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**PRESS RELEASE**

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### **[Media information:**

Media are invited to cover a 24-hour prayer vigil at St. Gertrude Parish on Election Day. St. Gertrude is happy to host live-shots throughout the prayer vigil, including the early morning hours on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7. Live shots will be possible outside of church or in the vestibule of the church (not to bother those gathered in prayer inside the church). During the school hours students from St. Gertrude will be walking to and from church and praying in church and only video of the back of school children's heads will be permissible. I will be available for interviews to talk about the archdiocese's efforts opposing Issue 1 and Father John Paul Walker, pastor of St. Gertrude, will be available for comment about the prayer vigil and the role of the Church is opposing Issue 1. Please reach out in advance to schedule interviews. Interviews with Fr. Walker can be arranged via Michelle Dushensky. If you have any questions, please reach out.]

**WHAT** | 24-hour Prayer Vigil

**WHEN** | Beginning Monday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. until Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE** | St. Gertrude Church: 6543 Miami Ave. Madeira, OH 45243

Release Date: Nov. 3, 2023

### **24-Hour Prayer Vigil Heading into Election Day**

Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be gathering at churches over the coming days to pray for the protection of human life and dignity and the defeat of Issue 1. Churches across the archdiocese are holding prayer services, holy hours, and prayer vigils over the weekend and on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 6 and 7. A listing of prayer services can be found [here](#).

A 24-hour prayer vigil will be held at St. Gertrude in Madeira beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6 and lasting until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7. Worshipers will be praying alongside the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima that will be visiting the parish. The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima has traveled the world bringing the graces of the apparition of the Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The traveling statue brings the message of hope, peace and salvation to the millions of people who have never had the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima.

**RADIATE CHRIST**

The 24-hour prayer vigil at St. Gertrude will include an opening presentation about the statue, eucharistic adoration, hourly recitation of the Rosary, daily Mass at 7 a.m, 8 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 7 and closing benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m. A complete schedule of the prayer vigil can be found here: <https://www.stgertrude.org/fatima>.

Nov. 7 is also the conclusion of the 54-Day Rosary Novena. More than 15,000 Catholics from across the state of Ohio have been praying a rosary each day for 54 days for the protection of life and defeat of Issue 1. The 54-Day Rosary Novena began on Sept. 15 and concludes November 7.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has been strongly opposed to Issue 1. Archbishop Schnurr has been urging Catholics throughout western and southwestern Ohio to pray for an increase in respect for human life and dignity, educate themselves and others about the dangers of the proposed amendment and vote NO on Issue 1 on or before November 7.

To learn more about why the Archdiocese of Cincinnati opposes Issue 1 please visit [www.WhereDoesItSayThat.com](http://www.WhereDoesItSayThat.com) and [www.catholicaoc.org/VoteNO](http://www.catholicaoc.org/VoteNO). In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati there are more than 30 pro-life centers that assist pregnant women and families in need of assistance. More information about archdiocesan resources for women can be found on the [For Life](#) page of our website.

*The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the 51<sup>st</sup> largest Catholic diocese in the country, with around 435,000 Catholics, and has the fifth largest Catholic school system in terms of enrollment with nearly 40,000 students. The 19-county territory includes 206 canonical parishes organized into 57 Families of Parishes, and 109 Catholic primary and secondary schools.*