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Dear Parishioners,

I am asking for your attention regarding the very dangerous abortion amendment that will be on the November ballot. Known as Question 6, if passed for the second time by voters, this Nevada Constitutional amendment will cause the following harm:

- **It dangerously expands abortion rights. Abortion, already legal in Nevada up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, would now be permitted to the 9th month of pregnancy.**
- **It ratifies removal of parental notification and family involvement from abortion decisions made by minor children. Parental consent is required to give a student a Tylenol; yet this initiative would allow a minor to obtain an abortion without a parent even knowing.**
- **It is dangerous for women and young girls. Question 6 would replace the 'licensed physician' requirement for abortion with 'health care practitioner,' a term that includes nurses, dentists, opticians, and medical laboratory technicians (NRS 439A.0195) AND severely threatens the state's ability to regulate abortion clinics for basic health, safety, and sanitary conditions.**

As Christians who value human life, we must oppose the pro-abortion forces striving for the passage of this Amendment. They will use misinformation and fear to trick people into thinking that they will lose all access to abortion if they do not pass this amendment. That is simply not true. Abortion (sadly) is already enshrined in Nevada State Law and is protected up to six months of pregnancy. We do not need or want this terrible amendment which will expand and enshrine abortion in our Nevada Constitution.

Please do everything you can to inform others of why this amendment is bad news for everyone and why they need to vote NO on the November ballot. You are encouraged to speak with your neighbors and friends so that we educate the larger public on the truth.

Please pick up an Advisory from the Nevada Catholic Conference available in English and Spanish at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your consideration of this urgent and critical matter.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Bishop of Reno