



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2014

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
760-758-4100 x100
michaerl@stmoside.org

Proposition 47: *The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act*

The California Catholic Conference of Bishops has endorsed Proposition 47 which will be on the ballot in the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Today's bulletin features a flyer from the California Catholic Conference of Bishops highlighting the details of this proposition. Last week I included the Bishops' statement about Proposition 47 in my Pastor's Column.

Please take time to review the flyer and read the statement if you haven't already..

The Social Justice Committee of our Parish is hosting a panel discussion on Proposition 47 on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00pm here in our Parish Center.

The Bishops are encouraging discussion on this issue, and we are helping to provide that opportunity.

California Ballot Proposition 47 Panel Discussion

Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More Parish Center

The State of California has a chance this year to change the way that we react to non-serious crimes by investing in education and mental health services rather than more prisons.

Proposition 47—the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act—will reclassify six low-level crimes from felonies to misdemeanors and reallocate the money saved into services that prevent crime and invest in the future.

The California Catholic Conference of Bishops has fully endorsed the Act, saying: “All human life is sacred, and, therefore, all social policies and actions in the realm of criminal justice must begin with respect for the life and dignity of the human person...Proposition 47 addresses prison overcrowding and sentencing discrepancies in constructive ways...this will make our communities safer.”

Panelists:

Kent Peters - Director, Office for Social Ministry,
Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego

Chris Megison - Founder, Solutions for Change

Jessica Johnson - St. Thomas More Parishioner; Nurse, Mental Health Systems

Dwain Rogers - Director, Amity Foundation, Vista

Margaret Sammuli - Board Member,

A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing)

Please join us!