Vote NO on Measure 2
Recreational Marijuana

Catholics have an obligation to help protect human life, the family, and the common good. If passed, Measure 2 will legalize recreational marijuana in our communities. The experience of others states that have legalized marijuana shows that legalization does more harm than good, especially when it comes to the health, safety, and well-being of our families and children.

- Marijuana is addictive and there is mounting evidence for the existence of a withdrawal syndrome. Studies have shown that some 10% of users will become addicted.
- Legalization has led to a dramatic increase in marijuana use in states that legalized recreational use.
- Marijuana has been shown to have adverse effects on mental health, and intelligence - including irreversible declines in cognition, and the respiratory system.
- Driving while acutely intoxicated with marijuana greatly increases the risk of a fatal motor vehicle collision. States with legal use of recreational marijuana have seen substantial increases in marijuana-related DUIs.
- Normalization also increases the likelihood of adolescent use where the consequences of use are more pronounced.
- The lack of reliable testing methods is a direct threat to workplace safety.
- California's experience shows that rather than reducing illegal activity, legalization of marijuana has led to more illegal growing, more marijuana-related crime, more violence, worker exploitation, and environmental devastation.

These are just some of the reasons the Catholic bishops of North Dakota have joined law enforcement and business groups to oppose Measure 2. Please vote No on Measure 2.

For more information, go to https://www.yourfaithyourvote.org/noonmeasure2_2022

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