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Pro-Life Communications

Roe v. Wade





The Supreme Court appears set to overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion for nearly 50 years, according to a leaked initial draft of a court opinion that was published online on May 2.



The court's decision will not be final until it is published, likely in the next two months.



If Roe is overturned, abortion law would be left up to each individual state. The Guttmacher Institute, an organization once associated with Planned Parenthood, predicts that 26 states would certainly or likely ban abortion.



If the Mississippi law is struck down, and Roe is affirmed, it would be a devastating setback for the pro-life movement, which has pinned its long-term legal strategy on someday having a conservative supermajority on the Supreme Court, as is the case today.

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► Key Messages

- “Your voice can save lives.”
- “Don’t let the government force you to support abortion.”

► Key Images

- Babies, ultrasounds
- Keep it simple: Too much text or too many visuals overpower the urgency of the message.

Ways to Reach Them

- Forward our emails, which give them important information on how they can make a difference.
- Share our talking points so they can engage with family and neighbors.
- Incorporate key messages into daily Mass homilies.
- Invite them to our webinars and encourage them to use our other tools that will help them better evangelize others about the Church’s perspective.
- Invite them to participate in prayer campaigns like “Pray for Dobbs.”
- Share action alerts from the USCCB and State Catholic Conferences.

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- “Every life is valuable to God—both mother and child.
- “The Church is here for pregnant and parenting women in need.
- “Love them both.”
- “If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry.”

►Key Images

Jesus sharing His love for all women, diversity, women with young children, communities coming together to serve moms, compassion and mercy

- Implement pastoral programs like “Walking with Moms in Need”
- Tell stories about the programs and services within the Church that help vulnerable women and children.
- Use messaging about pastoral care for vulnerable, pregnant and parenting women in homilies and bulletins for Christmas and Easter Masses
- Use posters and other imagery that show the compassionate face of the Church.
- Proclaim the healing and mercy Christ wants to offer women and men who have been involved in an abortion and advertise Project Rachel Ministry if you have one in your diocese.

“Who will help the women who can’t get abortions?”

- The Church will never cease to do what it has always done- to pray, work, and serve until the day when every human life is protected in law, and welcomed in love. Until that day comes, and ever after, we will continue to care for women and children in need, so that every mother has the support to joyfully choose life.
- Through the expansive social ministries of the Church, we do a lot to help mothers in need, but there are tremendous opportunities on the local and parish level to reach out to women who are pregnant and to provide them with the support to choose life. That is why the Church has started “Walking with Moms in Need,” a parish-based ministry where parishes “walk in the shoes” of pregnant and parenting women, so that they have the emotional and material support they need, so that no one gets left behind.
- Pro-life Americans of all faiths have stepped forward to found thousands of pregnancy care centers, and could be counted on to provide even more help as needed. Pro-life activists have been helping these women over the last nearly half-century.”¹⁸

Sabrina Burton Schultz, Director of Life, Justice and Advocacy, is meeting with Life Ministry Leaders in each county this month to discuss **Walking with Moms in Need**, the Church's nationwide, parish-based effort to prayerfully support pregnant and parenting mothers in need. Take the pledge and download materials to bring Walking with Moms in Need to your parish. <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>

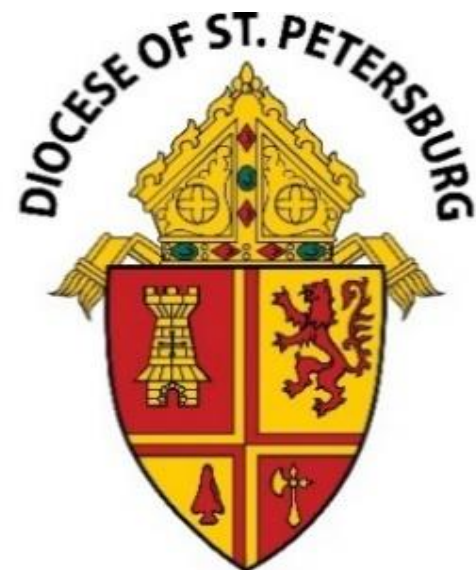
Get the Resource: Word of Life <https://www.respectlife.org/word-of-life>

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This website is for anyone seeking information, help, and healing after participation in an abortion. Dioceses with a confidential, designated helpline are listed on the map.



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