

## Bulletin Announcements on Abortion-Opt Out Measure

- 1. A statewide signature gathering effort is now underway to restrict insurance coverage for abortion on the health exchange created by federal reform. Over the next few months, 258,000 valid signatures are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers. Contact the parish office to sign the petition and make your pro-life voice heard today.
- 2. 21 states have passed laws restricting abortion coverage in plans offered through the health care exchange. In doing so, these states sent a strong message in support of life and dignity, and now it is Michigan's turn. Help Michigan become the 22<sup>nd</sup> state to pass abortion insurance opt-out legislation by contacting the parish office or visiting MichigansVoice.com.
- 3. Michigan has long prohibited tax dollars from paying for or subsidizing abortion. Due to recent federal health care reform, a signature gathering effort is underway to ensure health plans on the newly created exchange abide by this same tradition. To participate in the drive and to sign the petition, contact your parish office or visit MichigansVoice.com today. Your participation is vital to the petition's success!
- 4. (Your parish) needs your support to bring legislation before Michigan lawmakers that prevents taxpayer money from paying for abortions. Abortion is not health care, and no citizen should be forced to pay for a procedure that destroys human life. To learn how you can take a stand and sign the petition, visit MichigansVoice.com or call the parish office.
- 5. At least 258,000 signatures are needed to send a message to lawmakers that Michigan citizens do not want to pay for abortion. By signing your name on a petition with other Michigan citizens, you can put this much needed legislation in front of Michigan lawmakers for a simple majority vote. This petition is an important step for protecting the unborn in this state, so call the parish office to take action today.
- 6. Over the next several months, parishes across the state will be collecting signatures in support of a prohibition on abortion coverage in plans available on the health care exchange. In order to protect Michigan taxpayers from contributing to a procedure which destroys human life, your help is needed today. To sign up or become involved, visit Michigans Voice.com or contact the parish office.
- 7. As federal health care reform is fully implemented over the next year, Michigan citizens need to stand up for legislation that continues to keep taxpayer dollars from paying for abortions. One way to do this is by signing a statewide petition, which puts the prohibition before the Michigan Legislature. Join with citizens across the state and demonstrate strong support for human life today by calling the parish office or visiting MichigansVoice.com.

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