



I write today as your Shepherd. We approach the celebration of the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux October 1, which begins the national month to Respect Life. Preparing for the November ballot, I bring deep concerns about one particular measure, called Amendment 79: “Right to Abortion”, where I must clearly urge you to vote “No”.

We are called to protect life in all its stages and forms, preborn and living, all God’s children. Amendment 79 intends to increase the attack on the unborn, their mothers, and the family structure in three ways. It expands Colorado’s already most liberal abortion law in the country to be enshrined in the Colorado constitution, to a right to unrestricted abortion for all 40 weeks of pregnancy, it eliminates parental notification laws, and it allows for taxpayer funding for abortions, which is currently prohibited.

Sadly today, much of society is complacent with the notion of the ‘right’ to abortion. Amendment 79 is even more extreme. It will seriously limit, if not end, our ability to pass pro-life legislation in the future. Countless children known only to God will die in Colorado, already being brought in from many neighboring states, funded by us through our state taxes. Parents will be further alienated from their rights and responsibilities for the medical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of their teenaged children. Society will pressure these troubled children into abortion without parental knowledge. If this Amendment passes, parents will lose their rights to their protection, safety, and wellbeing of their children.

I appreciate that you, as Catholics, know Catholic teaching and where we stand on the issue of abortion. Vote “No” on Amendment 79. This pulpit announcement will not be the last words you hear through the upcoming month. We must pray, get the word out, work with prolife brothers and sisters and defeat Amendment 79. Please check out the toolkit on our diocesan website and be guided by the Holy Spirit in our cause.

St Therese of Lisieux, pray for us

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.