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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now, you have no doubt heard that Prop. 1 passed. While this is tremendously disappointing, and not the outcome we have been working toward and praying for, there is still much to be proud of and thankful for.

Our deepest heartfelt gratitude to every single person who generously answered the call to raise awareness against Prop. 1. Our Catholic dioceses and parishes participated in a way and at an intensity that cannot be denied, and the polling and the election results prove it.

Though the measure succeeded, the number of Californians who identify as pro-life has increased by [almost ten percent](#) since this campaign began. In contrast, the number of Californians identifying as pro-choice has dropped seven percentage points, from 62% to 55%. We've shown that we can unite and be winsome in advocating against the extreme, expensive, and unnecessary push for late-term abortion.

Thank you to our Bishops, who were vocal in their opposition to Prop. 1 and shepherded us through the contentious waters of abortion in California with a heart for Christ, proclaiming the dignity of every human life.

Thank you to all priests and deacons who courageously brought the fight against Prop. 1 to parishioners through impassioned homilies and prayer events.

Thank you to diocesan leaders and parish captains who poured so much time into organizing, creating materials, and communicating the truth about Prop. 1.

Thank you to every parishioner who gave their precious time to our coalition, from holding voter drives to putting up yard signs and well beyond.

Finally, thank you to every person who acts as the hands and feet of Christ, walking daily with women, children and families in greatest need in our communities.

At the beginning of this year, the CA bishops [stated their resolve](#) "To commit to our sisters that we, the Catholic community of California, will be by your side as you walk the journey of motherhood." In our parishes, from baby showers to donations to awareness campaigns, the Catholic community is here for every mom and dad and family through our network of resource centers, pregnancy clinics, maternity homes, and call centers. Now is the time to reinvigorate our support for women, children, and families through [We Were Born Ready](#).

We have responded to our Gospel call to serve on behalf of the most vulnerable and to share the love of Christ Jesus. And despite the passage of Prop. 1, we can rest knowing that the Lord sees our work and recognizes our struggle. For, the core of our mission as Christians is to evangelize, spreading the good news of Jesus to the world. We build up the kingdom of God here in our midst, but our mindset is eternal, with hope for the world to come.

*“In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, for I have conquered the world.” John 16:33*

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