



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

Bishop Olmsted and Bishop Nevares Join USCCB in Call to Prayer

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Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted and Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix join Archbishop William E. Lori and the USCCB in urging the faithful to pray for life and the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON - In response to the leak of a draft opinion in the Supreme Court case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued the following call to prayer:

"The leak related to the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* reminds us of the urgent need for prayer and action at this pivotal moment in our country.

"As Catholics, we care about every unborn child and every mother. Our Church has consistently witnessed in word and deed that [life begins at the moment of conception](#). As the bishops shared in our statement [Standing with Moms in Need](#): we pledge 'to redouble our efforts to accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, and during the early years of parenthood, offering them loving and compassionate care through initiatives such as [Walking with Moms in Need](#) and countless others.'

"At the same time, as we await the Court's decision, we urge everyone to intensify their prayer and fasting that the final decision of the Court will bring about the reversal of *Roe* and *Casey*.

"We hope and pray for a change in our laws and stand ready to help all pregnant women in need in each of our communities.

"Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us and guide us."

The USCCB is an assembly of the hierarchy of bishops who jointly exercise pastoral functions on behalf of the Christian faithful of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learn more about the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities at <https://www.usccb.org/prolife>.

The Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona comprises 43,967 square miles. It has a total population of 4,734,036 people of which 1,188,243 or 25 percent, are Catholic.

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