

Chairman's Statement on *Dobbs* Anniversary

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

June 24, 2025, marks the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and ended nearly fifty years of virtually unlimited, nationwide abortion. Hope had never been lost in God's power to right that wrong and accomplish what the world believed to be impossible. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to reflect more deeply on the enduring hope that has been won for us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The *Dobbs* decision not only gave states the freedom to protect preborn children but also paved the way for pro-life victories nationally. The federal government is now closer than ever to defunding Planned Parenthood and other organizations whose abortion profiteering harms women and babies.

At the same time, we know that several states have enacted extreme pro-abortion policies, overriding existing pro-life safeguards, with some states leaving children vulnerable to abortion even up to birth. Despite the good that *Dobbs* decision accomplished, the battle for life is far from over. I urge all Catholics to [engage their elected officials](#) on all issues that threaten the gift of human life, in particular the threat of abortion.

As we confront the challenges of our time, let us find hope anew in this Jubilee Year and be strengthened in our resolve to serve the cause of life. May our Catholic parishes continue to welcome, embrace, and accompany women facing unexpected or challenging



pregnancies through initiatives like [Walking with Moms in Need](#). And may we never tire of sharing Christ's message of mercy with all who are suffering in the aftermath of an abortion through ministries like [Project Rachel](#).

Even amidst the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."¹ As we move forward in hope, may we be united in our efforts to protect God's gift of life, in every stage and circumstance.

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¹ *Spes non confundit*, 25.