



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

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To the kind attention of the Faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services
who vote in Virginia,

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you know on election day Virginia voters face three ballot initiatives about which my brothers Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington and Barry Knestaut of Richmond have eloquently addressed in their pastoral letter. I am completely united with the sentiments they expressed and urge you to vote no on Issue 1 and Issue 2.

With them I recognize that Issue 3 related to allowing convicted felons to vote after their release from prison is a matter of prudential judgment, but given that all of us depend on divine mercy, I share their position of favoring that initiative.

If you vote in Virginia the guidance about opposing both the murder of the child in the womb and the failure to recognize that marriage is only between a man and a woman is clear and should guide your choice at the ballot box.

The letter of the Virginia Bishops can be found at <https://vacatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/BishopsPreElectionLetter-2026.pdf>

Grateful for your attention to these important matters, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

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