

Chairman's Statement on *Dobbs* Anniversary

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Four years ago, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court changed history with the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, overturning *Roe v. Wade* and ending the status quo of virtually unlimited abortion at the Federal level.

While the *Dobbs* decision gave states the freedom to pass pro-life laws and protect preborn children, these laws are now being undermined by a proliferation of abortion pills. The Food and Drug Administration, a government agency responsible for protecting public health, has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telemed appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up opportunities for further exploitation by their violent partners or human traffickers.

Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing. The victory of the *Dobbs* decision risks being undone by the massive influx of abortion pills.

What can we do to help protect women and babies from the evil of abortion pills? First, pray for women who are deceived by the abortion industry. Second, share the facts about abortion pills with your friends. (See our [one-pager](#).) Third, take action to help protect women and babies from these dangerous drugs by sending a message to your pharmacy or to



pharmaceutical companies that produce these drugs. From mid-August through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities will be inviting Catholics to unite in prayer and action. Please sign up and join us at www.respectlife.org.

On this Anniversary of the *Dobbs* decision, we praise God for the historic overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, and we beg the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in building a culture of life.

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