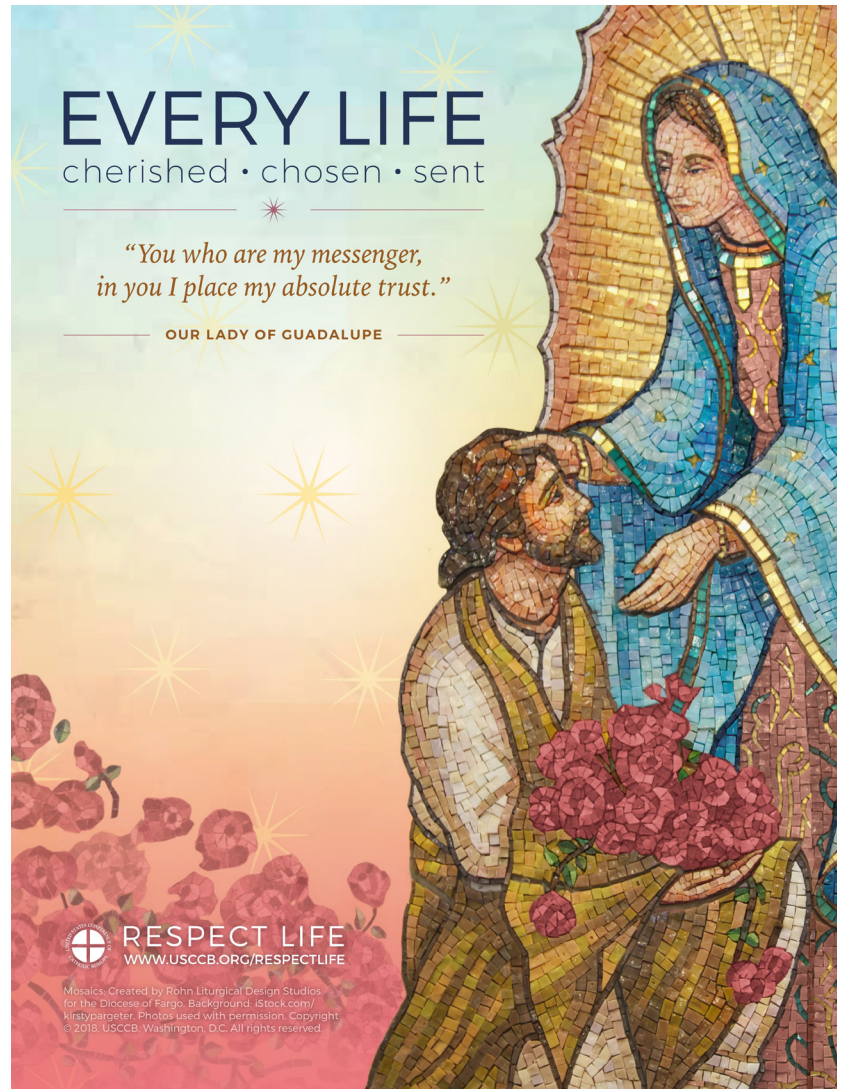
Through the working of the Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith even in the midst of a troubled world. You call us to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life and Your love to all around us.

We ask you to bless us as we share Your teachings on the dignity of **all** human life, especially the preborn and their mothers.

Give us strength of heart and mind. Do not allow us to be discouraged as we make our voices heard to proclaim Your teachings that are now being threatened.

Give us a clear voice as we work to overcome the trial before us for the sake of all people in Missouri.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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