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Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

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MONTANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE COMMENTS ON U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING IN DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Today the U.S. Supreme Court issued a historic opinion ending a tragic legacy of grave injustice ushered in almost 50 years ago with the court's 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*. Today's decision is the result of the prayers, sacrifices and advocacy of countless Americans from every walk of life. We join with them in gratitude for this moment and for their tireless work and witness over these past five decades.

This moment presents all of us, as Montanans, with an opportunity to commit to providing full legal protection of all unborn children and challenges us in our shared responsibility to ensure essential support is available for all pregnant and parenting mothers and their families. Consistent with our commitment to uphold the dignity of every human being, the Catholic Church in Montana is dedicated to generously providing for mothers in need, their children, those in poverty and all the vulnerable and marginalized.

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Montana share the position consistently articulated by Pope Francis, including during an address on May 22, that all human life is a gift from God and, as such, is always sacred and inviolable.

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