



# DIOCESE OF PUEBLO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

St. Francis of Assisi  
October 4, 2025

Brothers and Sisters,

We are in the month of Respect Life October, having begun with the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face of God. I write today on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, friend of all God's holy creatures and patron saint of Colorado. As your Shepherd, I will continue to advise you on a most urgent issue, which is to Vote No on Amendment 79 on the upcoming November ballot.

Allow me to clarify that as a Catholic nonprofit we are not permitted to support or oppose political candidates in an election. But we are most definitely allowed to engage and speak on ballot issues that impact our mission. Amendment 79 is one of those ballot issues. Therefore, you will not hear me recommend any political candidate or party. However, nonprofits including churches have the right, and as Catholics we have the duty, to speak from the heart and condemn what will be this tragic and irreversible Amendment 79.

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.

Ballots come out next week. I encourage you to be informed. Go to our diocesan website and read the Voter's Guide. Check out the Right To Know website, a coalition of prolife groups of Colorado. It will also be helpful to review the USCCB website, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." Yard signs, palm cards and door hangers are being produced and will soon be available for distribution.

And as always, prayer is the key to hope, healing, and compassion, as we strive for truth, justice and life.


St Therese of Lisieux, pray for us

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



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