



# DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and well-being to you and your families. May God continue to keep you in His abundant grace and loving care.

We have received the unfortunate news that Proposition 1 was passed by California voters. Our Diocese and our Church throughout the state fought this dangerous, expensive, and unnecessary proposition with great passion. I want to offer my heartfelt gratitude to all our parishes, schools, ministries and apostolic groups for their efforts to speak out against Proposition 1 and urge a 'No' vote. We are surely saddened by the outcome of the vote on Proposition 1 because we know it will only further promote a culture of death in California. At the same time, we need to recognize that the No on Prop. 1 campaign brought us together in a beautiful demonstration of advocacy for life. We were reminded once again of the preciousness of every human life in God's eyes and that we have a responsibility to defend life from conception to natural death. There is momentum in our communities of faith on the issue of Life. Let us keep it going!

Equally important is our continuing commitment to support women, children and families, both practically and pastorally. The "We Were Born Ready" campaign continues as we have much to say and do for women and families who are facing unplanned pregnancies. In our Catholic faith being Pro Life means being Pro Family and Pro Woman.

There is much that continues to happen in our state and our nation on the matter of abortion. So, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will surely be called upon in the days to come to advocate for the most vulnerable among us. You have my deepest prayers and thanks for all that you have done and continue to do for the cause of Life!

In Christ's Love,

Bishop Alberto Rojas