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In Remarks at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Cardinal Maida Recommends “No” Vote on Proposal 2 and Proposal 5

As Detroit’s archbishop and Chairman of the Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC), Cardinal Adam Maida, offered remarks at the conclusion of Mass on the Sunday before the General Election and recommended a “No” vote on Proposal 2 and on Proposal 5. The MCC, the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Michigan, has taken positions on two of the five statewide ballot initiatives this year.

At Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit, the cardinal urged defeat of Proposal 2:

“...this year in Michigan, Proposal 2 seeks to end the practice of affirmative action. As bishops, we see the continuation of affirmative action, especially for women and persons from minority groups, as a positive policy in our contemporary culture. We recommend a ‘no’ vote on Proposal 2.”

Cardinal Maida also spoke out against Proposal 5:

“Proposal 5 concerns funding for public education, which is a noble cause. Through a careful reading of the proposal, however, it becomes clear that the proposal has many dangerous flaws: it would jeopardize the availability of funds for other necessary programs for adoption, foster care, and health care for the poor.”

Cardinal Maida’s remarks were shared in advance with all 300 parishes in the six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit. He urged Catholics to exercise “responsible citizenship” and to be sure to vote on Tuesday. “Participation in the political process,” the cardinal said, “is a moral duty.” He reminded parishioners that “...as believers we should vote for candidates who are respectful of the common good, especially the dignity of life.”

A copy of the cardinal’s remarks and an audio recording of them are available on the archdiocesan website at www.AODonline.org. There are 1.3 million Catholics in the six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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