



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may know, my brother Bishops in California and I have endorsed two initiatives for placement on the November state ballot, recognizing this moment as a unique opportunity to educate our people on a consistent ethic of life and human dignity.

The first is a matter central to our Catholic life: the Parental Notification Initiative. This would require a doctor to notify parents 48 hours prior to performing an abortion on their minor daughter. The second is a strong Catholic priority: the SAFE California initiative, which would replace the use of the death penalty with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

This month I am encouraging signature gathering for both of these initiatives in parishes throughout the Diocese. I urge you to inform yourselves about these initiatives and to support them by signing the petitions and helping to gather other signatures as well. Full information is on the Diocese web site [here](#).

With God's help we will succeed in placing into California's public policy these common sense, compassionate and just efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Salvatore Cordileone". The signature is written in a cursive style.

+ Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone
Bishop of Oakland

