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**Read at Masses on Nov. 12 and 13**  
**Bishop Walsh's statement on the passing of Proposal 3**

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The passing of Proposal 3 in the state of Michigan is a tremendous sorrow for all who recognize the dignity of the human person, created in God's image and likeness from the first moment of conception. I want to thank everyone who made efforts and gave resources to defeat Proposal 3. The pro-life movement has proven resilient in the past, and we will muster the strength to persevere in defending life in new, yet unforeseen ways in the future. As disciples of Christ, our mission must always be to receive life as a gift from God, heal those broken by the sin of abortion, and walk with Moms in need. It is our sincere hope that, despite unjust civil laws, people will choose to follow divine law, and therein find their true happiness.