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Diocese of Columbus Thankful for U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization

COLUMBUS – We in the Diocese of Columbus are thankful for the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Healthcare Organization.

The Catholic Church affirms that each human life is a gift from God, the Author and Lord of Life. In the Gospel of St. John (13:34), Jesus Christ taught that we are to love one another and to see and treat all human life the way our Lord and Savior sees us and treats us.

"Inspired and sustained by the new commandment of love, the Christian family welcomes, respects and serves every human being, considering each one in his or her dignity as a person and as a child of God." (St. John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 64)

The Diocese will continue to work to nurture Ohio families and will continue to accept the responsibility of supporting mothers and their children, and to fight for the right to life for every human born, and unborn.

This issue brings with it a lot of passion. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes commented saying, “I invite all Catholics to show compassion and understanding. I pray that you will truly be instruments of our Lord’s peace. I encourage you to reflect on two passages of scripture: the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and Jesus’ call to love one another as He loves us and that what we do for others, we do for the Lord (Matthew 25:31-45). These passages display the disposition that we as Christians are called to have in our lives. It is on the basis of our love that we will be judged, so let us ask the Lord to increase our love.”

“The Catholic Church witnesses to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, and works to build a true culture of life in our nation. May a renewed commitment to life overflow into increased protection of unborn children and expanded support for their mothers and families.” (USCCB, *Standing with Moms in Need*, March 15, 2022)

We are a people of life. We celebrate, nurture and protect life. This is our moment to be heralds of the Gospel of Life.