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Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

As you likely know, we are at a critical moment right now in the history of California: voters this November will be asked whether or not they support the “right” to abortion for all nine months, without any restrictions or limitations, being written into our state constitution. It is indeed a very disturbing indication of the state of our current political climate that such a question will be asked in the form of Proposition 1 on the November 8 ballot.

Proposition 1 was passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor, and now must go to a vote of the people, requiring a simple majority for its approval. The California bishops have made defeating Prop 1 our number one priority for this year, and we ask every Catholic in the state to become educated on this dangerous bill, encourage others to oppose it, and support the “No on Prop 1 Campaign” with your prayer, fasting and financial contributions. More information about our efforts in this campaign, including engaging our spiritual resources, is available on the website of the California Catholic Conference (<https://cacatholic.org/prop1>) and information about efforts in the Archdiocese of San Francisco at this web page: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/noonprop1/>.

Updates will be sent to the parishes to publish as well.

Finally, I ask you to join in a novena for the defeat of Proposition 1 that begins September 29, the Feast of the Archangels Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael, and concludes October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Information and novena prayers can be found at <https://cacatholic.org/prop1>.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco