



**MICHIGAN VALUES LIFE:
PETITION DRIVE TO END DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION
SUGGESTED BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Michigan's Constitution allows the people to initiate legislation through a petition drive. Currently, the Catholic Church, Right to Life of Michigan, and other pro-life individuals are collecting petition signatures for legislation to amend the state's partial-birth abortion ban to include a ban on dismemberment abortion. This approach is needed as the language cannot be vetoed by the governor. Learn how you can get involved at www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife/.
A graphic with a white background and a black border. At the top, a pair of surgical scissors is shown cutting through a red banner that says "DISMEMBERMENT" in white capital letters. Above the banner, the word "END" is written in black. Below the banner, the word "ABORTION" is written in black. At the bottom, the words "MICHIGAN VALUES LIFE!" are written in black, with a red dashed line above them.
2. A statewide signature gathering effort is now underway to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as Dilation and Evacuation. Over the next few months, the signatures of 400,000 registered voters in the state are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers. Contact the parish office to sign the dismemberment abortion petition and make your pro-life voice heard today (*OR there will be an opportunity to sign the dismemberment abortion petition at church on [X date]*)! More information on the drive and how to get involved is available at www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife/.
3. Women deserve support and care, not abortion. At any time, each of us can support women in difficult or unexpected pregnancies by donating to our local pregnancy center or learning about foster care and adoption. You can also sign on to a petition in the coming months that creates legislation to ban dismemberment abortion. The procedure—which dismembers a living child in the womb—does nothing to help Michigan women. Contact the parish office to sign the dismemberment abortion petition or visit www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife/.
4. (*Insert parish name*) needs YOUR support to bring forward legislation to Michigan lawmakers that would ban dismemberment abortion. This abortion procedure does nothing to help women but instead dismembers a living baby inside the womb. In fact, the ban is needed because last year, approximately 1,908 unborn babies were aborted through this procedure in Michigan. Contact the parish office to sign the dismemberment abortion petition today and learn more at www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife/.

**MICHIGAN HEARTBEAT COALITION:
PETITION DRIVE TO BAN ABORTION AFTER FETAL HEARTBEAT
SUGGESTED BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. A statewide signature gathering effort is now underway across Michigan to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure. Over the next few months, the signatures of 400,000 registered voters are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers. **Contact the parish office to sign the dismemberment abortion petition and make your pro-life voice heard today.** There is also a second petition drive from the “Michigan Heartbeat Coalition.” The petition language would prohibit any abortion after cardiac activity is detected (approximately 6-8 weeks of gestation). While the intent of this legislation is honorable, there is cause for great concern. Michigan law *already* protects *all* unborn children, once a heartbeat is detected and even prior to its detection. This heartbeat petition drive could weaken and potentially supersede Michigan’s existing pro-life law. Therefore, **Michigan Catholic Conference and the Catholic bishops in this state are not supporting** the heartbeat drive: www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife/.