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**The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications issues the following statement from Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids, following the approval of Proposal 3 by voters in Michigan:**

The passage of Proposal 3 in no way diminishes our commitment to pray for and support human life at all stages of existence. It is disheartening to see that society continues to promote abortion as the only option for women experiencing unintended or unplanned pregnancies. I call on our elected representatives to enact legislation that prioritizes the well-being and stability of families in our society. The United States Bishops have made [recommendations at the federal level](#) to make this type of society possible.

The Catholic Church remains committed to helping women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies because we firmly believe God has a plan and purpose for every human life. We will continue to accompany and care for women in need of emotional, spiritual, or material support and their child(ren), born and unborn.

For every woman who has had an abortion, know that God loves you. Help and healing are available to you through our Project Rachel ministry.

**Local resources:**

**Healing after abortion:** [Project Rachel](#)

**Catholic Charities West Michigan:** [Pregnancy Support Services](#) | [Resources and support for moms and families](#)

**Pregnancy Support:** [HELP Pregnancy Aid](#) | [Pregnancy Resource Center – Grand Rapids](#) | [Alpha Grand Rapids](#)

**Baby and Toddler Pantries:** [Catholic Charities West Michigan](#) | [The Baby Pantry of Lowell](#) | [Grandmother's Cupboard Baby Pantry](#) (Lake County)

**St. Mary Parish, Spring Lake:** [Medical/dental-Pregnancy Support-Food and Clothing-Housing](#)

**Infertility Support & Education:** [Franciscan Life Process Center](#)

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