



What Catholics Should Know About Referendum-90 (R-90)

Check *Reject* on R-90 and Repeal the New Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE)

- **Washington's bishops encourage you to "Check *Reject*" on R-90.** Checking *Reject* on R-90 is a vote to repeal the new **Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE)** law, formerly known as Senate Bill 5395. CSHE may also be referred to as Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE).
- **CSHE curriculum is not in line with Catholic teaching.** It does not adequately address complex moral issues tied to human sexuality nor properly discuss sex in the context of marriage.
Example: The law requires the teaching of "affirmative consent curriculum" defined as "a conscious and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity as a requirement before sexual activity." This requirement does not address the Church teaching that sexual activity be reserved for marriage.
- **Local communities cannot protect their own values.** The Catholic principle of *subsidiarity* holds that certain issues are best dealt with locally. The sensitive matter of sex education is one such example of the appropriateness of handling some governmental issues at the local level. Locally elected school boards cannot fully determine their own policy in this sensitive area.
- Districts can create their own curriculum based on 2005 Health Standards. However, the CSHE mandate is unfunded. **Consequently, districts may be more inclined to use existing state curriculum that is not aligned with the teachings of the Catholic Church.**
- As *Gaudium et Spes*, the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World, states, "**The right of parents to . . . educate their children in the bosom of the family must be safeguarded.**" (No. 52).
- **Parents can opt their children out of classroom instruction, but they cannot opt them out of schoolyard discussions and the culture change that may take place at school as the result of CSHE.**

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