

I-1000 is assisted **suicide**, not death with dignity.

Who will decide when it's time for you to die?

Will it really be **your Choice?**

The Catholic tradition teaches and people of faith believe that God gives us life, that only God has authority to decide when our life will end. In life and in death we must love, care for, and support one another.

I-1000 short circuits the natural, necessary, and healthy opportunities for reconciliation, healing, and acceptance at the end of life.

Initiative 1000 claims to give individuals control over the time and manner of their death. **Will it?**

Who will really make the decision when your life should end?

- **Your Health Insurance company?**
- **Your Healthcare Providers?**
- **Your Beneficiaries?**

Modern medicine and existing laws already provide compassionate end-of-life choices.

Support truly compassionate choices. No to I-1000! No to legalizing physician-assisted suicide!

It's **YOUR** choice.

Compassionate Care?

or

Assisted Suicide

Voters in Washington State will make a life-and-death decision on Nov. 4th.

24 other states have rejected assisted suicide. Will Washington become only the second state in the nation to legalize assisted suicide?

or

Will we choose to reach out with **real compassion** and care to those facing death?

NO to I-1000
Yes to Life!

For more information on Initiative 1000 and making good decisions at the end of life, contact: The Washington State Catholic Conference, (206) 301-0556 or wsccl@thewsccl.org.

Initiative 1000

Care & Compassion

or

Lethal Prescription

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Initiative 1000, A False Choice

Proponents of assisted suicide say we need I-1000 to give terminally ill people the “compassionate choice” of a lethal prescription.

But is I-1000 truly compassionate?

When confronted with the very real prospect of pain and fear at the end of life, is a lethal dose of medication a compassionate **Choice?**

People facing a life-limiting illness need true compassion, not false choices.

True Compassion for the dying is already available with the use of specialized medicines that allow physicians and hospice providers to control the symptoms of pain and anxiety at the end of life.

Don't accept the false choice of assisted suicide.

**Choose True Compassion.
NO on Initiative 1000.**

Initiative 1000 is a dangerous prescription.

What you need to know before you vote:

- ✓ No adequate safeguards in I-1000
- ✓ No mental health counseling required in I-1000
- ✓ No family or spouse notification required in I-1000
- ✓ No real protections for seniors or disabled people in I-1000
- ✓ No real safeguards for people with inadequate healthcare insurance

Washington state already allows you to make legal choices at the end of life.

- **Living Wills**
- **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care**

**In a caring,
compassionate culture,
Initiative 1000 fails
the test.**

Loved ones do not need to suffer. We already have **compassionate alternatives** to **assisted suicide:**

- **Hospice care**
- **Specialized pain medications**
- **Palliative/comfort care**
- **Loving care of family, friends and a broad network of compassionate caregivers**

Advances in medicine, pain management, palliative care, and our understanding of the dying process have made **COMPASSION AND CARE** *the Real Choice* for those facing death.

Stand with those who **stand for life.**

NO to I-1000
Yes to Life!