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Kansas bishops react to Value Them Both Amendment's failure to pass

We, the Catholic bishops of Kansas, join our people in expressing our disappointment that the Value Them Both Amendment did not pass. We are sorry to see that the most vulnerable human being in our society—the unborn child—will not be protected but further treated with indifference and injustice.

Please be assured that we will continue our efforts to protect and support life. We fully believe that all life is sacred and valuable by God's design, especially the unborn. Despite the outcome, the Church will continue to help mothers in crisis pregnancy situations. We will still promote ways in which a mother may say yes to life instead of choosing an abortion.

To those who voted “no” on the amendment, may we somehow work together in finding ways that support women's rights but also the rights of the unborn. We also pray for those who have had abortions. The arms of the Church are always open so that those who are suffering may experience God's mercy, compassion and healing by our words and actions.

We want to express our gratitude to the thousands of people who joined in voting “yes” for Value Them Both. Thank you for your courage, your generous support and hard work in promoting the Value Them Both Amendment.

There is much more to be accomplished in helping our society see the value and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. We trust that God will bring good out of evil. In the end, the truth wins! No matter how deep the darkness is, no matter how long it reigns, no matter how much it grows, it cannot destroy the light. Too often, it can seem that evil is winning, but we know that the darkness will never defeat the light of Christ. We will continue to preach the truth with love and place all our trust in Jesus who gives us hope. ***“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12***

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