

Maryland Question 1, Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment



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This measure would:

- Guarantee a constitutional “right” to abortion, including the ability to prevent, continue, or end one’s own pregnancy
- Prevent any future attempts to regulate, limit, or ban abortion unless another constitutional amendment is passed

MARYLAND’S CURRENT LAW:

Abortion is legal in Maryland without any limits. Parental notification is required for ages 17 and under, though it can be waived if the doctor decides the child is “mature and capable” of informed consent or if notification isn’t in the child’s best interests.

Catholics should vote **NO** on Maryland Question 1

A human being's life begins the moment the sperm fertilizes the egg. This is now a unique and unrepeatable person.

Abortion is the intentional killing of a human being before he or she is born. The Catholic Church teaches that abortion is never morally licit.

The Church teaches that neither rape nor incest justifies the taking of an innocent human being's life.

Doctors never need to intentionally kill the baby to save the mother's life; therefore the "life of the mother" argument is invalid. In his address to midwives, Pope Pius XII taught that a physician should do all he can to preserve both lives. If the baby dies while the doctor tries to save the mother, this is not considered an abortion.

Any formal cooperation in abortion constitutes a grave sin. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human beings (CCC 2272).



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