



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG  
Office of the Bishop

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

A grave threat stands before us that could result in Florida becoming one of the most pro-abortion states in the nation. This threat is Amendment 4 that will be on the ballot this November. This misleading proposal would allow late-term abortions, eliminate the requirement of parental consent for a minor child to have an abortion, and remove doctors from the decision-making process.

This threat is essentially a spiritual battle between life and death. That is why I am calling for Sunday, September 8, 2024, to be a Day of Prayer to Defeat Amendment 4 in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. On this day, the Church traditionally observes the Birth of Mary, Mother of God. As our mother too, she loves us and seeks to unite us to her Son, Jesus Christ.

All Catholics are urged to pray on this day that women and their preborn babies will be protected from the dangerous proposal known as Amendment 4. For prayer resources and other educational materials, visit [www.dosp.org/voteno](http://www.dosp.org/voteno).

May God bless you and may our Lord Jesus Christ grant you His everlasting peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes  
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