



Vote NO on Measure 3 Recreational Marijuana

God has equipped each person with free will and the ability to reason, which assists in daily decision-making. With the temptation to allow passion and immediate physical pleasure to dictate one's actions, temperance is critical. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), temperance helps "[moderate] the attraction of pleasures," keeping desires within safe and healthy boundaries. It also helps individuals avoid excess or abuse of all kinds that can lead to dependency and self-destruction (CCC 1809, 2290). Moreover, everyone is charged with ensuring the health, safety, and common good of all.

Measure 3 Lacks Limits

- **Everything** that addresses marijuana under current law – in any way – would be repealed. The only things specifically noted in the measure that would be illegal are the sale of marijuana to anyone under 21; the distribution of marijuana to anyone under 21, and for anyone under the age of 21 to possess marijuana.
- **No limits** on the amount that can be **possessed**.
- No limits on the amount that can be **grown**.
- No limits on the amount that can be **sold**.

Measure 3 and Public Use

- Driving while impaired by marijuana would **no longer be illegal**.
- Current neglect and endangerment laws – those prohibiting smoking marijuana in the presence of a child – would be repealed.
- Laws and ordinances prohibiting smoking marijuana in a public place would be repealed. Marijuana **could be smoked anywhere**.

Measure 3 and Health Risks

- Medical emergency room visits for marijuana-related issues will likely sky-rocket as they have in the other states currently selling recreational marijuana.
- According to studies, 1 in 10 people who try marijuana **becomes addicted to it**. If marijuana use starts in adolescence, the chances of addiction are 1 in 6.
- Marijuana use **directly affects the brain**; specifically the parts responsible for memory, learning, attention and reaction time.

The Catholic bishops of North Dakota Catholic Conference oppose Measure 3 because of its threat to the health and safety of our children and families. Please vote No on Measure 3.

Sources for these facts can be found at: <http://voteno3nd.com/>