

# Building a Culture of Life in Ohio after Issue 1

*A Catholic Approach*



*The Way Forward...*

## Remembering Who We Are

After the tragic passage of Issue 1, we must remember that Catholics can transform the culture. Catholics established the first public hospitals and poor houses. Christianity inspired the abolition of slavery and the recognition that race, gender, and class do not determine a person's dignity.

Today, we can create a state where abortion becomes unthinkable. To do so, we must build a culture of life by...

### Proclaiming the Dignity of Life:

- Serving women and families during and after pregnancy.
- Teaching solidarity with vulnerable people in every circumstance and stage of development in parishes and schools.
- Participating in ministries that encounter the poor and strangers around us.

### Bringing Our Faith to Public Policy:

- Advocating for laws that prioritize the needs of pregnant women and young children.
- Calling for policies that assist family formation from affordable housing to paid leave.
- Opposing the culture of death, including abortion, the death penalty, and assisted suicide.

## About Issue 1

An amendment to Ohio's Constitution guaranteeing every "individual" a right to "reproductive decisions" became law on December 7, 2023.

*Pre-existing pro-life laws remain in place until legislative or judicial action.*

## Current Law in Ohio

- Abortion is prohibited after twenty weeks post fertilization (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.201(A)*).
- Abortion is prohibited on the grounds of a diagnosis of Down syndrome in the unborn child (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.10(B)*).
- Abortion providers are subject to various health and safety standards (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.201(B)(3)*).
- Miscarriage care has always been available and does not depend on laws related to abortion.

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