

November 15, 2023

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila,

The time is now to stand for preborn children. If we do nothing to change the law, 48,000 more children will die between presidential election cycles. One thousand children are tortured to death every month in Colorado. This is not a political issue. This is a human rights issue. This is not a matter of prudence but obedience. How can we save these children?

We have a predominantly extremist death culture in the legislature and the governor. We can bypass them and go directly to the people. With every ballot initiative for life, a higher percentage of Coloradans have voted for life. We need less than 20% more Coloradans to vote for life than Prop 115 for an initiative to pass. If we wait another election cycle, we play into the enemy's hand.

We are not where we were even two years ago. This will be the first Life initiative on the Colorado ballot since the overturn of Roe. Signing the petition says this is an important issue to put before the people. It gives an opportunity to have these conversations to educate voters on the value of every human life and the importance of just laws that align human laws with God's natural law.

We have consulted with a US Supreme Court attorney, Colorado attorneys, doctors, ethicists, theologians, women's advocates, political strategists, marketing specialists, and national prolife leaders, and have written the language to educate every Colorado voter. We are asking all denominations to lay the groundwork over the next year to mobilize your people. We are asking all Christians to pray, educate, and vote For Life.

This is not a prudential issue like school choice, taxation, or a mayoral election. This is a holocaust targeting women, silencing men, and killing children. The church is relevant to speak into this culture using the authority of Scripture and the promise of Christ that "the gates of hell shall not prevail." We cannot delegate this authority to outside groups or politicians. This is the job of the Body of Christ to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Using the Nehemiah approach, we are asking pastors and priests across Colorado to build a wall of protection for these mothers and children with the people who are in front of you. We are asking you to not just speak, but to act, on the Sanctity of human life and God's requirement for just laws to protect the fatherless and prevent child sacrifice and the shedding of innocent blood. We are asking Christians to vote our beliefs to rescue those being led to slaughter.

In this spiritual battle, we are submitting ourselves in obedience to God's expressed will and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. With faith to pray to end abortion, we have faith to work to end abortion.

We are looking for spiritual leaders to raise the standard of truth for others to follow in putting faith and values into action and efforts to save the lives of these innocent children.

A life initiative will be on the ballot. The question is will you help us mobilize the prolife community? It is simply not true that praying, educating, speaking the truth and voting for life will “set back the prolife movement,” unless “prolife” means something other than ending the painful dismemberment and poisoning of children, and the “movement” is away from saving all children’s lives. Just as Roe v Wade was a tool in changing a culture toward death, promoting a law that God can bless can also help cultivate a culture of life. We only “lose” if we forfeit.

When we love our neighbor as ourselves, we support laws that protect our neighbors. We are asking pastors and priests to lay the groundwork within your own congregations and parishes over the next year to prepare your people. We are asking for prayer in this spiritual battle for preborn children and these efforts to protect them. And we are asking for the faith that when we are obedient to God’s Word, God will do what only God can do in moving in the hearts and minds of people. Regardless, God has not called us to be successful, only obedient and faithful.

Our statewide Task Force and more than two thousand volunteers have been doing the heavy lifting over the past two years to get to this point. We are only asking if you would like to join us in solidarity for our preborn brothers and sisters. Will the Catholic Church protect human life from conception until natural death by supporting a prolife initiative? Is the Catholic Church willing to engage in this spiritual battle for the protection of children? The same people who vote against a Constitutional amendment can simultaneously vote to protect all living children from mutilation leading to disability and intentional death. This initiative isn’t about money, it’s about saving lives.

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)

Jesus said, " 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:40)

“But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world for the causes of sin. These stumbling blocks must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!”
(Matthew 18:6-7)

Please review the attached full text of the life initiative and let me know if you see anything that disagrees with Catholic doctrine that you should oppose it. The fact sheet is also attached for your reference.

For Such a Time as This,

On Behalf of the Colorado Life Initiative Task Force and Volunteers representing 64 counties