

Vote NO on Oregon Ballot Measure 110

The Oregon Catholic Conference strongly opposes Oregon Ballot Measure 110.

**Find the text of
ballot measure
[HERE](#).**

This initiative decriminalizes the possession and use of controlled substances such as heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines. Its supporters claim that savings realized through reduced arrests and incarceration will make addiction treatment widely available without cost to those who need it.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- The treatment options the measure provides will be primarily funded by diverting marijuana tax revenues away from education, alcohol/drug abuse prevention and law enforcement. (See *Financial Impact State* [HERE](#))
- Local communities and treatment groups have expressed reservations about how the program will be applied
- **Most importantly**, Pope Francis has unequivocally stated that drug use is incompatible with human life. In a

2014 address to the International Drug Enforcement Conference in Rome, he said, *“Let me state this in the clearest terms possible: the problem of drug use is not solved with drugs! Drug addiction is an evil, and with evil there can be no yielding or compromise. To think that harm can be reduced by permitting drug addicts to use narcotics in no way resolves the problem. Attempts, however limited, to legalize so-called ‘recreational drugs’, are not only highly questionable from a legislative standpoint, but they fail to produce the desired effects.”*

The Oregon Catholic Conference firmly supports treatment and rehabilitation for all those suffering from addictions. We encourage you to get behind solid programs and NOT accept an initiative that promotes the use of illegal drugs.



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