

"Together With Jesus for Life and Families"

Praying for Success on Referred Law 6 and Constitutional Amendment C
Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD

This devotional packet is meant to supplement the Diocesan Prayer Guide and Prayer to Affirm HB 1215, and to help focus prayer efforts during the final days leading up to Election Day, which is November 7, 2006. The hope is that each parish can participate in a 9-Day Novena, ending in 33 Hours of Adoration and a Prayer Vigil. Because participating in all of three devotions may not be possible for some parishes, we have included each devotion separately.

Below is a brief description with suggestions for each devotion. Also included in this packet is the 9-Day Immaculate Conception Novena, a 33-Hour Eucharistic Adoration sign up sheet, and a program for a Prayer Vigil.

NOVENA

Begin Sunday, October 29th

A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer to obtain special graces, to implore special favors, or to make special petitions. Included in this packet is the Immaculate Conception Novena. An intention for the Novena could be: "for a 'Yes' vote on Referred Law 6 and Constitutional Amendment C" or "for an end to abortion and for the protection of the family in our state, nation, and world." You might also consider praying the Miraculous Medal Novena, Our Lady of Hope Novena, Immaculate Heart Novena, Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena, Two Hearts Novena, Little Flower Novena, Divine Mercy Novena, the Holy Family Novena, or any other appropriate Novena. All of these Novenas can be printed from the EWTN website at:

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/novena.htm>.

33 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Begin by 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 6th

While the traditional devotion for a defined time of Eucharistic adoration is the Forty Hours Devotion, there are a few factors for modifying it to 33 hours. First, abortion has been legal in our nation for 33 years since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. Second, Our Lord was 33 years old when He suffered and died on the cross for us.

The polls close at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7th. To coincide the ending of Adoration with the closing of the polls, you would need to begin Adoration at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 6th. However, Adoration could begin after a regularly scheduled morning Mass, and continue through the 33 hours, concluding with Mass and/or Procession and Benediction at any time on the evening of November 7th. A sign-up sheet is included in this packet.

EVENING PRAYER & VIGIL

Monday Evening, November 6th

Also included in this packet is a program for a Prayer Vigil that includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, to take place the evening before Election Day. The program includes a Benediction for parishes who are not able to participate in the 33 Hours of Adoration.

If you have any questions about the enclosed devotions, or would like us to email you any of the documents in Microsoft Word format so that you can edit them to suit your needs, please do not hesitate to contact us at 605-988-3755, or by email at kbenson@sfcatholic.org. All of these documents are also available for printing on the Catholic Advocate Network (CAN) website at: www.sfcatholic.org/can.