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A Call to Objective Thinking and Christian Voting

By Reverend Anthony Coci

“They are mean, and they don’t care about us; therefore, we need to vote this way and not their way.” This is the common refrain we are going to hear as we get closer to the voting seasons this August and November. It is called an *ad hominem* (Latin: against the man) argument whereby one argues against another’s position/platform because of something they perceive in the other’s character. Today, many are labeling those who support women and children (pro-lifers) as anti-women and anti-children because of something they perceive in their thought process. They mainly perceive pro-lifers as ignorant of science and women’s health; as a result, passionate arguing and mudslinging ensues. Unfortunately, this approach does not bear any fruit, and I have a suspicion that this is how the devil is working to divide us. In this article I would like to invite us to put our labels aside and objectively think and pray through the issues at hand in a Christian manner.

We live in a democracy, which is a form of government controlled by the will of the people. Our form of democracy is a republic, whereby we elect representatives at the local, state, and federal levels who convey and carry out the will of the majority of people at those levels. What is a majority? This is the question that is currently up for debate. Presently in the State of Ohio the Ohio General Assembly has proposed an amendment to the Ohio Constitution to increase the threshold to amend the Ohio Constitution from a simple majority of 50% + 1 to a supermajority of 60%. In other words, currently Ohio requires a simple majority to make amendments to the Ohio Constitution. The **August 8 Special Election** is to increase it to 60%. An affirmative vote of **yes** would increase the threshold to 60%. Why does this matter? The Ohio Constitution is the supreme law of the state, and we need to make sure that any amendment to it represents a clear and stable majority of the people, and not simply a fad of the times. Another point to consider, the Constitution of the United States of America provides that an amendment may be proposed either by the Congress with a two-thirds majority vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate or by a constitutional convention called by two-thirds of the state legislatures. A proposed amendment becomes part of the U.S. Constitution as soon as it is ratified by three-fourths of the States (38 of 50 States). With that said, I believe an increase of 10% points to the voting threshold is fair and prudent to determine the will of the majority in our democratic society. I encourage you to vote **Yes in August**.

On **November 7** we have the opportunity to weigh in on the discussion of abortion in the state of Ohio. First, we must keep in mind the teaching of the Church, “Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law,” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2271). Abortion is “gravely contrary to the moral law” because it is the taking of an innocent life; and we want to help women who have found themselves in seemingly impossible circumstances, or were manipulated into having an abortion, to seek healing and forgiveness in the Church. The question that often follows is: “What about rape and incest?” There are moral methods that a woman may participate in, that are not abortion or contraceptives that still follow the Church’s teaching, that can prevent the sperm from fertilizing the egg. This is a deep conversation that goes beyond the scope of this article, but I mention it to let readers know there are ethical ways, that are in keeping with the Church’s teachings, by which a woman can still protect herself and her body that do not violate the dignity of life. Second, we must be aware of who is pushing these laws in the State of Ohio. There are outside forces trying to write our laws. Third, the language of the proposed amendment is very extreme. It removes parental consent, eliminates the 24-hour waiting period, eliminates Down Syndrome Nondiscrimination Act, allows later term abortions on demand, allows chemical abortions on demand and over the counter purchases of drugs without a doctor involved, and eliminates health and safety standards for abortion clinics. In summary, this proposed amendment does not promote the common good for women or children. There are ethical ways to protect women but this ballot issue goes too far, and if this amendment passes there is no turning back. This issue is wrong and there are better ways that we can approach it. Let’s go back to the drawing board. The Ohio Bishops urge all Catholics, as do I, to oppose this measure and vote **No in November**.

I urge all of you to pray and to put into action a love for women and children. We are called to be the salt of the earth (cf. Matthew 5:13) and to be a faithful remnant bringing the light of truth to the minds and hearts of our brothers and sisters. As we enter into this voting season, let us recall the story of Abraham interceding for Sodom that if God finds a small group of faithful people, He will spare the whole for the sake of the few (cf. Genesis 18:16-33). Let us walk the walk and truly accompany these women and children by providing them with resources, relationships, and real-life solutions that help them maintain their dignity. The Good News of life in Jesus Christ is meant for all. Let us pray that Ohio will remain truly a Christian state.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Welcome New Parishioners!

Karen Behm

Louie and Jennifer Brodman

Rich and Connie Copus

Karin Day

Zac and Sara Felton & Family

Haley Frazier

Jody Howell

Gary and Karen Nye

William and Kalene Sampson & Family

Madeline Swartz

Jacob Warren

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Recent Sacraments at St. Joseph Church

Baptism

Celia Isabelle Nye. Baptized February 19, 2023. Daughter of Joshua & Heather (Bell) Nye.

Ace Waylon Waters. Baptized February 19, 2023. Son of Dustin Waters and Shelby Kent.

Josephine Elizabeth Felton. Baptized March 3, 2023. Daughter of Andrew & Jodie (Magers) Felton.

Reid Alan Clinger. Baptized March 12, 2023. Son of Christopher & Natalie (Ahlers) Clinger.

Emma Marie Kimmet. Baptized March 12, 2023. Daughter of Jason & Theresa (Sours) Kimmet.

Joseph Ambrose Hess. Baptized March 19, 2023. Son of Michael & Kelsea (Panuto) Hess.

Reagan Jo Reinhart. Baptized April 2, 2023. Daughter of Mitchell Reinhart & Alicia (Frank) Reinhart.

Callen Bo Chamberlain. Baptized April 16, 2023. Son of Shaile & Kelli (Weininger) Chamberlain.

Archie Allen Lee. Baptized April 16, 2023. Son of Elliot & Anna (Bodart) Lee.

Claire Mikayla Behm. Baptized April 23, 2023. Daughter of Colin & Nicole (Wood) Behm.

Hannah Elise Hall. Baptized April 23, 2023. Daughter of Chris & Janelle (Tanner) Hall.

First Holy Communion

(April 8, 2023)

Norah Ember Mei Ginnever

(May 7, 2023)

Miranda Violet Arbogast
 Emma Lynn Baugher
 Olivia Sue Boes
 Sophia Marie Boes
 Enslee Rae Brown
 Annabelle Rose Bucheit
 Keagan William Burns
 Katelyn Louise Clinger
 Adelaide Grace Craddolph
 Weston Parker Daniel
 Timothy Stephen DeMonte
 Everly Ann Depinet
 Quarry RosaLee Distel
 Margaret Deats Dorkoskie
 Julian Edgar Escobar
 Charlie Aidan Everhart
 Oliver Alan Feasel
 William Hunter Garvin
 Landon Reed Gosche
 Emily Ann Gressman
 Isaac Joseph Herbert
 Janell Bradleigh Hess
 Luke Harrison Hoerig
 Joseph Ray Hubbard
 Christian James Kiesel
 Emma Lynn Marlowe
 Jaxson Owen Miklavic
 Iradessia Noelani Miyashiro-Amer
 Kylin Rochelle Opp
 Anthony Robert Paulus
 Hadley Ann Percival
 Lochlan David Pfeiderer
 London Ivy Quillen
 Alyssa Anne Ranieri
 Chase Andrew Raudabaugh
 Samuel Isidore Saull
 Harper Elizabeth Sendlbach
 Elise Avery Sherman
 Logan Daniel Snyder

(June 11, 2023)

Noah Theodore Cashin

Confirmation *(April 20, 2023)*

Isabella Caroline Borgio
 Weston Andrew Burns
 Kaden Reid Chwalik
 Kristin Renee Combs
 Sarah Elizabeth Combs
 Pyper Anne Distel
 Nathan James Etter
 Maximilian LynChun Griffin
 Sofia Marie Lee
 Owen Christopher Link
 Sydney J Michaels
 Bryce James Moser
 Isaac Lucas Nelson
 Cooper Stephen Nye
 Alexandra Grace Osborne
 Sophia Claire Pierson
 Parker James Ranieri-Moyer
 Marlee Jean Reino
 Alaina Brooklyne Sherman
 Aiden Joseph Smith

Maxwell John Steinhauser
 Brayden Alexander Yeakle
 Felicity Nicole Yeakle
 Bryce Terence Zimmerman

Weddings

April 22, 2023. Andrew Brodman & Anna Kin.

May 6, 2023. Timothy Goshe & Victoria Miller.

May 27, 2023. Austen Molyet & McKenna Theis.

Deaths

Dale R. Illig, 60. *Died February 9, 2023.*

Robert J. Gruss, 65. *Died February 15, 2023.*

Ronald A. Berry, 78. *Died February 17, 2023.*

Anna M. Schumm, 88. *Died February 25, 2023.*

Theresa A. Walliser, 87. *Died March 1, 2023.*

Delmar R. Goshe, 89. *Died March 5, 2023.*

Mary Alice Cessna, 79. *Died March 9, 2023.*

David E. Joseph, 74. *Died March 17, 2023.*

Mary Ellen Crist, 84. *Died March 28, 2023.*

Charles "Art" Floyd, 97. *Died April 6, 2023.*

Imelda "Millie" Lee, 97. *Died April 9, 2023.*

Robert I. Maiberger, 92. *Died April 10, 2023.*

Megan M. Florence, 34. *Died April 12, 2023.*

Paul E. Loesser, 91. *Died May 14, 2023.*

David L. Hayes, 74. *Died May 11, 2023.*

David E. Conley, 75. *Died May 26, 2023.*

Dolores B. Cool, 89. *Died May 28, 2023.*

Joseph F. Stacklin, 82. *Died June 5, 2023.*

Kathleen M. Tiell, 90. *Died June 7, 2023.*

RCIA



Surrounding Deacon Dave and Father Anthony, we welcome our newest members who came into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass: Haley Frazier, Timothy Showman, Jacob Warren, Jody Howell, Henry Kunze, Mindy Ginnever and Karin Day. We thank their sponsors, families and Bill and Betty Obringer and the RCIA team for their help and support of these new members!



St. Joseph Festival Main Raffle

GRAND PRIZE \$10,000

\$1,000 PRIZE DONATED BY: CLOUSE ELECTRIC, INC.

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DONATED BY: DELL BURTIS LAW • IRVING EQUIPMENT, LLC

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Thank you to these sponsors for supporting our Grand Prize:

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DONATIONS: \$1.00 each / 6 for \$5.00 / 12 for \$10.00
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL

Tiffin, Ohio

EARLY SELLER'S BONUS TICKET

\$100 Drawing May 1, 2023

\$75 Drawing May 15, 2023

\$50 Drawing May 29, 2023

\$25 Drawing June 12, 2023

This ticket is not for sale. With each page of 12 tickets sold or purchased, fill out this ticket stub and be eligible for the Early Seller's Bonus Drawings. This ticket is good for the prizes above.

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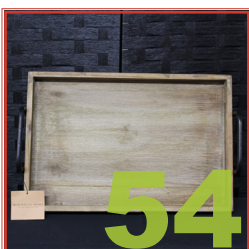
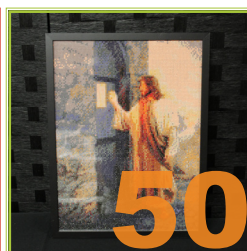
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St. Joseph
Parish Festival
July 8 - 9, 2023

SUPER RAFFLE

More than 70 prizes have been donated for the festival's Super Raffle!
See the complete list on the back.





July 8 - 9, 2023

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Number of Tickets (Circle One):

1 for \$1 6 for \$5 12 for \$10 30 for \$20 100 for \$50

Cash or Check Amount Included: _____

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____

Please make checks out to **St. Joseph Festival** and return form with payment to **St. Joseph Festival, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin, OH 44883.**

Please mark how many tickets you want for each item in the spaces below.

- ___ 1. \$500 Calvert Tuition Voucher for 2023-24
- ___ 2. \$100 Cash (x2)
- ___ 3. \$75 Kroger Gift Card
- ___ 4. \$300 Cash
- ___ 5. 2 Table Lamps & Floor Lamp
- ___ 6. Katie Loxton Wallet & \$100 Threads Gift Card
- ___ 7. Frito Lay Basket & \$100 Visa Gift Card
- ___ 8. Inspirations Gift Basket
- ___ 9. Handcrafted Full/Queen Size Quilt
- ___ 10. Beef Quarter & Processing
- ___ 11. Cub Cadet SC 300 E Lawn Mower
- ___ 12. Gourmia 8-Quart Air Fryer
- ___ 13. \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- ___ 14. "Little Tikes" 2-n-1 Garden Cart/Wheelbarrow & Molyet's Gift Card
- ___ 15. 8-Hour Renaissance Party Bus Rental
- ___ 16. 2 Rounds Golf with Cart at Clinton Heights
- ___ 17. Lemonade Stand & Accessories
- ___ 18. Keurig Coffee Maker with K-Cups
- ___ 19. \$50 Fort Ball Pizza Gift Card (x2)
- ___ 20. \$100 Walmart Gift Card
- ___ 21. Cross Stitch Baby Quilt
- ___ 22. 4 Great Wolf Lodge Water Park Passes
- ___ 23. Gazelle Edge Exercise Machine
- ___ 24. Set of Weber Grilling Utensils
- ___ 25. \$75 Lottery Tickets
- ___ 26. \$50 Xcaret Gift Certificate (x2)
- ___ 27. T-Shirt & \$40 Lauer's Pumpkins Gift Card
- ___ 28. Two-Hour Tiffin Pedal Bike Rental
- ___ 29. \$100 Lowe's Gift Card
- ___ 30. \$100 Carmie's Gift Card
- ___ 31. 2 Rutherford B. Hayes Museum Tickets with Coloring Book, Postcards, and History Book
- ___ 32. \$25 MST Gift Card (x2)
- ___ 33. 4 Ohio Caverns Passes + 2 Admissions to Olentangy Indian Caverns & Mug
- ___ 34. \$25 Taco Bell Gift Certificate (x2)
- ___ 35. Wine Basket (9 bottles) & Accessories
- ___ 36. \$50 Clover Club Gift Card
- ___ 37. 2 Cinemark Movie Passes & \$50 Wall Street Gift Card
- ___ 38. 6-Month YMCA Youth Membership & Shirt
- ___ 39. \$100 Jeffrey Jewelry Gift Card
- ___ 40. 2 Adult CCS All-Sports Passes for 2023-24
- ___ 41. \$50 Gift Card to Smith's Wholesale Outlet (x3)
- ___ 42. Framed Mary & Jesus Diamond Dot Picture
- ___ 43. Flat Screen TV
- ___ 44. \$25 Fathead's Gift Certificate
- ___ 45. Refinished Cane Chair
- ___ 46. 4 Cleveland Guardians Tickets (Date=TBD)
- ___ 47. XL Sheet Cake
- ___ 48. 4 Cedar Point Admission Tickets
- ___ 49. 2 Round Trip Tickets on Miller Ferries to Put-In-Bay & Middle Bass Island
- ___ 50. Framed Jesus Knocking on Door Diamond Dot Picture
- ___ 51. Framed Cardinal Diamond Dot Picture
- ___ 52. Framed Bird Diamond Dot Picture
- ___ 53. \$100 Gas Card
- ___ 54. Magnolia Serving Tray
- ___ 55. Home Safety Basket
- ___ 56. TU Logo Gift Basket
- ___ 57. "Daily Bread" Framed Wall Art
- ___ 58. 1-Year Bodyworks Membership
- ___ 59. 4 Children's Museum of Findlay Passes (x4)
- ___ 60. \$50 Molyet's Gift Card
- ___ 61. Crème Colored Handmade Afghan
- ___ 62. Gillig Winery Experience (up to 10 guests - \$125 Value)
- ___ 63. 2 Sauder Village 1-Day Admission Passes
- ___ 64. 2 Pottery Bowls
- ___ 65. Handcrafted Wall Hanging
- ___ 66. Framed Terry Redlin Painting, Signed by Artist
- ___ 67. Handcrafted Glass Table Lamp
- ___ 68. Wine Accessory Package (No Wine Included)
- ___ 69. Handcrafted Wooden American Flag
- ___ 70. Gervasi Vineyards Coupon Booklet (\$100 Value)

Big 3 Raffle Order Form

Please make checks out to **St. Joseph Festival** and return form with payment to **St. Joseph Festival, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin, OH 44883.**

Ticket Prices: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Prizes: \$1000 Shopping Spree from Deckers Furniture, Whirlpool/Maytag Washing Machine from Phillips Electric, \$1000 Gift Certificate from Ewald Furniture

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ City/State: _____

Please mark how many tickets you want: _____ Deckers _____ Phillips Electric _____ Ewald

Cash or Check Amount Included: _____

Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

50/50 Raffle Order Forms

Fill out the forms below and return with payment to **St. Joseph Festival, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin, OH 44883.** One winner will be drawn at the close of the Festival on both Saturday, July 8, and Sunday, July 9. The winner will receive 50% of the ticket sales!

Tickets: \$1.00 each / \$6 for \$5.00 / 12 for \$10.00

Saturday 50/50 Raffle

Name: _____

Phone: _____ City/State: _____

Number of Tickets (Circle One):

1 for \$1

6 for \$5

12 for \$10

Cash/Check Amount Included: _____

Credit/Debit Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Sunday 50/50 Raffle

Name: _____

Phone: _____ City/State: _____

Number of Tickets (Circle One):

1 for \$1

6 for \$5

12 for \$10

Cash/Check Amount Included: _____

Credit/Debit Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____

World-Famous Chicken Dinners

For Homebound Parishioners!

Please respond no later than **Friday, June 30**

St. Joseph Festival is pleased to again offer the "World-Famous" Chicken Dinners to homebound parishioners and their caretakers. Dinners include baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade buttered noodles, green beans, cole slaw, rolls and butter, and dessert. The dinner will be **delivered to your home between 10:30 and 11:30 AM on Sunday, July 9.** The price of the meal is **\$12 each.** Please complete the attached order form and mail it with payment to **St. Joseph Festival, 36 Melmore Street, Tiffin, OH 44883 by JUNE 30.**

Chicken Dinners will also be available to purchase Festival weekend on Sunday, July 9. You will be able to enjoy your dinner in the air-conditioned cafeteria or around the grounds.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ City/State: _____

Total # of Dinners: _____ | Type of Meat: _____ White or _____ Dark | Dessert: _____ Pie or _____ Cake

Cash or Check Amount Included: _____ Credit/Debit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address for Delivery: _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30.



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Return Service Requested

Well done good and faithful servants!

Many, many thanks to the anonymous family who donated numerous hours of their free time to beautify the grounds around the church and the fountain area. If you haven't seen the lovely landscaping yet, it is worth your time to walk around the fountain area and down the Melmore Street side of church. We are in the process of slowly revitalizing our landscape to help enhance the outside grounds of our church. This will be a 2-3-year project.



If you would like to help with taking care of the landscape, please call the rectory and submit your name, number and specialty so you can be added to our list of weeders, waterers, and pruners. We are always looking for volunteers to lend a hand. If you can't donate time, you can always donate a monetary gift to help with the purchase of new bushes and plants. You can drop your donation in the collection basket and mark the envelope "Landscape." As always, your generous donations of time, talent and treasure are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to recognize the **Wagner Floral Company** for the donation of all the beautiful flowers that were used to accent the grounds and sign on the Melmore Street side of church. Your generosity is greatly valued!