



June 24, 2022

We the Catholic Bishops of Alaska acknowledge the Dobbs vs Jackson decision released by the US Supreme Court today. We recognize that abortion remains legal here in our State and to that end, we will continue to work to uphold the life and dignity of the human person created in Gods image, from conception until natural death.

Scripture reminds us of a threefold message regarding life: We were each formed in our mother's womb in the image and likeness of God and we are wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13-14) God has plans for each of us to prosper and to give hope for the future. (Jeremiah 29:11) We were each created to do good works for which God has prepared us for. (Ephesians 2:10).

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, in every way possible, we will continue to care for women and children in need, so that every family has the support to joyfully choose life.

We encourage you to read the statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.  
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2022/usccb-statement-us-supreme-court-ruling-dobbs-v-jackson>

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.  
Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chad W. Zielinski" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski  
Bishop of Fairbanks

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Roger L. Schwietz" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Most Reverend Roger L. Schwietz, O.M.I.  
Archbishop Emeritus of Anchorage