

INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

June 24th marks the two-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*. As we approach this anniversary, we continue to thank God that states can once again protect the lives of preborn children in law.

Since the *Dobbs* decision, many states have enacted strong legal protections for preborn children. Tragically, other states have drastically expanded abortion access, such as Kansas, Michigan, and Ohio, due in part to deceptive campaigns and advertising. Other states continue to pursue extreme, pro-abortion policies. This fall, as many as 10 states will have abortion referenda on their ballots, enabling voters to enshrine abortion and override existing pro-life safeguards in the process.

At this critical moment, whether we reside in states with pro-life or pro-abortion policies, we are presented with opportunities and responsibilities to continue building a culture that welcomes, celebrates,

and protects human life. Our prayers are essential to maintaining policies that protect life, where they exist, and preventing the spread of policies that lead to more abortions. Let us draw close to Christ's Sacred Heart and sincerely ask how he is calling us to use our unique gifts for the cause of life.

ACT *(choose one)*

- Spend an hour with Jesus in the Eucharist, and offer this time of prayer for this month's intention. Join your heart with Jesus' Sacred Heart and ask for the virtue of fortitude in working to protect the lives of preborn children. (Pro-life Holy Hours are available at www.bit.ly/pro-life-holy-hours. Although designed for communal prayer, individuals can also reflect on them in personal prayer.)
- Choose one day this week to offer a sacrifice for this month's intention. Consider abstaining from a favorite food, caffeine, social media, TV, or something else.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Now, more than ever, it's important for each of us to stay updated on what's happening in our local area regarding laws that threaten human life. Look up your state Catholic conference and sign up for local action alerts: nascdd.org/directory.

