May 7, 2022

To all Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you know, the respect for human life, especially for our sisters and brothers in the womb, is of the utmost concern for Catholics in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. At the same time, caring for the less fortunate, including pregnant mothers in need, is integral to living out the "Gospel of Life".

This summer, we expect the U.S. Supreme Court to issue a decision in the abortion-related case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health that could alter or even overturn Roe v. Wade. This decision could allow Louisiana, through existing state laws, to protect the lives of more unborn babies. Please join me in prayer for the Supreme Court and the Justices. Lord, please grant them discernment, courage, and strength to make wise decisions that safeguard the rights of the least among us.

Regardless of the decision, the Archdiocese of New Orleans stands with open arms to help mothers in crisis pregnancies. Our pro-life commitment includes loving both the baby and the mom.

Through Catholic Charities Pregnancy Services, St. Vincent Maternity Clinic, Adoption Services, the Woman's New Life Center, and other ministries, we provide a wide variety of free, confidential, and caring pregnancy and parenting assistance services. In addition, many other public and private agencies in the area offer services to help mothers and families in need.

I look forward to a day when the legal right to human life is restored in Louisiana. Let us continue to pray and work for a greater respect for the dignity of life, especially for the unborn, and to support every mother and family in need.

Wishing you God’s blessing and asking you to join me in prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Gregory M. Aymond
Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans
Catholic Prayer Campaign
May the Supreme Court
Overturn the Tragic Decision
of Roe v. Wade

Join Us for A Special Mass for Life
with Archbishop Aymond
St. Dominic Church
6:30 PM Friday, June 10th

INTRODUCTION
As our nation awaits the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization that could alter or overturn Roe v. Wade, we join together in prayer and expectant hope that states will again be able to protect women and children from the injustice of abortion. As we affirm the value of every human life, we welcome the possibility of saving countless unborn children as well as sparing women and families the pain of abortion. As a Catholic community, whether in a parish, in a school, or a ministry, please join in prayer for life and the Supreme Court.

MORE RESOURCES
For more Prayer Resources, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ PrayForDobbs.com Campaign.

HOW TO TAKE ACTION
Ensure your community supports mothers and babies in need by implementing the USCCB’s Walking With Moms In Need Program. Visit www.WalkingWithMoms.com or contact the Archdiocese of New Orleans Respect Life Office at NolaCatholic.org/respectlife.

Pray a decade of the Rosary for this intention (usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary).

Choose a favorite food or beverage item that you have regularly and give it up for a day. Consider abstaining from meat, giving up your morning coffee, or sacrificing snacks or desserts.

SUGGESTED PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
(Please consider choosing one or multiple intentions to pray regularly as a parish.)

For the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, that God may grant them wisdom and courage to make decisions that safeguard the rights of the least among us;
We pray to the Lord.

For every child, and especially for those who live in their mother’s womb, that they might grow in the image and likeness of the God who made them;
We pray to the Lord.

For all unborn babies whose lives are endangered, that God’s grace may protect them and keep them safe;
We pray to the Lord.

For parents in desperate situations facing an unplanned pregnancy, may they come to know the peace of our Father’s healing grace.
We pray to the Lord.

For the unborn children who have died in our nation, may they be in the loving embrace of Christ;
We pray to the Lord.

SUGGESTED COMMUNITY PRAYER
Heavenly Father,
Thank you for creating each of us, including our unborn brothers and sisters, in Your image and likeness.
We ask for your protection on all precious babies waiting to be born.
We lift up their mothers and fathers in their moment of need.

We pray for the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States as they reconsider Roe v. Wade.
Please grant them wisdom to make decisions that safeguard the rights of the least among us.
Grant them the courage to stand for truth even when they face opposition.

We pray for our nation that we may ensure that every life be cherished in the laws of our nation and the hearts of our people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

For more prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your area, visit NolaCatholic.org/respectlife
Prayer Sources: https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/ & https://www.prayfordobbs.com/