With the election coming up soon that will include Amendment #3, a ballot initiative to allow for abortions up until birth, I sent out the following message to all the priests of the dioceses of St. Louis and Jefferson City.

I know your mission is saving our parishes, but I hope you can also put out the word on this issue. I have yet to have much luck with xxx doing so, and I don't know of any faithful Catholic group that would do so. This is especially important for the St. Louis Archdiocese. In 2020, Archdiocesan employees engaged in a campaign to elect pro-abortion candidate Joe Biden. Archbishop Rozanski finally stopped the campaign after it gained public attention. Still, Rozanski accused pro-life Catholics of not forming a good Catholic conscience and being dismissive of social justice issues.

The next few weeks might be a good time to remind your followers of the archbishop's past stance on pro-life issues and urge them to vote no on Amendment 3.

Thanks,

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Dear Father,

Over the past two years, the U.S. Catholic Church has celebrated a Eucharistic Revival, culminating in the July 2024 National Eucharistic Congress. The Congress used the language of "renewal" to emphasize the need to reinvigorate the Church's teaching on the Eucharist.

While this renewed attention to the Eucharist is greatly welcomed, **we are unfortunately missing the most essential ingredient to address this issue of non-belief in the Eucharist.** *What is most needed is a renewal of our priests and bishops by accepting and believing in ALL the teachings of the Catholic Church*.

When too many of our bishops and priests ignore the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church and even those beliefs grounded in natural law, **how can the laity accept the much more difficult concept of bread and wine becoming the living flesh and blood of Jesus?** The laity will no doubt find it somewhat difficult to accept both the emphasis on the Eucharist and the de-emphasis on other teachings of the Catholic Church, especially regarding the value of human life.

When many bishops and priests seem to accept abortion and do not speak out against the heinous act of mothers having their children slaughtered in the womb, why would the laity have confidence in accepting any teachings of the Catholic Church? When bishops and priests give the Eucharist to public officials who promote abortion, **what message does that give Catholics about the real presence of Jesus in the Host when they are**

distributing the Body of Christ to public obstinate sinners who condone and even endorse murder?

If this is not a human life

Then this must simply be bread

When bishops and priests preach that the horrors of abortion are just one of many social justice issues, as has happened too often in our dioceses across Missouri, why would the laity have confidence in their preachings on the Eucharist?

If our church leaders and priests do not believe that an unborn child is a human being who deserves a right to life, **how can we expect the laity to think that a priest can take a piece of bread and turn it into Jesus Christ?** Even natural moral law tells us that all life is sacred, as does our Declaration of Independence, which affirms that **all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable Right to Life.** The declaration does not state, “all men are born equal,” but all are “created” equal.

If you want your parishioners to truly accept Christ's presence in the Eucharist, I urge you to preach all the dogmas of the Catholic Church this election season and encourage your parishioners to vote "NO" on Amendment 3, the ballot initiative to legalize abortion up until the time of birth. And urge your parishioners not to break the commandment "thou shall not kill" by supporting any candidate that promotes abortion, whether at the local, state, or federal level.

"Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear; be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." St. Catherine of Siena

"The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil." Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Sincerely,

A Faithful Catholic from the St. Louis Archdiocese

It is important to remember that no other institution on earth has ever worked harder to provide support and care for women with an unplanned pregnancy than the Catholic Church, so we can and should do everything we can to support both parent and child.