

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

St. Ignatius of Antioch October 17, 2024

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your understanding in responding to our advisories urging you to study the implications and Vote "No" on Amendment 79 on the upcoming November Colorado ballot.

Please continue to remember the key points of concern about this amendment:

- 1. It will enshrine all abortions without limit
- 2. It will end parental notification of children in distress
- 3. It will be tax-payer funded, regardless of state residency
- 4. Further discussion of common-sense adjustments to any of the above will be ended. Period.

In our prayers to not further extend, exacerbate and finalize the existing Colorado law, and in hopes to at least protect some mothers and preborn children, we must never forget to pray for those who do not agree with our convictions, for a conversion of heart for our society, and especially for pregnant mothers who struggle with this difficult choice.

Regarding the argument that abortion is safe, regulated and necessary health care for pregnant women, I refer you to the web page, "The Truth About Abortion & Women's Health," listed on the diocesan website under USCCB Pro-Life resources.

For those mothers you know who are walking through pregnancy, I again refer you to the diocesan website under Respect Life Ministry at **www.diopueblo.org/respect-life**, to a beautiful resource called "Walking with Moms."

For those mothers who have undergone a past abortion, are hurting and ready for healing, our Respect Life webpage will direct you to "Project Rachel," another beautiful and effective resource for healing after abortion.

Let us be prudent, thoughtful and in prayer together, ready to answer questions as they arise, and please again, remember to Vote "No" on Amendment 79.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Stephen Berg, D.D.

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